

Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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Minister: Pastor Paul Droogers

Worship Service: **Sundays - 10:00 a.m.**

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"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"

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.

March 4, 2018

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.



March 4 ~ On this **Third Sunday in Lent**, and **World Renew: Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday**, we give thanks to God for the opportunity we have to bring him the gift of our worship. The service today is led by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

LENT

March 11 ~ Next week Sunday, which will be the **Fourth Sunday in Lent**, our worship service will be led, Lord willing, by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

Coffee: Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the worship service this morning.



Offerings:

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

March 4:

1: Budget 2: World Renew

Today is Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday! - Last year, World Renew provided food to over 144,000 people affected by conflict and natural disasters. This was possible because of the prayers and generous support of Canadians. Today, war is devastating many countries and thousands of families do not have enough food to eat. World Renew is committed to reversing that story, ensuring that thousands of families experience God's love and no longer go to sleep hungry. Your gift today will make this possible. All donations you make are eligible for a match of up to 4:1 from the Canadian Government!

March 11:

1: Budget 2: Huron Campus Ministry

Collections Received: ~ February 25, 2018 ~ Redeemer University/College

Stewardship Thought:

"God's people possess God's provision to accomplish and fulfill God's purposes."

~ Joe Vestal

Third Sunday in Lent

*"You are not your own; you were bought at a price.
Therefore, honour God with your body."*
~ 1 Corinthians 6: 19-20



Gathered

Welcome

Announcements

*Gathering Song:

"Lord, You Have My Heart," SongSelect

*Silent Prayer followed by:

"Father, Make Us One," SongSelect

*God's Greeting

*Opening Songs of Praise:

"Salvation Belongs to Our God," LUYH #608

"Our God," LUYH #580

Restored

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Repentance:

"Not What My Hands Have Done," GPH #260

Holy Living Instruction

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also, with you.**

Prayer of blessing followed by children, ages 3 to Grade 4, leaving for Sunday School

Equipped

Bible Reading:

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Confessional Reading:

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1 (responsively)

Sermon:

Proof of Ownership

*Song of Response:

"Christ, the Life of All the Living," GPH #371

Heard

Prayers of God's People

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

Sent

Offerings:

1. DCRC Budget 2. World Renew: Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Ministry of Music:

"I Am Not My Own," by Jeremy Zeyl and Brian Van Arnhem

*Closing Song:

"King of My Heart," SongSelect

*God's Blessing

***Indicates:** please stand, if you are able

Church Family

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

This past Wednesday **Kees L.** underwent a CT Scan and Bone Scan after his recent prostate cancer diagnosis. It is hoped the results will help doctors prepare for surgery currently scheduled for Thursday, March 15. Pray for clear test results and encouragement in preparation.

On Thursday **John V.** went to London's University Hospital for pre-op as he prepares for surgery to address his hip infection this coming Wednesday or March 7. John will receive a temporary hip including antibiotics. He will be closely monitored for the next six weeks after which a determination will be made if follow up surgery could be scheduled. Pray all that is done will serve to help clear up the infection.

Tomorrow morning **Jerry H.** is scheduled to be at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener for his open-heart surgery. Jerry will undergo a triple bypass and receive a new heart valve. Pray this procedure will go well and serve to provide Jerry with a blessing in his life. May nerves during preparation be minimal and may he start his journey to recovery strong.

Even as Jerry H. prepares for his own surgery, we pray for his son-in-law **Fred V.**, husband to Lori, as he continues to fight the Group A Strep infection. Together with the family we give thanks Fred seems to be responding to antibiotic treatment. Pray for continual recovery including healing for his wife Lori also diagnosed with the infection but currently not needing hospitalization.

As we engage this year's **Office Bearer Nomination** process, pray God's Spirit work within us as we think about leadership within His church and as we consider opportunities for service or ministry. May God convict us of the need for faithful leadership and gift us with faith as we face our own convictions, worries, or inadequacies.

