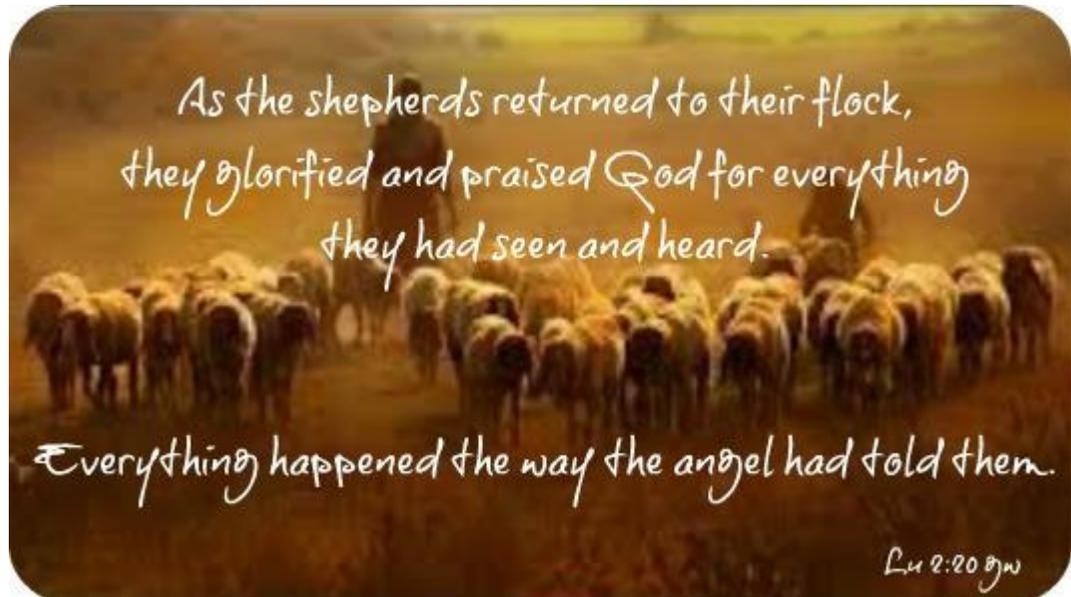


Drayton Christian Reformed Church

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"Sharing God's Grace and Hope"



December 30, 2018

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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 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 30 ~ On this last Sunday of 2018 our time of communal worship is led by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

December 31 ~ Everyone is invited to join us for a time of **New Year's Eve Worship** tomorrow (Monday) evening starting at **7:00 p.m.** This special service, a hybrid of Candlelight and New Year's Eve, will be led Lord willing by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.

January 6, 2019 ~ Next week Sunday we have the privilege of gathering for **New Year's Worship**. The service will be led, Lord willing, by **Pastor Paul Droogers**.



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

Offerings:

December 30:	1: Budget	2: Drayton Food Bank
New Year's Evening Offering:	The Bridge ~ Fergus Church Plant	
January 6:	1: Budget	2: Drayton Food Bank

Collections Received: ~ **December 23, 2018** ~ **Ministry Shares**

Stewardship Thought:

"It is an anomaly of modern life that many find giving to be a burden. If one first gives oneself to the Lord, all other giving is easy." ~ John S. Bonnell

Thank you for partnering with us in mission! Your generous giving is helping to spread the good news of Jesus Christ everywhere! It has been exciting to see the impact your giving has made in the lives of people who are growing in grace. People are discovering new ways to live out their faith—new Christians as well as lifelong believers. Your support for **Resonate Global Mission** helps missionaries, church planters, campus ministers, and other ministry leaders do the work of evangelism and discipleship around the world. As Paul writes in Romans 10:15, "...how can anyone preach unless they are sent?" You are a part of God's mission: you are a sender. Thank you!

You help new and established churches grow strong, and you help our missionaries proclaim the gospel around the world. You are equipping people around the globe with the tools they need to go forth and tackle new opportunities for ministry. You are sending those who bring good news, who proclaim peace and salvation! Thank you for partnering with us. Thank you for your partnership in living out the gospel.

Drayton Christian Reformed Church
Sunday, December 30, 2018
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Droogers
Music Leader: the branch
First Sunday after Christmas

“The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”

~ Luke 2: 20

Gathered

Welcome

Announcements

*Gathering Song: *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,”* GPH #253: 1, 3, 4

*Silent Prayer ending with: *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God,”* GPH #420: 1, 2

*God’s Greeting

*Opening Songs of Praise: *“The Power of Your Love,”* SongSelect
“The Heart of Worship,” SongSelect

Reconciled

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness

Holy Living Instruction

Song of Dedication: *“Grace Flows Down,”* SongSelect

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

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

School

Equipped

Bible Reading: Luke 2: 8-20

Sermon: **A Striking Irony**

*Song of Response: *“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King,”* SongSelect

Heard

Prayers of God’s People

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

Sent

Offerings: 1. Drayton CRC Budget 2. Drayton Food Bank

*Closing Song: *“10,000 Reasons,”* LUYH #559

*God’s Blessing

*Doxology: *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,”* GPH #469: 1, 2, 4

Church Family

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

After being transferred from Grand River Hospital's Freeport Campus in Kitchener to St. Mary's Hospital, due to infection and elevated heart rate, doctors determined **Jerry H's** new heart valve was infected and needed to be replaced. This past Monday Jerry underwent surgery to replace the heart valve and receive a bypass due to blockage. Although surgery went well, through the wake-up process it became clear Jerry's heart has lost rhythm. For now, this means he will need to stay hooked up to machines in the cardiovascular intensive care unit. Pray for continual healing from surgery and infection and for wisdom as doctors determine how to address the irregular heart rhythm. Pray also for Lucy and the family as they are with Jerry daily.

