

Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"



*2nd Sunday in Advent
December 9, 2018*

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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 today! 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 9 ~ On this **Second Sunday in Advent** we welcome back to Drayton **Pastor Vic Vandermolen** who will lead us in our **Lord Supper Celebration**. Pastor Paul is leading worship at the Owen Sound CRC, today, by way of Classical Appointment within Classis Huron. Owen Sound entered into a time of vacancy this past September.



December 16 ~ Next week on the **Third Sunday in Advent** our time of worship will be led, Lord willing, by **Mr. Jack Tacoma** from Guelph. Mr. Tacoma is a licensed exhorter within Classis Huron and serves as a Ministry Specialist within the Christian Reformed Church in North America. As this is the third weekend of the month, Pastor Paul has his scheduled Sunday off.



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

Offerings:

December 9: 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-centered programs. Let us support this school with our gifts today to help provide tuition assistance to those who need it. Please give generously.

Lord's Supper Offering: Barnhoorns

December 16: 1: Budget 2: Drayton Youth Centre

The Drayton Youth Centre is a successful ministry to the youth of our community. Thank you to the volunteers who help to make it so. The December 16 offering goes to support this cause.

Collections Received: ~ December 2, 2018 ~ Huron Campus Ministry

Stewardship Thought:

"Tithing to the church and spending the rest on your family is not a Christian goal. It's a diversion.

The real issue is: How will we use God's trust fund – namely, all we have – for his glory? What example are we setting?" ~ John Piper

Drayton Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, December 9, 2018
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Leader: Pastor Vic Vandermolten
Music Leader: the branch
Lord Supper Celebration

2nd Sunday of Advent

*“For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”
Luke 22:16*

We Gather Together

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Gathering Song:

O Come, All Ye Faithful, PH 340: 1-3

*Silent Prayer ending:

Emmanuel, SongSelect

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise:

This is Amazing Grace, SongSelect



Lighting of Advent Candle

We Celebrate the Sacrament

Lord’s Supper Celebration

Lord’s Supper Offering:

Jonathan & Janice Barnhoorn

Prayer of Blessing

*Song of Response:

Mighty to Save, SongSelect

Sunday School Dismissal:

Children: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Children, Ages 3 to Grade 4, leave for Sunday School

We Hear the Word

Bible Reading:

Matthew 26:17-30, Luke 22:16

Message:

WE CELEBRATE

*Song of Response:

O Come, O Come Immanuel, GPH #328: 1,4,5,6

We Commune with God

Prayers of God’s People

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

We Serve Together

Offerings

1: Budget 2: Community Christian School Bursary Fund

*Closing Song:

Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes, GPH 335: 1,3,4

*God’s Blessing

*Doxology:

Go, Tell It on the Mountain, GPH #356

*Indicates: please rise, in body or spirit

Church Family

Please remember in your prayers those who are confined to their homes: Bertha Drost, Janet Koster, Grace Geerlinks, Margaret Koster, Ben Kraal, Doreen Lopers, Jenny Mazereeuw, Klazien Nymeyer, Alice Spaling, Diane Vanden Hazel and Alice Van Gyssel.

Last Sunday during our service **John V.** experienced a dislocation of his new hip as it came out of its socket. Though uncomfortable and requiring him to be taken to the hospital by ambulance, we give thanks doctors were able to put the hip back in place later that day.

This past Monday **Grace G.** was able to return to her residence at Barnswallow Place Care Community in Elmira following a stay at the Intensive Care Unit of Kitchener's Grand River Hospital. Together with the Geerlinks family we give thanks to God for the improvement Grace has experienced following her seizures. Pray for continual encouragement including patience in some transitions including the new feeding tube.

On Wednesday afternoon **Ralph H.** underwent a stomach and intestinal scope to try and determine the cause of some health challenges he's experiencing. Ralph was admitted to the hospital in Palmerston yesterday a week ago where he remains under observation. Pray for clear test results including possible treatment options.

We continue to pray for **Jerry H.** who spent his first week in therapy and rehabilitation at Grand River Hospital's Freeport Campus in Kitchener. Pray the treatment will effectively help his stroke symptoms. Pray for daily encouragement including strength for Lucy and the family.

This coming Thursday **Henk T.** is scheduled to receive his fourth intravenous radiation treatment for cancer that has spread to some of his bones. Pray for treatment effectiveness including manageable side effects.

We continue to pray for **Bert W.** as he recovers from right foot amputation surgery at home. This past week staples put in during surgery were removed. Pray for continual healing including patience and wisdom as both Bert and his family seek to live into a new normal.

Bert and Teresa W. would like to say thanks for all of the prayers and support given on our behalf during Bert's surgery and recovery. The cards and meals are very much appreciated. Thanks especially to the grade 3 Sunday School class for their drawings. If anyone is passing through Elmira, please feel free to stop in for a visit.

