

*Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario*



*January 1, 2017*



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**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp**

*Elder-in-Charge: Andy d*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

*There is no Sunday School for any age today. However, a drop-in room is open in Classroom 1 for any children who are unable to sit through church today. Children 5 and under must be signed in.*

## **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Song of Praise: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

### **Litany: Psalm 90**

Pastor: Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,

**All: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Pastor: You turn people back to dust,  
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

**All: A thousand years in your sight  
are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.**

Pastor: Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—  
they are like the new grass of the morning:

In the morning it springs up new,  
but by evening it is dry and withered.  
We are consumed by your anger  
and terrified by your indignation.

**All: You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.  
All our days pass away under your wrath;  
we finish our years with a moan.**

Pastor: Our days may come to seventy years,  
or eighty, if our strength endures;  
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,  
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

**All: If only we knew the power of your anger!  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.  
Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Pastor: Relent, LORD! How long will it be?  
Have compassion on your servants.

**All: Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

Pastor: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
for as many years as we have seen trouble.  
May your deeds be shown to your servants,  
your splendor to their children.

**All: May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.**

Song of Response: PsH #170 *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession Article 13

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Song: PsH #428 *“O Worship the King”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3: 11-26

Message: **“New Every Morning”**

Prayer of Application

## Response to the Word

\*Song of Response: PsH #556 vs. 1, 2 "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*"

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) Ontario Christian Gleaners

Offertory Song: "*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*"

Closing Song: v, 1-3 "*Be Thou My Vision*"

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: v.4 "*Be Thou My Vision*"

**The congregation is asked to remain in their seats after the service to allow the Pastor and people with special duties or disabilities to exit first.  
Please exit when the music begins.**



**Following the service, everyone is invited to come together for fellowship and coffee/tea/juice in the gymnasium. Coffee for seniors is served in the Multi-Purpose room.**

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong*

Our condolences are extended to **Peter and Annette Z (7)** and **David and Dana Z and their children Natalie, Leah and Landen** with the passing away of Peter's brother **Frank Z** on December 24, 2016. The funeral was held this past Friday in Bowmanville. May God comfort all who mourn.

Please continue to pray for:

- those dealing with various illness among members of their extended family;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;

- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects: **Sarah B** (8), **John N** (3), **Claire N**, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Laurentian Hills Christian School. Claire's father **Terry N** is a **nephew to John and Ruth N**;
- those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues;
- those for whom this time of the year is very difficult because of loneliness, economic hardship, poverty and many other reasons;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **John and Jane H** with Samaritan Foundation in the Dominican Republic; **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **David and Jessica O** with World Renew in Senegal; **Kim H** with CRWM in Guatemala, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with CRWM in Guatemala;
- **persecuted Christians**
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation.

*Congratulations* to the **Helen H** (6) who celebrates her birthday tomorrow, January 2<sup>nd</sup> and to **Tanny R** (14) who celebrates her birthday next Sunday, January 8. May they experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthdays!



*Thank You:* A very sincere thank you to those families that graciously prepared and served coffee each Sunday morning in December, one of the busiest months of the year.  
Gloria F,  
Kitchen Auxiliary

<b>UPCOMING SERVICES</b>
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Jan 8	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Community Care Groups
Jan 15	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	Pastor John

**Next Sunday we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion in the morning service.** The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following a public profession of faith. If you desire to come to the table but have not made profession of faith, please let a pastor or elder know so we can begin the conversation. In January, we will be celebrating profession of faith and baptism on Sunday, January 22. If you would like to schedule a baptism or profession of faith, please send an email to [office@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:office@ccrc.on.ca) or speak to one of the Pastors.

<b>CHURCH OFFICE NOTE</b>
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**The church office will be closed tomorrow, January 2, 2017.**

**Pastor John** will be on vacation this week and will return to the office on January 11, 2017.

**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

**Budget Contributions  
For December 25, 2016  
Including Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Accumulated (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Dec 25	\$91,754	\$26,148	\$65,605
YTD	\$832,431	\$827,600	\$4,832
World Renew			\$ 5,746.25
Benevolence Fund			\$ 3,101.00
Building Fund			\$ 1,378.00
Friendship			\$ 1,000.00
Calvin Theological Seminary			\$ 1,000.00
Christian Reformed World Missions			\$ 1,000.00
Redeemer University College			\$ 1,000.00
World Renew – David & Bethany			\$ 200.00
The Working Centre			\$ 55.00
River City Church			\$ 30.00
KW Pregnancy Resource Centre			\$ 25.00
House of Friendship			\$ 15.00

**Today our offering is for the Ontario Christian Gleaners:** *“The ‘Gleaners’ is a volunteer driven organization, with over 1100 donated hours each week. Each day, the volunteers are currently trimming 5000+ pounds of vegetables, providing the ingredients for 30,000 servings of soup. The trimmed vegetables are diced and then dried in a dehydration oven – later to be combined with other ingredients to constitute the soup mix. The soup is donated to partner organizations who have the necessary infrastructure for effective distribution, who are committed to sustainability and development, and who combine the gospel message with humanitarian aid.”*

**Next week our offering is for Birthright and Monica Place.** The offering will be divided equally between these two causes.

