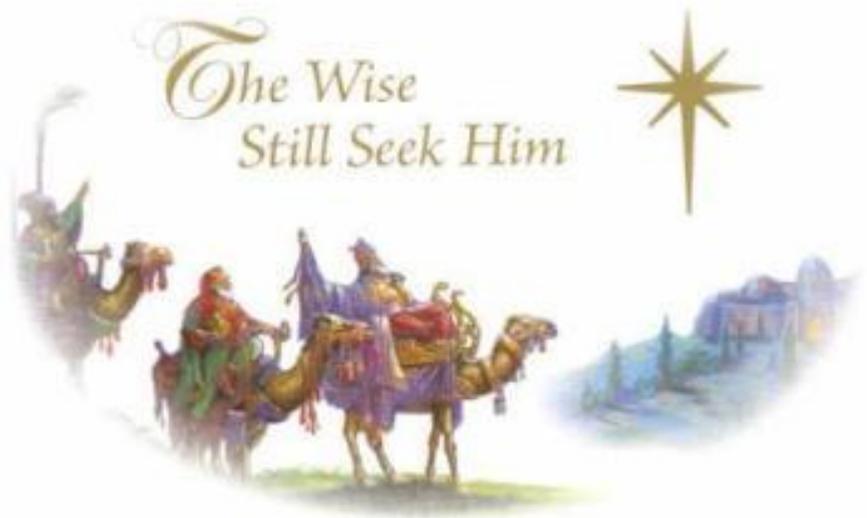


# Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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**New Year's Eve Day**

**December 31, 2017**

**"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"**

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## Drayton Christian Reformed Church

**NURSERY** is available downstairs for children up to 3 years old.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children, **ages 3 to Grade 4** are welcome to join us downstairs for Sunday School.

**SERMON REVIEW:** After the congregational prayer, **Grades 5 through 8** leave for a review of the sermon. Questionnaire booklets are found at the back of the sanctuary.

**Large Print Psalter Hymnals** and **Large Print Order of Worship programs** are available.

Please contact an usher if you wish to use one.

**Welcome** to worship! A special welcome if you are visiting with us! Together we look forward to experiencing the Triune community of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through our worship and fellowship.

**December 31 AM** ~ Welcome to worship on this last day of 2017! Today we wrap up our **Charlie Brown Christmas Series**. We'll be using one scene from the sequel to "*Charlie Brown Christmas*" called "*Christmas Time Again*." In this scene Charlie Brown admits his resistance to providing thank you's after the gift-giving season. We will think about what this means, especially as the Magi respond with their treasures after the gifting of Jesus. Our service is led by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

**December 31 PM** ~ Tonight we have the opportunity to think back over 2017, together, during a special time of **New Year's Eve Worship** starting at **6:00 p.m.** This reflective service will be led by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

**January 7** ~ Next weekend, on the first Sunday in 2018, we look forward to gathering together, as a church family, for **New Year's Worship**. Plan to join us as we seek God's face and ask him to "*be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us*" (Psalm 67: 1) in the New Year. The service will be led, Lord willing, by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

### Offerings:

**SECOND OFFERING:** Please make cheques payable to "**Drayton CRC Charity Fund.**"

**December 31: 10:00 a.m.      1: Budget      2: Drayton Youth Centre**

*Our Mission: To provide a secure, wholesome and Christian based environment for the youth of Drayton and the surrounding area where they can be encouraged to excel socially, personally, and spiritually. Please continue to pray for this ministry*

**6:00 p.m.      Ramoth Life Centre**

*Ramoth Life Centre is a non-denominational, non-profit, charitable organization that is governed by a Board of Directors. Ramoth Life Centre was created to be a modern-day place of refuge for young women and infants.*

**January 7, 2018:                      1: Budget                      2: Drayton Food Bank**

**Collections Received:** ~ **December 24, 2017** ~ **World Renew**  
~ **Race Relations**  
~ **Ministry Shares**

### **Stewardship Thought:**

*"Those who give what they would as readily throw away, gives without generosity:  
the essence of generosity is in self-sacrifice."*

~ Jeremy Taylor

Drayton Christian Reformed Church  
Sunday, December 31, 2017  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Droogers  
Music Leader: the branch  
Charlie Brown Christmas Series: Part 6 of 6

“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts . . .”