This past Tuesday **Steve & Jeanette E.** and their family learned chemo treatments for Steve's dad **Henk E.**, from Guelph, have been stopped as they are no longer effectively treating his bone marrow and blood cancer. Pray minimal discomfort for Henk now in hospice care and pray God provide both Henk and the Ensing family with his peaceful presence.

Change in Telephone Number: Sid and Arlene have changed phone numbers. Arlene's number is now 519-569-9070 and Sid's number is 519-577-5335. Their old home phone number has been discontinued.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...

Sunday: Rachel D., Janice V.
Monday: Jake D., Al H.
Wednesday: Dave M.
Thursday: Peggy H.
Saturday: Courtney H., Keith V.



Church Calendar

Sunday: ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. ~ Lord's Supper
~ Sunday School ages 3 to Grade 8

Tuesday: ~ Community Christian School Christmas Program at 7:30 p.m. (Drayton CRC)

Wednesday: ~ Coffee Break Morning at 9:45 a.m.

Thursday: ~ Youth Group /Catechism from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Next Sunday: ~ Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
~ Sunday School ages 3 to Grade 8

Youth Group/Catechism

Regular Meeting: Youth Group meets this Thursday, December 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Progressive Dinner



The date of the **Progressive Dinner** is **Thursday, December 20**.
Don't forget to buy a gift for the gift exchange.



From Council and Committees

Ladies' Brunch: You are invited to **brunch on Wednesday December 19 from 9:45 11:00 a.m.** Join us as we celebrate the joys of Christmas together! Feel free to bring a dish to share, or just come out and enjoy the fellowship and fun we always have at Coffee Break!! All ladies welcome!! Ask Teresa R. for more details.



College and University Students Care Packages: We will be sending out *care packages* to all our young adults studying at colleges and universities near and far. Please help us in this ministry by filling the boxes in the fellowship hall with encouraging notes, tasty treats and fun and useful gifts. **The last day to bring items for the packages is Sunday,**

December 16. So please take a moment to write something encouraging for each individual and also remember to purchase a few things for these students while out doing other Christmas shopping.

2019 Directory: Please find the annual **2019 Phone and Address Directory** in your mail slot today.

2019 Picture Directory: This spring we will be putting together a new **Church Membership Picture Directory**. The dates photos will be taken at the church for the picture directory are during **April 30 to May 4**. Please keep these dates open.

Worship Committee: The **Worship Committee** is continually seeking to improve the worship service video recording ministry within our church. Please contact any committee member or chair person Yvonne Vandenberg if you believe God's gifted you with skill and interest to help. Also ... once service recordings have been made "closed" YouTube links (not available to the public) can be provided. If you would like to receive the link, please let committee chair person Yvonne V. know.

The Synodical Services Office is **seeking nominations** to fill positions of persons who are completing service to the synodical Judicial Code Committee (JCC) and the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee (EIRC).

1. The **Judicial Code Committee** is seeking nominations of **women and ethnically diverse persons** for the following:

- Persons trained in law
- Lay persons not trained in law

2. The **Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee** is seeking nominations of persons experienced in engagement with other denominations and, if possible, international denominations. Please keep in mind the strong urging of synod to ensure inclusion of ethnic diversity in board and committee nominations.

Please contact Dee Recker, Director of Synodical Services, at drecker@crcna.org for more information or Nomination Forms to submit recommendations **by January 7.**

Requested Announcements

Bless this House: In the Spirit of the old song “*Bless this House*”, we have an opportunity to bless the households of many in our community this Christmas. The “**Bless This House**” project is again collecting new household and personal items and treats to fill housewarming gift baskets which will be distributed through the Drayton Food Bank to Mapleton residents in need of a little extra cheer this season. Donated items may be placed in the bin located in the Fellowship Hall or may be dropped off at Community Mennonite Fellowship Tuesday and Friday morning until **December 16.** Please contact Kim Frere at 519-638-2257 or kfrere@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions. Thank you!!

Bus Drivers Needed: Community Christian School, Drayton owns and operates our own buses and we are looking for two or three spare bus drivers. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the school at 519-638-2935 or principal@ccsdrayton.org. We will pay for the licensing and training of our spare drivers.

Woodland Christian High School News:

Christmas Concert: You are invited to join the Woodland Christian High School community on **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm** for our annual Christmas concert. A variety of performances will be presented as we celebrate the Christmas season and the musical gifts of our students. Please come and enjoy this evening with us.



Dutch Christmas Carol Service @ Emmanuel Reformed Church, 170 Clarke St. N. Woodstock. **Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** Meditation by Rev. Ralph Koops. Refreshments following the service. See you then!



Community Christian School Christmas Concert: Everyone is invited to join staff and students of Community Christian School as they perform at their upcoming Christmas Concert. The performance will be held at the Drayton Christian Reformed Church, located at 88 Main Street East, on Tuesday Evening, December 11 at 7:30 p.m. The students have been busy rehearsing and you won't want to miss it!