We join our denomination's **Office of Social Justice** in prayer for the nations of the world. Specifically, we pray for the country of Nigeria including the over one hundred schoolgirls who have been kidnapped by Boko Haram militants this past week. This attack is very similar to one back in 2014; almost half of the two hundred girls kidnapped then still captive today. Pray for all who have been affected by this including the ongoing search.

Happy Birthday to...

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| Sunday: | Luke R., Zach R. |
| Monday: | Sonia B., Teresa R. |
| Tuesday: | Roelof H. |
| Thursday: | Taylor S., Sid V., Lauren K. |
| Saturday: | Bruce R., Brooklyn V. |



Happy Anniversary to...

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| Sunday: | Alfred R. |
| Thursday: | Harry & Margaret M. |

Empower Global would like to **THANK YOU** for your recent donation for the *Haiti Well Drilling and Farming* project received in 2017. Our mission is to transform the impoverished to empowered in developing countries by working with local partners to develop and implement high impact community development programs. Your donation will help make a lasting difference in the individuals, families and communities here in Haiti. You can see updates of our projects on our website: www.empowerglobal.ca.

THANK YOU for your recent gift. Your generosity makes a life-changing difference to **Teen Challenge** students throughout the year. We feel blessed as we saw many lives changed through the program in 2017. This could not have been accomplished without faithful partners like you. Every gift we receive brings stability, health, self-worth and victory in the lives seeking help at Teen Challenge. On behalf of all the men in our care, thank you for your generous gift.

Church Calendar

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| Sunday: | ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. ~ <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> |
| | ~ Sunday School for children ages 3 to Grade 8 |
| | ~ We Tabernacle Event at 3:00 p.m. |
| Monday: | ~ GEMS from 7 – 9:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday: | ~ Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday: | ~ Coffee Break at the Reformed Church at 9:45 a.m.
~ Profession of Faith Class at 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.
Pastor Jake Droogers will teach this week. |
| Thursday: | ~ Worship Committee Meeting
~ Catechism and Youth Group from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. <u>No</u> meeting next week.
~ Evening Coffee Break at 7:30 p.m. at Grace's house |
| Next Sunday: | ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. |

From Council & Committees



Nomination for Elders and Deacons: Today is your final opportunity to nominate individuals to serve as office bearers within our church family. The terms of four Elders, two Deacons, and one Youth Elder will be ending this coming June. Nomination Forms were put in your mail slot last Sunday and more forms are available in the fellowship hall beside the *Nomination Box*. **Prayerfully consider individuals you feel called to nominate and place your form in the nominations box TODAY.** Nominations may also be emailed to Arnold at arnold@marspan.com. The names will then be compiled by the Nominations Committee and will be presented to Council for consideration at their March and April meetings. Please pray for blessings on this process.

WE Tabernacle – TODAY: The Education Committee invites you to join us for this new five-week inter-generational ministry as we discover together how the Tabernacle points us towards Jesus. If you can't join us for all five events, please come and join us for the nights you are able to. **Our second WE Tabernacle event will this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.** This event will include and **Ice Cream Sundae bar.** If you haven't signed up yet, you can still do so this morning in the fellowship hall. The third event will happen on Sunday, March 18 at 3:00.



The **Congregational Meeting/Potluck Supper** will be on Wednesday, March 21. As in the past, we plan to distribute reports of each ministry and committee to members of the congregation before this meeting. Each Committee and Church Group has been asked to submit a report for their ministry. Committees and Church School Clubs, please submit your **Congregational Meeting Reports** to the office by Tuesday, March 6 at 9:00 a.m. The reports will then be printed in booklet form and distributed in the mail slots on **Sunday, March 11**.

Education Committee is wondering if anyone has an unused beanbag chair they might be willing to provide for Joel Droegers. We are hoping this will better help Joel be able to engage the Bible story in the downstairs fellowship hall as part of our Sunday School ministry. Please contact Chair Person Pastor Jake if you have a beanbag chair either to donate or to borrow. Thank you!

ATTENTION: Church Emails will soon be switched to a new email host or provider. New email addresses for our pastors will be assigned at that time. Please stay tuned for future updates so this can be a smooth transition.



