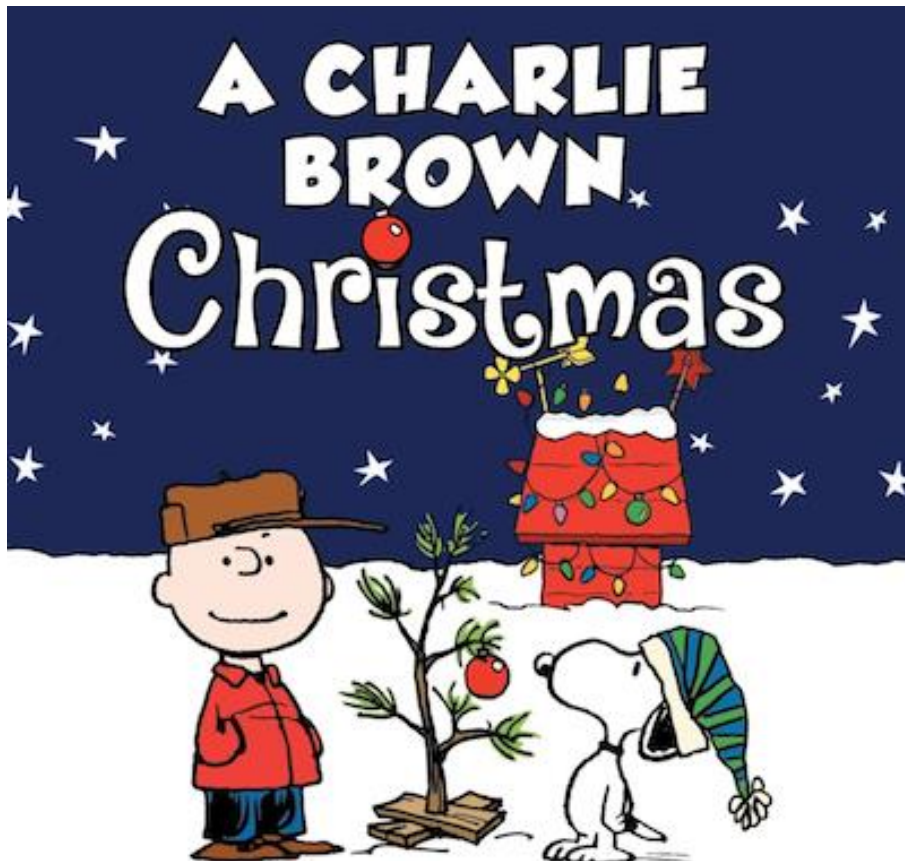


Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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December 3, 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 3 ~ On this **First Sunday in Advent** we begin our Advent Sermon Series:

"*A Charlie Brown Christmas.*" As we focus on character Charlie Brown's unhappy problem of not understanding Christmas, Zechariah in Luke 1 helps us see both how easy it is to be confused about the truth of Christmas but also what might help clear up the confusion. Our time of worship is led by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.



Community Christmas Celebration ~ Everyone is invited to this year's Ministerial Community Christmas Celebration at the Drayton arena tonight. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship including refreshments. The evening will include live music by the Moore family, singing, speaking by Pastor Jeff McCracken, and an open dessert buffet. Opportunity will be given to provide donations for **Mount Forest's Ramoth House** (needed items including: baby hooded bath towels, baby bowls, newborn diapers, teethingers, bibs, pasta sauce, cookies, or cash money).

December 10 ~ Next week Sunday, the **Second Sunday in Advent**, we welcome the **Woodland Christian High School Choir** to our service. To accommodate the choir, Lord Supper originally scheduled for this Sunday has been moved to Sunday, December 17. Our time of worship will be led 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.**"

December 3: **1: Budget** **2: Huron Campus Ministries**

Our Vision: Campus Ministry is a Christ-centred fellowship that is celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ, growing in faith, building community, and engaging campus, bearing witness to God's love for this world. This bridging Christian community is student-led and unfolds in five ways: Community, Leadership development, worship, hospitality, and justice.

