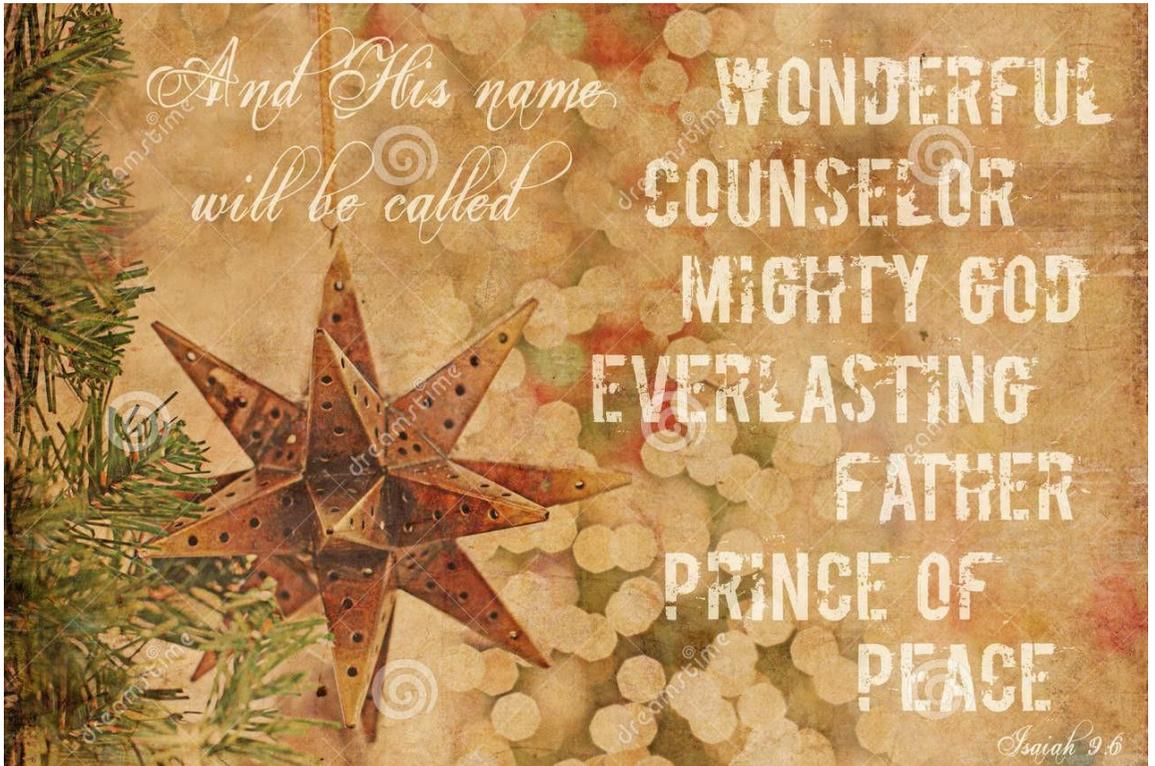


Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"



*3rd Sunday in Advent
December 16, 2018*

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Drayton Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, December 16, 2018
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Leader: Mr. Jack Tacoma
Music Leader: Susan Foster

Third Sunday in Advent

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” ~ Isaiah 9: 6*



Gathered

Welcome

Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Silent Prayer ending with: *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying,”* GPH #625

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice,”* GPH #355

Renewed

Lighting of Advent Candle

Song of Adoration: *“O Holy Night,”* SongSelect

Confession & Assurance

Holy Living Instruction

Song of Thanksgiving: *“The First Noel,”* SongSelect

Sunday School Dismissal: Children say – *“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

All say – “And also with you.”

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

Equipped

Bible Reading: Mark 7: 24-30

Sermon: **Crumbs, Dogs and the Kingdom of God**

*Song of Response: *“Seek Ye First the Kingdom,”* GPH #209

Heard

Prayers of God’s People

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

Sent

Offerings: 1. Drayton CRC Budget 2. Drayton Youth Centre

*Closing Song: *“All Things Bright and Beautiful,”* GPH #435

*God’s Blessing

*Doxology: *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing,”* GPH #501: 1, 2, 7

***Indicates:** *please rise in body or spirit*

Church Family

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

Earlier this past week **Ralph H.** was able to return home from the hospital in Palmerston. Doctors have diagnosed him with a bleeding ulcer, but currently no treatment has been decided. Pray this health concern will soon see resolve or improvement for Ralph.

Pray for **Jerry h** who continues therapy and rehabilitation at Grand River Hospital's Freeport Campus in Kitchener following his recent stroke. Ask God to provide Jerry with daily encouragement and improvement. Pray for patience and grace for Lucy and the family.

We continue to pray for **Henk E.**, father of **Steve & Jeanette**, who recently entered hospice care suffering from bone marrow and blood cancer. Pray for God's embrace including minimal pain and discomfort.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...



Sunday: Becca G
Monday: Liberty T
Tuesday: Mandy M
Wednesday: Alex G
Thursday: Evelyn K, Erika R
Friday: Ryan M, Lucy v., Daan B., Shyeanne T.
Saturday: Andy Struyk



Happy Anniversary to...



Sunday: Rick & Leanna S.

Church Calendar

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

Monday: ~ **GEMS Christmas Party**

Tuesday: ~ **Cadet Christmas Party**
~ Elders Meeting 8:00 p.m.
~ Deacons Meeting 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: ~ ***Coffee Break Ladies' Christmas Brunch from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m.**

Thursday: ~ **Youth Group Christmas Party – Progressive Dinner**

Next Sunday: ~ Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
~ **Sunday School Program/Party**

Youth Group/Catechism

Youth Group Progressive Dinner! Please meet at the church on Thursday, December 20, at 6 pm sharp. We will be heading to Helen & Alfred's around 6:10 for *appetizers*, Kim & Brian's around 7 for *main course*, and Mary Ann & Markus' for *dessert* around 8. We will head back to the church around 8:45 to do our *Gift Game*. Please remember a \$10.00 gift. We should be done around 9:30! A huge THANK YOU to everyone for opening up your house for us!! Looking forward to it!!

