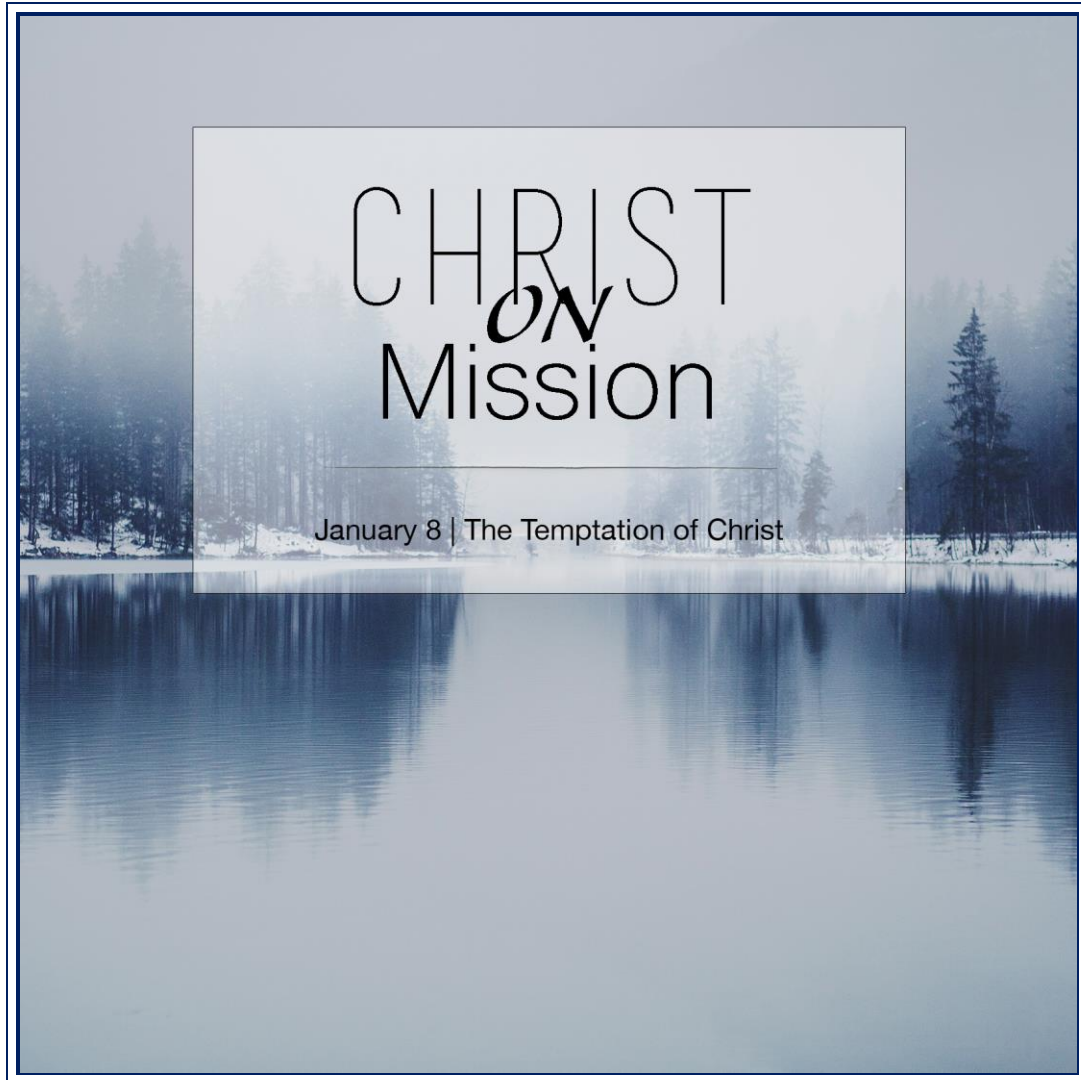


Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario



January 8, 2017

**January 8, 2017**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Amanda Bakale**

*Elder-in-Charge: Diana Z*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

## **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"How Many Kings"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Song of Praise: *"Desert Song"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) Birthright/Monica Place