Pray for **Jenny M.** who has been experiencing some health issues for a while now. Trips to the specialist are ongoing. Recently she had a fall at home but thankfully no fractures. She is currently waiting for test results from her most recent specialist visit. Pray for patience and relief from pain.

Pray for **Henk E.**, father of **Steve & Jeanette E.**, 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.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...



Sunday: Sean H.
Tuesday: Jenny M.
Friday: Al R., Albert V.

Happy Anniversary too...

Monday: Brian & Kim R.



Youth Group/Catechism

A **HUGE thank you** to all our hosts for opening up their home to all 37 of us for our Progressive Dinner evening! We had a great night and some amazing food! Thank you to Alfred & Helen for the awesome taco bar, Brian and Kim for delicious turkey dinner and Markus and Mary Ann for the amazing dessert! We really appreciate it! **Thank you!!**

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.**

From Council and Committees

Holiday Service Schedule:

December 30 ~ Sunday Service at 10 am

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

Worship Committee:

- Is continually seeking to improve the worship service video recording ministry within our church. Please contact any committee member or chairperson 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.
- 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.

Church Office Holiday Hours:

- During the holidays the **Church offices** (both Secretary office and Pastor office) **will be closed January 1.**
- Please also note that all **January 2019 Newsletter Submissions** must be in by 9:00 a.m. on **January 2.**

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.

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.

Community Christian School is looking for an educational assistant/personal support worker to cover a three month leave of absence. We are a welcoming community with a collaborative staff and great students that will make the time you spend with us in the classroom a joyful experience. If you are interested, send in a resume and statement of faith by email to Raymond Verburg, principal@ccsdrayton.org.

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.

News from North America

BAYOU TO THE FUTURE - There is trash in the bayou and in the playground. Who is responsible for cleaning it up? Subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Check out the "God is Faithful" Memory Jar Activity as you look ahead to the new year! www.kidscorner.net

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.

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW - What happened to Joseph? Who was Julia? How do I reconcile women in church leadership with 1 Timothy 2:11-15 and 1 Corinthians 14:33-35? Is it right to denigrate other religions or churches? Join us as we study scripture together to answer the questions you've asked Groundwork this year. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

THANK YOU - Thank you to all of you as members of the CRCNA. Sometimes you must wonder what impact we together are having. Well, this year, the impact ranges from being part of winning the Nobel Peace Prize to launching youth curriculum, impacting parliament on key issues, and working towards 21st century communication tools for churches. There are so many more ways that your congregation has been a part of or benefited from our shared work. Thank you for your continued striving together in all of this. For more info, feel free to visit crcna.org/resources. Strength to you and your church in the New Year. Sincerely, Darren Roorda - Canadian Ministries Director, CRCNA

Family Faith Formation Tip - As one year, ends and a new year begins, gather as a family to remember the highs and lows of this past year. Thank God for being with you through everything that happened. Then talk about what's coming up in the new year. This is also a great time to start new family faith formation practices in your home! (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

Words of Encouragement:

*From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

~ Psalm 113:3

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

Nitin & Ruth Sardar Maynard & Joyce ~ email: nrsardar@gmail.com
Jonathan & Janice Barnhoorn Jake & Theresa ~ email: jbarnhoorn@crnpartners.org
Kathleen Lauder Tom & Alison email: klauder@worldrenew.net ~ skype: kathleen_lauder
Mark & Heather Knetsch John & Mary ~ email: pastormark@reslifenc.org ~ Phone: 919-482-2382

Serving Elders and Deacons for December:	Julie Doug Ryan Sid Teresa Grace	Serving Elders for January 2019:	Clara Stevens Janelle Zwart Arnold Rumph Eddy Koster Tyson Rumph
Back West Back East Back Centre Upstairs	Ushers Albert Ryan Alfred Francis	Serving in Foyer Dec 30 – Phil Jan 6 – Julie Jan 13 – Doug Jan 20 – Ryan	Floating Greeters: Dec 30 – Elden & Julie Jan 6 – Youth Group Jan 13 – Elden & Julie Jan 20 -Roelie

	December 30, 2018	January 6, 2019
Greeters	Alfred & Helen	Youth Group
Coffee Servers	John & Mary Tom & Alison	Youth Group
Sound System	Maynard	Tony
Power Point	Nathan	Tom
Hall Monitor	Randy	Jane
Library	Jill	Julie
Joel SS Assistant	Janice	Aidan
Gr. 5/6 SS	Sandy	Arnold
Gr. 7/8 SS	Rita	Sid
Nursery	Sharon Marg Judy Karissa	Yvonne Abby Mary Reeghan
Little Lambs	Cheryl Braeden	Brenda Kees
Subs	Yvonne Reeghan	Amy Alanna
Nursery Parents	December: Eddie & Lauren; January: Mark & Katie	
Bingo at the Terrace	Jan. 9: Margaret M & Rita K; Jan 23: Jane H & Pat H.	
Royal Terrace	Dec 30: Missionary Church; Jan 6: Jane G; Jan 13: Reformed Church	