

October 11, 2026



We help people take the
next step to follow Jesus
Christ in worship,
walk, and witness.

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Salvation Stories

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."
Exodus 19:5-6

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

GATHERING

Welcome
Everlasting God
Living Hope
Exodus 19:3-7 & 20: 1-17
Teach Us Your Ways
Prayer
PreK -4th grade Kids to Children's Worship
Offering
Announcements

LISTENING

Message: Will You Marry Me?
Pastor Jeff Klein

RESPONDING

Beneath the Cross
Worthy

SENDING

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)
Blessing

Readers: Lydia de Waal Malefyt, Kyle Groters,
Tim Lundeen, Karen VanProoyen

Music Team: Erin Pacheco, *Leader*,
Moises Pacheco, Bob Boomsma, Steve Van Hout,
Billy Heschl, Justin Bardolph, Tara Tameling



In the Beginning *Salvation Stories*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We sing again Sunday, October 25 with a rehearsal
Wednesday, October 21, 5:30-6:15. Open to 1st-8th grade!
Email kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org to join.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- PreK-K: stories that show how time and time again God shows up for his people.
- 1st-4th graders: learning that no matter what comes our way God is our safe place and strength.
- Psalm 46:1 is their memory verse. Help yourself to the paper devotional sheets on the counter downstairs in the living tree area.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

TONIGHT 4:30-6pm - games, snacks, a message

FRI, OCT 16 6-8:30PM Pumpkin carving, bonfire, s'mores, and fall games! BYOPumpkin

HIGH SCHOOL

TONIGHT 6:30-8pm Games, snacks & a message

SAT, OCT 15, 3:15-8PM Fall trip to Bengtson's Pumpkin Farm for rides, attractions, fall activities. Entrance cost is covered, bring money for snacks. Please register at qr link.



JAN 22-24 Winter retreat. Watch for details.
Sign up begins Nov 2.



SUNDAY MORNING RESOURCES

NURSERY for ages 0-2 available

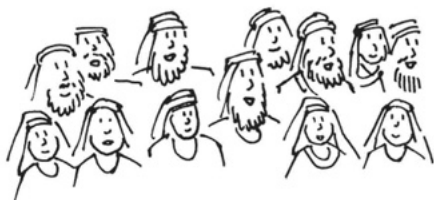
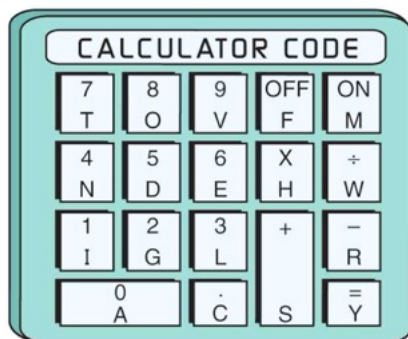
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP for PreK-4th Grade today.
Kids start in the service and go downstairs at the announcement.

WORSHIP SUPPLY STATIONS

in the lobby & Java Stop. Children's bibles, books, bulletins, coloring sheets, & fidgets. Headphones & sensory bags are at the Welcome Center.



How did the people respond?
Use the calculator code
to fill in the blanks.



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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Welcome! We've been walking through some of the oldest Bible stories, following God's promises. Last week, God's people were miraculously set free from slavery, much like how we are rescued from sin and death. So now what? What comes next is familiar but also surprising.

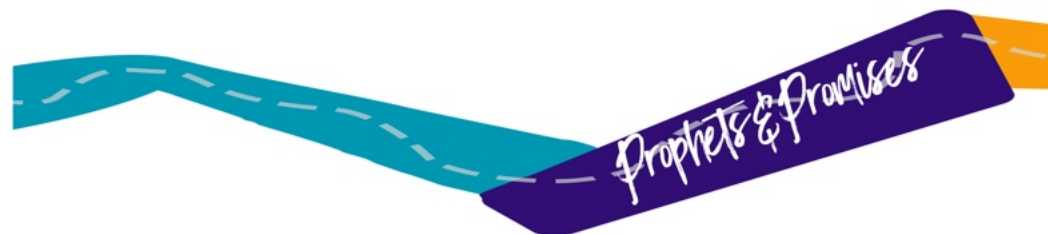
Children's ministry is available today for infants through 4th grade. See the ECRC Kids page for details.

NOTES

*How did God meet you today?
What do you want to remember?*

CAR QUESTION

Have you ever committed yourself to God?
How has that impacted your life?



ALPHA

For the curious, the skeptical,
and the growing Christ-follower.



Upper Gathering Room

Oct 8- Nov 12
Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 PM



Pancake Breakfast

Sat, Oct 17th, 8:00-9:30 am
Garden Room

Our 4th-8th grade boys
are excited to serve you
a tasty breakfast of
pancakes and sausage!
Your donation supports
their ministry.



DAILY DEVOTIONALS VIA TEXT

1. Scan QR Code. 2. Press "send." 3. Get devos!



PRAYER LAB

October 25
November 15
@4:30-6pm



Teaching, training,
practice, and conversation
all about prayer

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

CHOIR IS BACK!

Our adult choir (9th grade and up) resumes this month. All singers are welcome! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7pm, starting October 21. Join for a month at a time to prepare for special services in November and December.

SUNDAY MORNING LIVE

8:30-9:45am. Kyle Groters explores *The Trinity: Do We Know Who We Worship?* In November we will journey through *The Life of David* with Oliver Hersey.

Thrive (55+) EVENT

Aging by Design – Planning, Preparing and Aging Well, Thu, Oct 22, 7 pm. Professional counselor LaVon Lenaway will offer practical insight into navigating the aging process.

SERVE WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Openings in Cadets and 4th grade Children's Worship. Email kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org for more info.

PARENTING IS HARD! GET SUPPORT

Book Discussion group, Weds evenings for both parents to attend together. Child care provided upon request. 6:00-7:15pm. Oct 21 - Nov 18. Read and discuss "Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles" by Paul David Tripp. For questions email jason.turner@elmhurstcrc.org

SHE: SINGLE MOTHERS MINISTRY

Meets today at 12:15-2:30pm with lunch and child care. Our topic is *Thrive: Living Beyond Survival!*

CANCER COMPANIONS

Join a group and/or be a prayer partner. Meeting at 7pm on Oct 15, Nov 12 & 19, Dec 10 & 17. Email jason.turner@elmhurstcrc.org for more info.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A VIRTUAL DAY IN ISRAEL

"The Setting of God's Story" seminar with Dr. Oliver Hersey of Jerusalem University College. Sat, Oct 24, 9 am-3:15 pm at ECRC. Explore the geography, history, and culture of Galilee and let it bring the scripture to life. \$29, including lunch & materials, when you use discount code ECRCHOST26. Registration link can be found at: elmhurstcrc.org/this-week

more info at
elmhurstcrc.org/events

PASTOR SABBATICALS

As part of our church's commitment to the health and longevity of pastoral ministry, our pastors will take a season set aside for rest, renewal, learning, and reflection. Pastor Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor, is away Oct 6-Nov 6. Pastor Jeff Klein, Pastor of Outreach will take Jan 2027. For care concerns email care@elmhurstcrc.org.