Offertory Song: *"Follow You"*

Children come forward

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 are now invited to participate in Sunday School. Children (ages 3-5 only) need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

## **Proclamation of the Word**

Song: *"I Give You My Heart"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 4: 1-13

Message: **"The Light in the Wilderness"**

Prayer of Application

Children in Grades 4-6 are invited to participate in their weekly sermon discussion

## **Response to the Word**

\*Song of Response: *"Before the Throne of God Above"*

## **The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song: PsH #249 vs. 1 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

The Institution

Song: *"Come, Light, Light of God"*

The Invitation

The Distribution of the Elements

*"Lead Me to the Cross"*

PsH #384 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Response of Praise

\*Song of Thanksgiving: PsH #501 v. 1, 3, 4 *"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #501 v. 8 *"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

**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.**

**6:00 pm**

**No Service at Church**

**Communities/Community Care Groups Meet**

**Study materials for tonight can be found on the church website ([www.ccrcc.on.ca](http://www.ccrcc.on.ca))**

**Under the "Communities" tab.**

**Hard copies are available at the Information Centre**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

**David and Bethany N (7)** are leaving later this week to work with World Renew in Mali until August 2017. David will be working with the food security program and Bethany will be working with women's health programming. Please pray for them as they travel and during their time in Mali. If you would like to follow along or learn more about what they are doing feel free to read their blogs.

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 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 following members of our congregation celebrating birthdays this coming week:

**Jan 8 - Tanny R (14)**

**Jan 9 – Grace H (14)**

**Jan 11 – Henry B (4)**

**Jan 12 - John W (8)**

**Jan 14 – Ina D (14)**

May they experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as they celebrate their birthdays!

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

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### Budget Contributions For December 31, 2016

2016	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Dec 31	\$855,121	\$827,600	\$27,522	
The Working Centre			\$	658.60
Benevolence Fund			\$	500.00
World Renew - David & Jessica O			\$	300.00
Birthright			\$	200.00
Ontario Christian Gleaners			\$	130.00
GEMS			\$	100.00
Cadets			\$	100.00

## Contributions received for January 1, 2017

Ministries of CCRC (Budget)	\$	9,095.00
Ontario Christian Gleaners	\$	1,216.65
The Working Centre	\$	130.00
World Renew	\$	50.00

**Today 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."*

**Next week our offering is for Christian Reformed World Missions.**

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Jan 15	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	Pastor John
Jan 22	10 a.m.	Pastor John Baptism: Gavin S
	6 p.m.	Community Care Groups

**Today 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 an age and ability appropriate 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.

### COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS


**A new bible study will be starting up for all young adults aged 18-30 TODAY at 12:15 p.m.** The first meeting will be held at the Fairview Mall food court. It will be for 8 weeks discussing the sermon series entitled "Christ on Mission" and how this applies to our lives. Carpooling from the church will be available. Bring a snack if you are able. Contact Matthias M with any questions.

**Attention Grade 12 Students.** You are invited to join the Youth elders next Sunday, January 15th, after the morning sermon (please depart for the meeting at the same time as the Gr. 4-6 Sunday School). We would like to discuss youth at CCRC and your plans for next year. Snacks will be provided.

**Cadets** (boys 7-13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



**L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five)** will meet this week at the church. Coffee and Fellowship will start at 10:015 a.m. with the meeting to start at **10:45 a.m. Pastor Bernie will be leading the group in the next lesson on Joseph.** Lunch will be provided.

**Friendship:** This week we welcome Jen C as our storyteller. We begin our new unit,  "Jesus Dies and is Risen" lesson 1, "Palm Sunday."

**The Pastoral and Youth Elders and Deacons** will be meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:30 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 this Wednesday, **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).



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



## Youth News

### Student Impact (Grades 9 – 12)

**Student Impact** will be having a Bible Study on Wednesday January 11 from 7-9 PM. We will be doing another lesson from "Can I Ask That?"

## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

**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.**

**The Person Of Jesus Christ** - Who is Jesus? It's a simple question, yet Christians and non-Christians alike ask it seeking clarification and understanding. Join the conversation on Colossians 1:9-17 to find out more about the existence, nature, and person of Jesus Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