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 to the church office by Thursday of each week for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin or they may be provided to the pastors before Sunday morning service.

The Worship Committee is inviting anyone who would like to suggest a favourite hymn to be sung in our services to please forward (1) Hymn Title and (2) Psalter Hymnal Reference to the *Worship Committee* mailbox located near the top right side of our mailbox wall. Our pastors will regularly check this mailbox and gladly arrange for suggestions to be included Sunday mornings.

Worship Committee reminds anyone wishing to use the church sanctuary space to simply make a note of that on the calendar outside the secretary's office.

From the Church Office:

- Please be reminded that all **bulletin announcements must be submitted by Thursday mornings, 9:00 a.m.** to be printed in the following Sunday's bulletin.
- Please also be reminded to **submit all church committee and church club meeting minutes**, after each meeting, to the office to be archived.
- The **2018 Yearbook** is here. I have a few copies for purchase for \$13.00.
- The **March Newsletter** and **Banner** in your mail slot today.
- *I will be away for one week from March 6 to 14. Candace Burnett will be in the office in my absence on March 8, 9, 13 and 14. The secretary's office will be closed on March 6 and 7.*
~ Denise Van Dyk



Please remember to turn **ALL LIGHTS OFF** and close doors if you are the last person to leave after group meetings or committee meetings in the evening.

Youth Group News

Meeting: We will meet in the youth room from 7:30-9:30 this Thursday, March 8 for Catechism and Youth Group. There will be **no Youth Group next week** during March Break.

Youth Pancake Breakfast: The Youth Group would like to thank you for your support.



AOYC 2018 - Now is the time to register for the All Ontario Youth Convention! Come experience God's love through teaching, worship, and fun, with 900+ teens and leaders. High school students and adult leaders can register online at allontario.com/register or visit [facebook.com/allontario](https://www.facebook.com/allontario).

Church Events

***Lenten Tea** at the Reformed church on Tuesday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m.*



Save the Date for a **Ladies Night Out ~**



CELEBRATE SPRING ☘ on Saturday, **April 21** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**See flyer announcement at back of bulletin!

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE at the Ladies Day Out **CELEBRATE SPRING** ☘ Event on Saturday, April 21, HERE at Drayton CRC: Set-up on the 20th (Men & Women), Day of the 21st- Kitchen Help, Greeter, Hall Directing, Workshop Presenter Helpers, Clean Up (Men & Women), and Sewers (in advance- EASY Scarves... material provided!). Please contact Liesje to help with this EXCITING Outreach Event! ☺ ☘ Cell: (519)437-7383, E-mail: liesjesnieder@hotmail.com.

Requested Announcements

JK – Grade 8 Open House/Registration Days: Community Christian School, Drayton is a place where students are nurtured within a community of faith, love, and excellence. We invite you to come and see for yourself. Open House/Registration for Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8 are on **March 7, April 4, and May 2** during the school day (evening by appointment). Check out the website for more information at www.ccsdrayton.org or call the school at 519-638-2395. Feel free to visit the school, sit in the classrooms and talk to the principal on those days. Ask about our bursary programs and find out how your first year can be half price. If the above dates do not suit you, call the school and we will gladly make other arrangements. **Now offering a five-day JK and SK program!**



Family Skating: Saturday, March 10 will be the last time to get out your skates and again head out to the Drayton Arena. You are invited to join in on the fun at the Community Skate Evening from 7 – 9 p.m. Cost for use of the ice is \$2/person or \$10/family. The theme for the evening is Beach Dream Skate – summer is coming! Be creative and dress up if you wish.

St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 17· The Youth Group at Community Mennonite Fellowship invites everyone for a Pancake Breakfast at Community Mennonite Church between **8:30am and 11:30am**. This is a fundraising event for a mission trip that the youth are going on to the Dominican Republic in May. Cost for the breakfast is just a donation. Thanks for your support.