December 10: **1: Budget** **2: Community Christian School – Bursary Fund**

A Christian education turns mirrors into windows. Our mission is to educate children in a respectful, nurturing Christian community through Christ-centred programs. Let us support this school with our gifts today to help provide tuition assistance to those who need it. Please give generously.

Collections Received: **November 26, 2017** ~ **Teen Challenge**

Stewardship Thought:

"All endowments we possess are divine deposits entrusted to us for the purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbour." ~ John Calvin

Drayton Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, December 3, 2017
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Droegers
Music Leader: John L
First Sunday in Advent

“Zechariah asked the angel, ‘How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.’ The angel answered, ‘I am Gabriel. I have been sent to speak to you and tell you good news.’”

~ Luke 1: 18-19

Gathered into Community

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Silent prayer ending with: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*, GPH #481

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: *The Earth and the Riches*, GPH #24: 1, 2, 5

Reconciled within Community

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Thanksgiving: *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*, GPH #328: 1, 2, 6

Lighting of Advent Candle: Kyle and Steven

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

Shaped into Community

Bible Reading: Luke 1: 1-25

Sermon: Charlie Brown: Trouble Understanding Christmas

*Song of Response: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, GPH #329

Heard within Community

Prayers of the People

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

Sent into Community

Offerings: 1. Church Budget 2. Classis Huron Campus Ministries

*Closing Song: *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*, GPH #194

*God’s Blessing

*Doxology: *Praise God, You Angel Hosts Above*, #628

*Indicates: please stand, if you are able

Church Family

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

Church Calendar

- Sunday:** ~ 1st Sunday of Advent & Lord's Supper Preparatory Service
~ Sunday School for children ages 3 to Grade 8
- Monday:** ~ GEMS from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** ~ Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
~ Choir practice from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Wednesday:** ~ Coffee Break at 9:45 a.m. at the Reformed Church
~ Worship Committee Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday:** ~ Youth Group/Catechism at 7:30 p.m.
~ Evening Coffee Break at Grace Scott's house at 7:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday:** ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent & Lord's Supper Service

From Council & Committees

Coffee! Fellowship! Games! Earlier this year, many of you participated in the Building Blocks of Faith" survey conducted by the Education Committee. Through this survey the Committee learned that one of our congregation's strengths is "Belonging". To celebrate that we all belong to God as well as to our church community, a number of games will be set up in the fellowship hall which can be played during coffee after church. Games like Jenga and shuffle board will be set up on some tables beginning on Sunday, November 26 and remain out through the Advent season. We hope that as you - children, youth, parents, and seniors - play these games together you will know that you belong to God and his church community.

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 in our Sunday morning worship.

Sanctuary Use: 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.

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.

Youth Group News

Youth Group Will meet this Thursday and next Thursday at the church from 7:30-9:30 for small group discussion and games.



Thursday, December 21 is our annual Youth Progressive Dinner! This is always a fun evening you won't want to miss! Keep your eyes open for a \$10.00 gift for a game to end the night with!

SERVE 2018 Summer Mission Trip: Our summer SERVE site is booked! We will be travelling to Douglas, Massachusetts to spend a week serving at Children's Havens Camp from August 4-11. There are 17 youth spots available. If you are planning to go, you can reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit. More information on how to register and make full payment will follow shortly.

Attention Congregation! Our youth group's annual **Progressive Dinner** is fast approaching! The youth love this opportunity to visit the homes of 3 members for food and to fellowship with people in our congregation. If you are interested in hosting approximately 25-30 youth on Thursday, December 21 for either: appetizers, the main course, or dessert, please let Sonia know! We start around 6:00 p.m. and visit at each home for approximately 45 minutes. If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to ask any of our Youth Leaders! It is a fun experience and a great way to connect and meet our youth!

Church Events & News



Christmas Day Choir practice takes place this **Tuesday evening** from **7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** in the church sanctuary. Anyone interested in joining the choir, especially tenors and bass, is welcome to come and sing! Please contact Susan Foster for details.