**Birthright** *“offers love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. They help women make a realistic plan for their future.”*

**Monica Place** *“is a community that provides supportive housing, counseling and on-site education creating opportunities for growth, learning and skill development. They empower young women who are pregnant, parenting or choosing adoption to make informed and healthy choices for themselves and their children.”*

**Budget envelopes for 2017 are now available and have been placed in members mailboxes.** If you did not receive envelopes and would like some, please contact Karen V. Please take your budget envelopes home with you, do not leave them in your mail slot.

**MISSIONARY CORNER**

Newsletter updates can be found in the foyer at the front table under the Missionary bulletin board from the following people and organizations: Waterloo Campus Ministry, Guelph Campus Ministry, The Samaritan Foundation in the Dominican Republic (John and Jane H), Hank and Rosario S in Guatemala, David and Jessica O in Senegal, and from our church plant, The Journey. Please, help yourself!

**Sunday School Note:** There is no Sunday for any age today. However, a drop-in room is open in Classroom 1 for any children who are unable to sit through church. Children 5 and under must be signed in. All classes will resume next Sunday, January 8, 2017.

**Volunteers Needed:** The Board of Stewards is currently looking for 3-4 willing volunteers to head up the Church Fire Safety Plan. The committee's mandate will be to implement and maintain the Church Fire Safety Plan. Interested persons can contact Chris d.

### Highlights from the Council Meeting of December 20, 2016

- The nominations process for a Pastoral Elder to serve in Community 7 is ongoing.
- The Youth Ministries Team reported that there is a pressing need for new volunteers in Teen Club, Student Impact and the YMT. Please pray for the Youth Ministries Team, and for all volunteers involved with Youth Ministries.
- Pastor John prepared an Overture to Classis Huron, asking them to overture Synod 2017 to strike translation committees to review the New International Version (2011) and New International Reader's Version (2014) of the Bible for use in worship. The overture did not pass. Instead, Council will be forming a committee to investigate the changes from the 1984 NIV (the Bibles which are currently in our pews) to the 2011 NIV.

**Congregational Assistance Plan:** As you can see from the posters hanging all over the church building, we are officially enrolled in the Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP) offered by the Shalem Mental Health Network. CAP is a means by which Christian counseling services are made available to members and regular attendees. If you need someone to talk to; if your relationships are not what they should be; if you are distressed in any way; if you are suffering from depression or some other mental illness please feel free to call tollfree: 866-347-0041. **All services are strictly confidential.** Those who have joined CCRC over the past year will find the necessary information in your mailboxes this morning. Questions? Look for the brochures in the rack near the Information Centre or talk to Pastor Carel.

**Take home a FREE copy of the Christian Courier's Christmas issue from church today!** The Christian Courier is an award-winning, independent, Canadian newspaper that seeks to inspire all to participate in God's renewing work within his fallen creation. To learn more or begin a free trial subscription, please visit [www.christiancourier.ca](http://www.christiancourier.ca). CC thanks its advertisers and donors for making it possible to distribute complimentary issues.

**Friendship** starts again this Tuesday. We  have had a long Christmas break and it will be good to be together again. Mentors, please call your friends to let them know that we begin again this week. Pastor Bernie will be our storyteller, lesson 4 of our current unit. Let's all be there on time to enjoy the evening.

**Knifty Knitters:** If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, January 3 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome.



**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour – girls ages 7–13)** will meet this coming Thursday (January 5) at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



**Ladies: all ages are welcome to join us for Coffee Break Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. here in the multipurpose room. We will begin meeting again on January 11th.** Nursery and preschool classes (up to age SK) are provided. Join one of our current studies: Jennie Allen's "Restless" DVD study or "Women of the Word" by Jen Wilkin, which will run until February 8th. Winter workshops will be offered on February 15th. For more information, contact [coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca).



**For all of the announcements, employment and volunteer opportunities available through the Denomination and others, please see the listing and posters on the bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.**

**Gospel Beginnings: What Happened Next?** After the shepherds and wise men depart, after the angels have all disappeared and the echoes of their songs have died away, the story of Jesus' life goes on. The next stop on the tour of Jesus' life is the temple in Jerusalem. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes