

# Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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*"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"*



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent  
December 23, 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 23** ~ On this **Fourth Sunday in Advent** we give thanks for the opportunity to bring God the gift of our communal worship! Helping us in our Christmas season celebration, this morning, are the Sunday School children. Today's service is led by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.



**December 25** ~ Everyone is invited to join us for **Christmas Day** worship this coming Tuesday morning starting at 10:00 a.m. Even though there will be no Sunday School classes, opportunity will be provided for children ages 3 to Grade 4 to watch Buck Denver's "Why Do We Call It Christmas?" video in the youth room. Our service will be led, Lord willing, by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

**December 30** ~ Next week Sunday our time of communal worship will be led, Lord willing, by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.



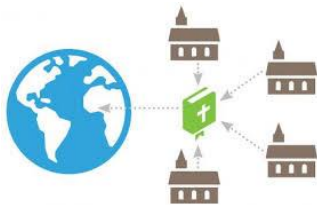
*Coffee: Please join us for coffee and fellowship after our worship this morning.*

## **Offerings:**

**December 23:**

**1: Budget**

**2: Ministry Shares**



*As members of the CRCNA, we have a tremendous opportunity. Think about it. **Ministry Shares** is more than a thousand congregations representing hundreds of thousands of people — each being used by God to effect change in the world. That's the beauty of Ministry Shares. The result is that every member of the CRC can participate in global ministry, regardless of personal financial ability. Ministry Shares: it's a beautiful thing. Please plan on giving generously next Sunday.*

**December 25:** **World Renew**

**December 30:** **1: Budget 2: Drayton Food Bank**

**Collections Received:** ~ December 16, 2018 ~ Drayton Youth Centre

## **Stewardship Thought:**

*"Do not think me mad. It is not to make money that I believe a Christian should live. The noblest thing a person can do is humbly receive and generously give."*

~ David Livingstone

**Drayton Christian Reformed Church**  
**Sunday, December 23, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Droogers**  
**Music Leader: Vois**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

*“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you.’”*

~ Luke 2: 10-11

**Gathered**

Welcome

Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*Silent Prayer ending with: *“Be Still, for the Presence,”* LUYH #532

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise: *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,”* GPH #345



**Reconciled**

Advent Candle Lighting

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Holy Living Instruction

Song of Thanksgiving: *“O Come, O Come, Immanuel,”* GPH #328: 1, 3, 4-6

Sunday School Children: Ministry of Music  
Birthday Party Dismissal

Children say: *“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

**All others say: *“And also with you.”***

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

**Equipped**

Bible Reading: Luke 2: 8-11 & John 1: 14

Sermon: **Meet the Author**

\*Song of Response: *“O Come, All Ye Faithful,”* GPH #340

**Heard**

Prayers of God’s People

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

**Sent**

Offerings: 1. Drayton CRC Budget 2. CRCNA Ministry Shares

Offertory Music Ministry: Levi Snieder

\*Closing Song: *“In Christ Alone,”* LUYH #770

\*God’s Blessing

\*Doxology: *“Joy to the World,”* GPH #337

\*Indicates: please rise in body or spirit

## Church Family

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



Together with **Jake & Mindy** we give thanks to God for the safe arrival, last Sunday, of their new son **Everett Jacob**. Everett is a little brother to Peter and Kacey. Pray God will bless this family in a time of celebration and transition. Our congratulations are extended to both the Van Gerven and Rumph families.

Pray for **Jerry** who remains at Grand River Hospital's Freeport Campus in Kitchener following his recent stroke. Due to a suspected urinary tract infection, Jerry spent time this past week in isolation and without therapy. Pray he will soon feel better, so he is able to receive his daily therapy sessions.

Pray for **Henk E.**, father of **Steve & Jeanette**, who continues to weaken while in hospice care in Guelph. Pray continual relief from pain for Henk. Pray for God's grace and peace to the Ensing family during this difficult time.

Since I have returned home from the hospital things are slowly improving with lots of rest, but I tire easily. Thanks for your prayers, visit, and concerns during this time. Thanks be to God. ~ **Ralph & Elly**

During this Christmas season we pray for individuals and families who find this time particularly difficult for various reasons. As we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus, called "Immanuel," may the gift of "God with us" provide great encouragement and deep comfort for all who are hurting. *"How great is your goodness, O Lord, which you have stored up for those who take refuge in you. In the shelter of your presence you hide them and keep them safe"* (Psalm 31: 19-20).

**Dear Church Family:** We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many cards and well wishes we have received from you. We too celebrate that "when the time had fully come God sent his Son to save ... because God so loved the world" (Galatians 4: 4-5; John 3: 16). We pray Christmas blessings for each of you. *With Christian love: Pastor Paul, Jill, Kees, Steven and Joel D.*

## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday to ...



Sunday: Ann D., Clarence P., Alice V.  
Monday: Lucy H.  
Thursday: Arnold M., Bert B.  
Friday: John G., Gerdy V.  
Saturday: Rudy C, Judy D, Ben V.



## Church Calendar

**Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
~ **Sunday School Program/Birthday Party for Jesus**  
~ Sunday School ages 3 to Grade 8

**Tuesday:** ~ **Christmas Day** morning service at 10:00 a.m.

**Next Sunday:** ~ Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

## Youth Group/Catechism

**Youth Group** ~ On **Sunday, January 6**, Youth Group is in charge of **Greeting** at the church and also in charge of **Coffee** set up and clean up. Please plan to help out that Sunday morning.  
~ Our next **regular meeting will be Thursday, January 10.**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

## 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*



### **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.
- would like to thank everyone continually providing hymn titles and references to be used in worship services. Thank you for placing these in the Worship Committee mailbox. Please know we are committed to including these favourites in our orders of service as space, theme and music leadership provides opportunity.