From Council and Committees

Holiday Service Schedule:

December 23 ~ Sunday Service at 10am

December 25 ~ Christmas Day Service at 10am

December 30 ~ Sunday Service at 10 am

December 31 ~ New Year's Eve Service at 7pm



***Coffee Break Ladies' Brunch:** All ladies are invited to **brunch on Wednesday morning, December 19 from 9:45 to 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 Rumph 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.

Worship Committee:

- would like to inform the congregation that through continual dialogue with our organ builder Leslie Smith, we have been informed the installation of our new organ console is now scheduled for some time in February. A delay in part manufacturing has required extra time.
- Is continually seeking to improve the worship service video recording ministry within our church. Please contact any committee member or chairperson Yvonne V. 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 Vandenberg 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.**

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

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 between **April 30 and May 4**. Please keep these dates open.

Telephone Number Update:

Please change **Brad G.**' phone number in new *2019 Directory* to: (226) 978-7048.

Church Office Holiday Hours:

- Please note that the **Secretary's Office will be closed on Friday, December 21**. The office will be **open on Thursday, December 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** instead. Please have all announcements for the bulletin in to the office as always by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning. The bulletin will be printed Thursday afternoon.
- During the holidays the **Church offices** (both Secretary office and Pastor office) **will be closed December 25, 26 and January 1**. The Secretary's office will open from **9:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 27** and **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28**.
- Please also note that all **January 2019 Newsletter Submissions** must be in by 9:00 a.m. on **January 2**.

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**.

FINDING HOPE in the midst of ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION with Kimberly Whyte.

Wednesday, January 9, 7:30 pm at Drayton Reformed Church (74 Wellington Street, S. Drayton, across from Drayton Heights Public School). Kimberly Whyte is a Registered Psychotherapist and works as a Christian Counsellor with By Peaceful Waters. She has her undergrad from Emmanuel Bible College and a master's degree from Laurier University. She serves as an adjunct faculty member in the counselling department at Emmanuel Bible College. Kimberly is passionate about being a support to those who are encountering challenging times in their lives.

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.



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

FAMILY FIRE - Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

THE COVENANT FULFILLED - Christmas is the culmination and fulfillment of God's promise. Join Groundwork as we explore the whispers of Christmas in Ezekiel 16:59-60, Luke 22:19-20, and Hebrews 8:7-10 to grasp the magnitude of God's grace in Christ's birth and the importance of remembering God's covenant at Christmas. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

WRECK THE HALLS - Live animals on stage? 75 elementary school kids flying like angels in the air? It's up to Lucille and Olivia to bring Liz's Christmas drama back to earth. And Grandpa has a story that might do just that! 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.

Advent Family Faith Formation Tip - On this third Sunday in Advent, spend some time talking about the many ways God shows that he loves us, including sending his own Son. List as many ways as you can. Then talk about how your family can show that you love each other and how you can show love to your friends and neighbors. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

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.

Jesus is Abundant Life - Celebrate God's power made visible in His son, Jesus Christ, who was born to bring us salvation. Give the powerful gift of Uzima, "fullness of life," (Jn. 10:10) to someone experiencing poverty, hunger, and injustice this Christmas – a goat, a plow, or farm starter kit. Find these life-changing gifts in World Renew's 2018-2019 Gift Catalogue at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-730-3490 to order.

Words of Encouragement:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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

Nitin & Ruth Sardar..... Mitchel & Nicole .
 ~ email: nrsardar@gmail.com

Jonathan & Janice Barnhoorn..... Francis
 email: jbarnhoorn@crnapartners.org

Kathleen Lauder Rudy & Hinke
 email: klauder@worldrenew.net ~ skype: kathleen_lauder

Mark & Heather Knetsch..... John & Rita
 ~ email: pastormark@reslifenc.org ~ Phone: 919-482-2382

Serving Elders and Deacons for December:	Julie Doug Ryan Sid Teresa Grace		
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Back West Back East Back Centre Upstairs	<u>Ushers</u> Albert Ryan Alfred Francis	<u>Serving in Foyer</u> Dec 16 – Tyson Dec 23 – Arnold Dec 25 – Nanda	<u>Floating Greeters:</u> Dec 16 – Doug & Sandy Dec 23 – Doug & Sandy Dec 30 – Elden & Julie
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Greeters	Ed & Jeanette	Arnold & Teresa
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Coffee Servers	Cal & Gerri John & Yvonne	Jake & Theresa Maynard & Joyce
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Sound System	John	Maynard
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Power Point	Mandy	Wes
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Hall Monitor	Sharon	Arnold
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Library	Tracy	Sharon
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Joel SS Assistant	Carolyn	John
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Gr. 5/6 SS	Bep	Yvonne
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Gr. 7/8 SS	John	Marg
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Nursery	Jolene Yvonne Paula Darian	Dorothy Rachel Michelle Nicole
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Little Lambs	Joyce Ainsley	Rob Mark
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Subs	Dorothy Nicole	Melissa Kirsten
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Nursery Parents	December: Eddie & Lauren; January: Mark & Katie	
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Bingo at the Terrace	December 19: Lucy & Rita	
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Royal Terrace	Dec. 9: Reformed Church; Dec. 16: Mary D; Dec 23: Jane G	
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