

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### DECEMBER 7 & 8 - LITTLE LAMBS

7 PM - The Gospel Bell - In-person/Livestream/Facebook  
*Cute kids present the stories, songs, and Good News*

### DECEMBER 13 - TENDER CHRISTMAS

7 PM - Garden Room  
*Acknowledging life's darkness as we look to the Light of the World*

### DECEMBER 22 - LIVE NATIVITY

4, 5 & 6 PM - South Parking Lot  
*Meet some sheep, goats, and alpacas, and hear the Christmas story*

### DECEMBER 23 - BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

7 PM - Elmhurst Hall, 119 N York Rd, Elmhurst  
*All ages, free, and open to the public so invite your friends! Free parking too*

### DECEMBER 24 - CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

3 & 5 PM - Worship Center 11:30 PM - Narthex/Lobby  
*Celebrate the wonder and glory of the Christmas story with Scripture and song*

No event on December 31. Join us Sunday morning @ 10 am on New Year's Day!

ELMHURST  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED  
CHURCH

[elmhursterc.org/christmas](http://elmhursterc.org/christmas)

149 West Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst | 630.600.5100

# Welcome

ELMHURST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
November 27, 2022

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light.

~ Isaiah 9:2

Welcome  
Shine On Us  
Jesus Messiah  
Announcements & Kids Dismissal  
Offering  
God So Loved  
Interview  
A Living Prayer  
Message  
In Christ Alone  
Blessing

We welcome George Tan, CRC evangelist and preacher to the Romani (Gypsy) people.

Pastors: Gregg DeMey, George Tan

Musicians: Doug Bardolph, Kyle Olson, Lucio Oquendo,  
Steve Van Hout, Amy Postmus

### For Families

Nursery available 0-36 months on the main floor, west wing.

Children's Worship for 3 years - 5th grade today.

Children are dismissed during the worship service to attend downstairs.

**The first Sunday of Advent.** The advent candles reflect the special words of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and finally the white candle - Jesus. "Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us a new birth and a living hope." 1 Peter 1:3

# Connect

**Hello!** To connect with us, text HELLO to 630-748-8172.

**Celebrate Faithfulness** Tue, Nov 29, 7pm, Garden Room.

**College Exam Goodie Boxes** To sign up your student, find the form at [elmhurstcrc.org/this-week](http://elmhurstcrc.org/this-week). **Deadline: Nov 30.**

Collecting pre-packaged treats until Dec 5.

**Journeyman** Thu, Dec 8, 6am

**Nursery Help Needed** Nursery Volunteers needed for Christmas Eve (3&5pm). Contact Krysta at [nursery@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:nursery@elmhurstcrc.org)

**Journey Church Membership Class.** December dates TBD. Take a deeper dive into what Christianity, the Reformed Faith, and membership at Elmhurst CRC are all about. Our new course (currently in beta) is both an in-person and online module format for flexibility and ease of participation. Let us know you're interested: [michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org) or 630-600-5100.

**PASTOR SABBATICAL LEAVE 2023** Find out more about Pastor Gregg's Sabbatical in 2023 at [elmhurstcrc.org/resources](http://elmhurstcrc.org/resources).

**Nominations for DEACON, ELDER, SLT** Qualifications and nomination form at [elmhurstcrc.org/nominations](http://elmhurstcrc.org/nominations). DUE TODAY.

**Advent** Derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming." And during the Advent season, we anticipate and prepare for the coming "God with Us" in the birth of Jesus.

## Help us to continue the good work of our ministries!

2 Corinthians 9:11 *You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.*

Elmhurst Ministries Fund Financial Update

**Annual 2022 budget: \$3.1 million. Still needed: \$1.09 million.**

Thank you for your continued generosity, partnership, and prayers!



Details & announcements online:

[elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek](http://elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek)



# ADVENT 2022

**NOVEMBER 27 - HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
*Kick off Advent and the church calendar year as we anticipate the coming of Jesus and God's big plan for the world*

**DECEMBER 4 - FAMILY SUNDAY**  
*Our monthly communion service featuring a special Christmas Children's Pageant depicting the story from Luke 2*

**DECEMBER 11 - LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
*Scripture, choir anthems, and congregational singing presented by our choir under the direction of Erin Lanenga*

**DECEMBER 18 - BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD**  
*Elmhurst CRC's Broken Halos present Andrew Peterson's musical masterpiece placing the story of Christ's birth in the context of the whole Bible*

**DECEMBER 25 - NO SUNDAY SERVICE**  
*Join us on Christmas Eve at 3, 5 or 11:30 pm*

**JANUARY 1 - AULD LANG SYNE**  
*We reflect on this past year, celebrate communion, and look ahead at how God is moving among us*

## SUNDAYS @ 10 AM

Nursery is available for children 0-36 months and Children's Worship for children PreK-K at all Sunday services.