~ Matthew 2: 11

### **Gathered**

Welcome & Announcements

- \*Gathering Song: *For the Beauty of the Earth*, GPH #432
- \*Silent Prayer ending with: *More Precious Than Silver*, SongSelect
- \*God’s Greeting
- \*Opening Songs of Praise: *All in All*, SongSelect  
*Great Are You, Lord*, SongSelect

### **Reconciled**

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Holy Living Instruction

Song of Adoration: *How Deep the Father’s Love*, SongSelect

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Prayer of blessing after which children, Ages 3 to Grade 4, leave for Sunday School*

### **Equipped**

Bible Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon: **Charlie Brown: Christmas Thanksgiving**

\*Song of Response: *There Is a Redeemer*, LUYH #833

### **Heard**

Prayers of the People

*Youth, Grade 5 to Grade 8, leave for Sermon Review*

### **Sent**

Offerings: 1. Church Budget 2. Drayton Youth Centre

\*Closing Song: *Praise His Holy Name*, SongSelect

\*God’s Blessing

\*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*, GPH #637

\*Indicates: please stand, if you are able

## Church Family

Please remember in your prayers those who are confined to their homes.

On this **New Year's Eve**, as we prepare to wrap up 2017, we pray for grace to reflect or look back, wisdom to receive, and the strength to surrender or leave all things of the year past with the Lord. We give thanks for God's faithfulness to us as individuals and a church family.

## Church Calendar

- Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship a 10:00 a.m.  
~ New Year's Eve service at 6:00 p.m.  
~ Sunday School for children ages 3 to Grade 8.
- Thursday:** ~ Youth Group Tubing
- Next Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship a 10:00 a.m.

## From Council & Committees

**Church Council Meeting:** The January 2018 meeting of Church Council has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 9.

**Worship Committee** would like to say, "Thank You" to everyone who helped with special services or events this past Advent and Christmas season! Your participation is much appreciated and deeply valued. Thank you for your willingness to share gifts and time to help us bring the gift of worship as a church family!

**Enter the Tabernacle:** This is an exciting five-week inter-generational (children, parents, seniors and everyone in between) ministry celebrating how the tabernacle points us towards Jesus. The Education Committee is planning to host these events during the supper hour for five Sundays in the New Year, but we need a few extra hands to prepare. We are looking for people who can help us build some tabernacle furniture, help with leading some singing, be involved in a skit or two, organize pot-luck dinners, help with crafts, and more. As this is an inter-generational event, we need volunteers young and old. If you would like to get involved, please talk to Pastor Jake. Our first planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10.



**Prayer Announcements:** Please be reminded items for prayer are always welcome and can be forwarded to the secretary or our pastors. Special or crisis prayer requests will be processed immediately through our Church Prayer Chain via email or by way of phone call. Other prayer requests may be provided by Thursday's bulletin for printing the following Sunday or they may be provided to the pastors before Sunday morning service.

**Food Containers:** There are several food containers in the kitchen on the counter. Please retrieve these containers so the kitchen can be cleaned. ~ *The Kitchen Committee*

## Church Events & News

**January 1 New Year's Worship:** Please be reminded the November 7 Church Council Meeting Bulletin Report highlighted Council's decision to move New Year's Day Worship from January 1 to January 7. This came in response to a motion brought before Church Council from the Worship Committee which hopes this will better facilitate greater attendance of more of our members.

**Youth Group Outing:** Ready for some youth group winter fun? This Thursday, January 4 we will meet at the church at 6:30 to go tubing at Chicopee. Please let Pastor Jake know if you plan to come so we can make sure we have enough drivers. Cost is \$25 for 2 hours.

## Community Christian School

**Administrative Support Position:** Community Christian School is seeking a qualified person to fulfill the role of administrative support person. This part-time position (75%) will begin July 1, 2018. The qualified person will be a devoted Christian who has demonstrated a passion for Christian education. Additionally, the applicant will have a related Community College of Applied Arts diploma in accounting, finance or office administration plus two years of related experience. Preference will be given to candidates with an accounting education and/or experience. The main responsibilities will cover financial and front office administrative duties. A full job description is available upon request. If you are interested, please forward your resume and statement of faith as soon as possible to Raymond Verburg at [principal@ccsdrayton.org](mailto:principal@ccsdrayton.org). Only those candidates who receive an interview will be contacted. This position will remain open until a qualified candidate accepts the position. Interviews will begin as soon as qualified applications have been received.

## News from North America

**A LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS** - In the Bible, the coming of the Messiah is often associated with light. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-3, Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20, Matthew 5:14-16, and Revelation 22:1-5 to see what this theme means for our understanding of Christ's light and how we live while waiting for his second coming. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**HOLLYWOOD** - The school play is coming up and Liz is sure that he will not only have the lead role but also be asked to direct. That doesn't happen, but Miss Wattle does give him the role of Old Ben which Liz still uses to be a "star"—with sunglasses, a chinchilla beret, silk scarf, and bodyguard. This causes Chamy and Miss Wattle to "fire" Liz and replace him with Morrie. Liz finally realizes that he once again has fallen to pride. Check out the "God is Faithful" Memory Jar Activity at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net) as you look ahead to the New Year!