CONGREGATE DINING PROGRAMS 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. People of all faiths welcome! Presentations are free and begin at 12:30 p.m. Come for lunch @ noon for just \$12. Please register by calling 519-638-1000 or toll free 1-866-446-4546. **Drayton Reformed Church, Friday, December 14th at 12:00 p.m.** Christmas Choir; The Christian Community School Choir will be providing musical entertainment and hoping you will join in the singing with our youth.



Community Candlelight Service: We welcome you to join us on **Sunday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m.** for a **Community Candlelight Service.** Happening at the **Palmerston Christian Reformed Church,** featuring a choir and traditional carols. Refreshments will be served following the service! Bring your family for this wonderful evening of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ! Any questions- please contact: palmerstoncrc@wightman.ca

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Words of Encouragement:

May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.

Psalm 119:76
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THE CHRISTMAS LIST MYSTERY - Cole's got a big bag of presents that he says are all for him! But why is he hiding his list, and why is he sneaking around town all night? It's up to the Lizarado Detective Agency to solve this Christmas Mystery! Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 4!" Can you figure out all Kids Corner Christmas puzzles? www.kidscorner.net.

The Jesse Tree: A Family Devotional and Craft for Advent - Enjoy a fun and informative Advent activity to go along with December's Today devotional. You can download the devotional and Christmas ornaments at backtogod.net/downloads

Biblical Study Tour to Italy - (March 28 - April 9, 2019) Visit the Vatican with its Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Cathedral; the impressive monuments of ancient Rome; Hadrian's Villa; Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius; Paestum; Assisi; Florence; Ravenna; and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational tour. Contact Dr. Weima at weimje@calvinseminary.edu or 616-328-3110.

Calvin Seminary's Dig Program - Dig is a summer program hosted at Calvin Seminary that helps youth uncover their future by exploring their callings while enriching and deepening their faith. By the end of the program, each student will leave with a clearer sense of their gifts and skills and an understanding of how God can use them to meet the needs of the world. This summer's program takes place July 8-27, 2019. To nominate a student or to apply yourself, visit dig.calvinseminary.edu.

Advent Family Faith Formation Tip - On this second Sunday in Advent, add things to your home that remind you that we are expecting Jesus to return. Set an extra place at the table when you eat or create and decorate a mural together that says "Come, Lord Jesus." (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - March 11-22, 2019. Experience a renewal of your faith and a deeper understanding of the Bible as you tour biblical lands with Pastor Peter Tuininga and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See Jerusalem, Galilee, Jericho, and other biblical places that will help the Bible come alive for you. For information go to toursofisrael.wordpress.com or contact Peter Tuininga at 1-289-877-8433 or peter.tuininga@gmail.com. Register by December 15, 2018.

Join the Global Prayer Safari! - In Swahili the word "safari" means "journey." Join a team of North Americans who appreciate the power of prayer as you journey hand-in-hand with teams from Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda. You'll learn about prayer from other Christian traditions as you visit schools, hospitals, jails, government buildings, markets, and more. Dates: January 31 - February 11, 2019. For more information, visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/safari.

Journey Through Egypt - Join Resonate Global Mission on an Egypt Vision Tour. History comes alive as you learn how scripture is connected to ancient Egyptian monuments. Dates: April 2-10, 2019. For more information visit www.resonateglobalmission.org/Egypt.

Keeping in Touch.... The following are asked to send a note of encouragement to:

Nitin & Ruth Sardar..... Jan & Mathilde ~ email: nrsardar@gmail.com	
Jonathan & Janice Barnhoorn..... Marilyn email: jbarnhoorn@crnapartners.org	
Kathleen Lauder Henry & Sonia email: klauder@worldrenew.net ~ skype: kathleen_lauder	
Mark & Heather Knetsch..... Kevin & Candace ~ email: pastormark@reslifenc.org ~ Phone: 919-482-2382	
Serving Elders and Deacons for December:	Julie Doug Ryan Sid Teresa Grace
Back West Back East Back Centre Upstairs	Ushers Albert Ryan Alfred Francis
	Serving in Foyer Dec 9 – Phil V Dec 16 – Tyson Dec 23 – Arnold Dec 25 – Nanda
	Floating Greeters: Dec 9 – Steve Dec 16 – Doug & Sandy Dec 23 – Doug & Sandy Dec 30 – Elden & Julie
	December 9, 2018
	December 16, 2018
Greeters	Steve & Pat
Coffee Servers	Adam & Cynthia Eric & Tara
Sound System	Maynard
Power Point	Nathan
Hall Monitor	Teresa
Library	Alice
Joel SS Assistant	Becca
Gr. 5/6 SS	Alfred
Gr. 7/8 SS	Paula
Nursery	Jenn Katie Julie Meagan
Little Lambs	Becca Jason
Subs	Lori Finley
Nursery Parents	December: Eddie & Lauren
Bingo at the Terrace	December 19: Lucy & Rita
Royal Terrace	December 9: Reformed Church; December 16: Mary; Dec 23: Jane