Ramoth House would like to invite you to their **Lasagna Dinner and Silent Auction**. The dinner will be on **Friday, April 6, 2018** and will be held at the Listowel Mennonite Church. (465 Maitland Ave. South, Listowel). Tickets are \$10.00/Adult and \$5.00/ 10 &under. Doors will open at 6:00pm with the dinner starting at 6:30pm. Please call 519-323-3751 or email Shirley Boonstra at sboonstra@ramoth.ca to order your tickets for this fundraising event. Come out for a family-friendly dinner and the fun and fellowship of a Silent Auction.

News from North America

PARABLE OF THE TENANTS - Jesus tells a not-so-subtle story about a vineyard, and his audience knows immediately his admonition and warning is for them. But what about us? Join us as we get to the heart of Jesus' message in his Parable of the Tenants found in Matthew 21 and take seriously its challenge for us yet today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

TRUST AND OBEY - Look out! Liz disobeys his dad and then he and Spike are all tangled up with robbers. Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. As you and your family prepare for Easter, download The Family Lent devotional available at www.kidscorner.net.

Early Bird Rate Ends Soon - You have just a few more days to get the early bird registration rate for "Aging: Challenges and Opportunities", a training event on Saturday, April 21, at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock ON. Sponsored by Disability Concerns, this event will help pastors, elders, deacons, disability advocates, and people in their third third, and their loved ones, minister within and embrace the life God gives us as we age. For more information and to register, see www.disabilityconference.org.

Exodus Vision Tour - There is still time to sign up for the Exodus Vision Tour (April 14-29, 2018). Learn about the ancient Israelite's journey from Egypt, through Jordan, and into the promised land. The deadline for application is March 16. For more information visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/exodus.

Volunteer Your Gifts in Nicaragua - Do you have gifts in maintenance, special education, teaching, or graphic design? Resonate Global Mission has many open opportunities for you to serve in Nicaragua. Visit Resonateglobalmission.org/go to see all these opportunities and more.

Refugee Sponsorship History - Were you or your church involved in refugee sponsorship in the early days of the program from 1979 through the 1990s? If so, we would love to hear from you. 2019 will be the 40th anniversary of the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program in Canada. To mark this occasion, World Renew's Refugee Program is putting together a history of the Christian Reformed churches of Canada's involvement in private sponsorship. Reply to Rebecca Walker at rwalker@worldrenew.net

Keeping in Touch.... The following are asked to send a card, letter or email to:			
Nitin & Ruth S..... ~ email: nrsardar@gmail.com		Pastor Jake & Liesje	
Jonathan & Janice B.....		David & Shannon	
~ email: jbarnhoorn@crcnapartners.org			
Kathleen L.		James & Irene	
email: klauder@worldrenew.net ~ skype: kathleen_lauder			
Mark & Heather K.....		Fred & Cora	
~ email: pastormark@reslifenc.org ~ Phone: 919-482-2382			
Serving Elders & Deacons for March:	Albert Tom Phil Dave Grace		
March Back West Back East Back Centre Upstairs	Ushers John Ed Teresa	Serving in Foyer Mar 4 – Randy Mar 11 – Steve Mar 18 – Nanda Mar 25 - Rita	Floating Greeters: Mar 4 – Harry & Jane Mar 11 – Harry & Jane Mar 18 – Teresa Mar 25 – Teresa
		March 4, 2018	March 11, 2018
Greeters		Art & Alice	Harry & Jane
Coffee Servers		Rob & Denise Steve & Judy	Jeff & Corrina Nathan & Rachel
Sound System		John	Maynard
Power Point		Wes	Nathan
Hall Monitor		Teresa	Helen
Library		Tracy	Sharon
SS Assistant		Mariah	Janice
Grade 5 & 6 SS		Bep	Yvonne
Grade 7 & 8 SS		Phil	Francis
Nursery		Julie Katie Pat Ainsley	Corrina Paula Shannon Lauren
Little Lambs		Denise Mark	Amanda Courtney
Subs		Corrina Lauren	Nanda Mikayla
Bingo at the Terrace	March 7: Joyce & Rita; March 21: Yvonne & Margaret		
Royal Terrace	April 1: Jane April 8: Reformed Church; April 15: Ralph		