Ambassadors Christian Male Chorus will be hosted by our church's Worship Committee here at the Drayton CRC on **Saturday, December 9, 2017** at **7:30 p.m.** They will be performing "The Winter Rose" Cantata by Joseph M. Martin and the evening will include singing of some favourite Christmas songs. A free-will offering will be received.

Requested Announcements

Drayton Ministerial is planning to host a Community Christmas Celebration at the Drayton Arena on Sunday, December 3, starting at 6:30 p.m. This hour of fellowship and worship will include musical talent by the Moore Family, a dessert buffet and hot drinks. Material donations will be received for Mount Forest Ramoth House. Some donation ideas include the following - **for babies:** bibs, baby hooded bath towels, baby bowls, newborn diapers, newborn baby girl clothes, sudocream (for diaper rashes), teethers. **Household Items:** pasta sauce, cookies, juice (bottle/can), paper towels

You are invited to our annual **Dutch Christmas Carol Service** @Emmanuel Reformed Church, 170 Clarke St. Woodstock, Sunday, **December 3, at 3:00 p.m.** Rev. Ralph Koops brings us the message Coffee following the service.

Community Christian School

You are invited to join the students and staff of Community Christian School for their Christmas Chapel on **Tuesday, December 12** at 7:30 p.m. at the **Drayton Christian Reformed Church**, 88 Main Street

East, Drayton. Come celebrate Christ's birth as we sing together, watch the students perform, and hear meditations. We look forward to seeing you.

FREE Community Skate Everyone is invited to lace up their skates for a FREE Community Skate Night sponsored by Community Christian School at the Drayton PMD Arena on **Saturday, December 9** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The theme for the night is Jingle Bells – come dressed up!

News from North America

Advent Devotional Series - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at reframemedia.com/advent.

THE KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS - When Liz and Lucille see a homeless family in front of church, they tell Liz's dad. The church decides to help them, but then they find out that all is not what it seems. Check out KC's Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and Devotional and invite your whole family to join you in giving daily gifts of kindness at www.kidscorner.net.

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

Nitin & Ruth
 ~ email: nrsardar@gmail.com

Jonathan & JaniceHarry & Jane
 email: jbarnhoorn@crcnpartners.org

Kathleen..... Roelof & Henny
 email: klauder@worldrenew.net ~ skype: kathleen_lauder

Mark & Heather Ralph & Elly
 ~ email: pastormark@reslifenc.org ~ Phone: 919-482-2382

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| Serving Elders & Deacons for December: | Julie W Alfred Albert Randy Adam Grace | Serving Elders & Deacons for January: | Clara Janelle Arnold Eddy Tyson |
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| December Back West Back East Back Centre Upstairs | Ushers Albert Rumph Martin Francis | Serving in Foyer Dec 3 – Arnold Dec 10 – Nanda Dec 17 – Phil Dec 24 – Tyson | Floating Greeters: Dec 3 – Doug & Sandy Dec 10 – Roelie K Dec 17 – Roelie K Dec 24 – Harry & Jane |
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| Greeters | Bep | Rob & Denise |
| Coffee Servers | Art & Mary Alfred & Helen | Scott & Emily Allan & Rita |
| Sound System | John | Maynard |
| Power Point | Sid | Nathan |
| Hall Monitor | Martha | Sharon |
| Library | Jill | Julie |
| SS Assistant | Aidan | Meagan |
| Grade 5 & 6 SS | Yvonne | Sandy |
| Grade 7 & 8 SS | Francis | Paula |
| Nursery | Sandy Brandy Dorothy Karissa | Tracy Michelle Paula Abby |
| Little Lambs | Rob Brayden | Denise Courtney |
| Subs | Tracy Abby | Judy Shawna |
| Bingo at the Terrace | Dec 6: Margaret & Lucy; Dec 20: Jane | |
| Royal Terrace | Dec 3: Jane ; Dec 10: Drayton RC; Dec 17: Mary | |