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](mailto:drecker@crcna.org) for more information or Nomination Forms to submit recommendations **by January 7.**

**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.

**Church Office Holiday Hours:**

- 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**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:palmerstoncrc@wightman.ca)

**News from North America**

**CHRISTMAS REMIXED** - Did you know the book of Revelation tells the Christmas story? It's true. Complete with dragons and intense drama. Study Revelation 12 with Groundwork see the cosmic perspective on Christ's birth and purpose revealed through the Apostle John's vision. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**MARY'S MIRACLE** - The birth of Christ is the incarnation of God in human history. Kids' Corner presents this dramatic presentation of the miracle of Jesus as seen through the eyes of Mary! Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://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](http://www.kidscorner.net).

**2019 JANUARY SERIES** - the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin College's campus; others will watch the live feed at more than 50 remote webcast sites, while others listen online. For information about speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, go to [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)

**Calvin Symposium on Worship** - Join us January 24-26, 2019, at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. The three-day conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshippers. Excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public. See [worship.calvin.edu/symposium/](http://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/) for information and registration.

**Advent Family Faith Formation Tip** - On this fourth Sunday in Advent, retell the events leading up to Jesus' birth using the figures in your nativity creche. Don't have one? Use Lego or Playmobil people and blocks to make your own. Choose a narrator to read Luke 2:1-20 as the rest of you reenact the story. (Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**2018 CBC Sing-In** - Recorded in mid-December at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montréal, the 39th annual CBC Sing-In will be broadcast on Christmas Day, December 25, on CBC Radio One at 12:00 (noon), again at 4 pm on CBC Music, as well as Dec. 25 at 2 pm on ICI Musique classique, Radio-Canada's classical web radio service. The program is hosted by Julie Nesrallah, produced by Robert Rowat and led by Conductor Dr. Jean-Sébastien Vallée, Organist and Director of Music, Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm, the Choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, and the CBC brass and percussion ensemble. It is available anytime on-line: [CBCMusic.ca/SingIn](http://CBCMusic.ca/SingIn) Enjoy the program!

**Give Thanks for Abundant Life** - In John 10:10, Jesus says He came to bring us "fullness of life." Share His abundance through the World Renew Gift Catalogue and give others an opportunity to experience Uzima. Your gift of a chicken, a water filter, or goat can turn everyday events into miracles among people who face poverty, disaster, and injustice. Give at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-730-3490 to order.

*Words of Encouragement:*

*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 Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ~ Isaiah 9:6*

**Christmas Day Service Schedule: Power Point:** Tom; **Sound:** Tony  
**Nursery:** Melissa Gleeson, Martha, Leanna, Kirsten  
**Little Lambs:** Gerri D., Steven D.; **SUBS:** Sharon, Karissa G.



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

Nitin & Ruth Sardar..... Eric & Tara . ~ email: <a href="mailto:nrsardar@gmail.com">nrsardar@gmail.com</a>
Jonathan & Janice Barnhoorn..... Adam & Cynthia ~ email: <a href="mailto:jbarnhoorn@crnapartners.org">jbarnhoorn@crnapartners.org</a>
Kathleen Lauder ..... Calvin & Gerri ~ email: <a href="mailto:klauder@worldrenew.net">klauder@worldrenew.net</a> ~ skype: kathleen_lauder
Mark & Heather Knetsch..... John & Yvonne ~ email: <a href="mailto:pastormark@reslifenc.org">pastormark@reslifenc.org</a> ~ Phone: 919-482-2382

<b>Serving Elders and Deacons for December:</b>	Julie Doug Ryan Sid Teresa Grace	<b>Serving Elders for January 2019:</b>	Clara Janelle Arnold Eddy Tyson
<b>Back West</b> <b>Back East</b> <b>Back Centre</b> <b>Upstairs</b>	<u><b>Ushers</b></u> Albert Ryan Alfred Francis	<u><b>Serving in Foyer</b></u> Dec 23 – Arnold Dec 25 – Nanda Dec 30 – Phil	<u><b>Floating Greeters:</b></u> Dec 23 – Doug & Sandy Dec 30 – Elden & Julie Jan 6 – Youth Group Jan 13 – Elden & Julie

	<b>December 23, 2019</b>	<b>December 30, 2018</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Arnold & Teresa	Alfred & Helen
<b>Coffee Servers</b>	Jake & Theresa Maynard & Joyce	John & Mary Tom & Alison
<b>Sound System</b>	Maynard	Maynard
<b>Power Point</b>	Wes	Nathan
<b>Hall Monitor</b>	Arnold	Randy
<b>Library</b>	Sharon	Jill
<b>Joel SS Assistant</b>	John	Janice
<b>Gr. 5/6 SS</b>	Yvonne	Sandy
<b>Gr. 7/8 SS</b>	Marg	Rita
<b>Nursery</b>	Dorothy Rachel Michelle Nicole	Sharon Marg Judy Karissa
<b>Little Lambs</b>	Rob D Mark D	Cheryl Braeden
<b>Subs</b>	Melissa Kirsten	Yvonne D Reeghan
<b>Nursery Parents</b>	<b>December:</b> Eddie & Lauren; <b>January:</b> Mark & Katie	
<b>Bingo at the Terrace</b>	<b>Dec. 19:</b> Lucy v. & Rita K.; <b>Jan. 9:</b> Margaret Mulder & Rita K.	
<b>Royal Terrace</b>	<b>Dec. 16:</b> Mary D.; <b>Dec 23:</b> Jane G.; <b>Dec 30:</b> Missionary Church	