**Save the date!** - Living in the third third of life brings both challenges and opportunities. This training event will help disability advocates, deacons and other church leaders, and people in their third third minister within and embrace the life God gives us as we age. "Aging: Challenges and Opportunities" will take place at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock ON, on April 21, 2018. Syd Hielema, Director of the CRC's Faith Formation Ministry will keynote: "Growing in Faith in the Third Third of Life."

**Young Adults!** - Join other wonderful folks aged 18-30ish from across Ontario for the 2018 installment of the Young Adult Winter Retreat on January 26-28th, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock! This year, we will focus on the theme "Culture" and how we're to represent Christ to our neighbours around us, with Pastor Mike Collins from Providence CRC as our speaker. It will be a weekend full of spiritual encouragement, faith-based discussions, service, workshops, worship, fellowship, and funtivities! Be sure to register by January 11th to receive the Early Bird rate of just \$60 for the entire weekend (after that it goes up to \$70). For more info and to register, visit our Facebook page "Young Adult Winter Retreat" or email [ya.retreat.team@gmail.com](mailto:ya.retreat.team@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

**Job Opportunity:** Program Coordinator - Are you passionate about coordinating projects and supporting monitoring and evaluation requirements in a disaster response context? If so, this could be the role for you. World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a full time opening for a Program Coordinator on the International Disaster Response team, based in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. Please visit our website at [www.worldrenew.net/careers](http://www.worldrenew.net/careers) for more information, or to apply. The application deadline is January 22, 2018.

**World Renew trip to Haiti** - World Renew is organizing an open team to travel to Haiti! Are you passionate about sustainable community development? Deforestation is a serious environmental issue that threatens Haiti. Spend 8 days (March 10-18, 2018) learning about Haiti and participating in reforestation projects. Reforestation helps reduce the impact of mudslides and improves soil quality for increased food security and income for families. Applicants should be able to do physical work in tropical conditions. There may be opportunities for construction work. For more information, please contact Iona Buisman at [ibuisman@worldrenew.net](mailto:ibuisman@worldrenew.net).

**Keeping in Touch....** The following are asked to send a card, letter or email to:

**Nitin & Ruth**..... Ray & Janelle  
 ~ email: [nrsardar@gmail.com](mailto:nrsardar@gmail.com)

**Jonathan & Janice** ..... Tony & Janet  
 ~ Phone: 226-622-2671 (Jonathan) and 519-292-6683 (Janice) email: [jbarnhoorn@crcnapartners.org](mailto:jbarnhoorn@crcnapartners.org)

**Kathleen** ..... John  
 email: [klauder@worldrenew.net](mailto:klauder@worldrenew.net) ~ skype: kathleen\_lauder

**Mark & Heather**..... Arnold & Sharon  
 ~ email: [pastormark@reslifenc.org](mailto:pastormark@reslifenc.org) ~ Phone: 919-482-2382

<b>Serving Elders &amp; Deacons for December:</b>	Julie Alfred Albert Randy Adam Grace	<b>Serving Elders &amp; Deacons for January:</b>	Clara Janelle Arnold Eddy Tyson
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<b>December Back West Back East Back Centre Upstairs</b>	<b>Ushers</b> Albert Martin Francis	<b>Serving in Foyer</b> Dec 31 – Julie Jan – 7 Alfred Jan – 14 – Albert	<b>Floating Greeters:</b> Dec 31 – Harry & Jane Jan 7 – Teresa Jan 14 – Teresa
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	<b>December 31, 2107</b>	<b>Dec. 31. PM Service</b>	<b>January 7, 2018</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Sitsje & Jitske		Youth Group
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Bob & Grace David & Shannon		Youth Group
<b>Sound System</b>	Maynard	John	Tony
<b>Power Point</b>	Nathan	Sid	Mandy
<b>Hall Monitor</b>	Theresa		Corrina
<b>Library</b>	Sharon		Jill
<b>SS Assistant</b>	John		Mariah
<b>Grade 5 &amp; 6 SS</b>	Corrina		Alfred
<b>Grade 7 &amp; 8 SS</b>	Rita		Francis
<b>Nursery</b>	Nanda Martha Yvonne		Marg Cheryl Rachel Anna
<b>Little Lambs</b>	Joel Liberty		Melissa Becca
<b>Subs</b>			Janice Nicole

**Bingo at the Terrace** Jan. 3: Margaret & Rita; Jan. 17: Jane & Pat H

**Royal Terrace** Jan 7: Ralph & Bert; Jan 14: Reformed Church

