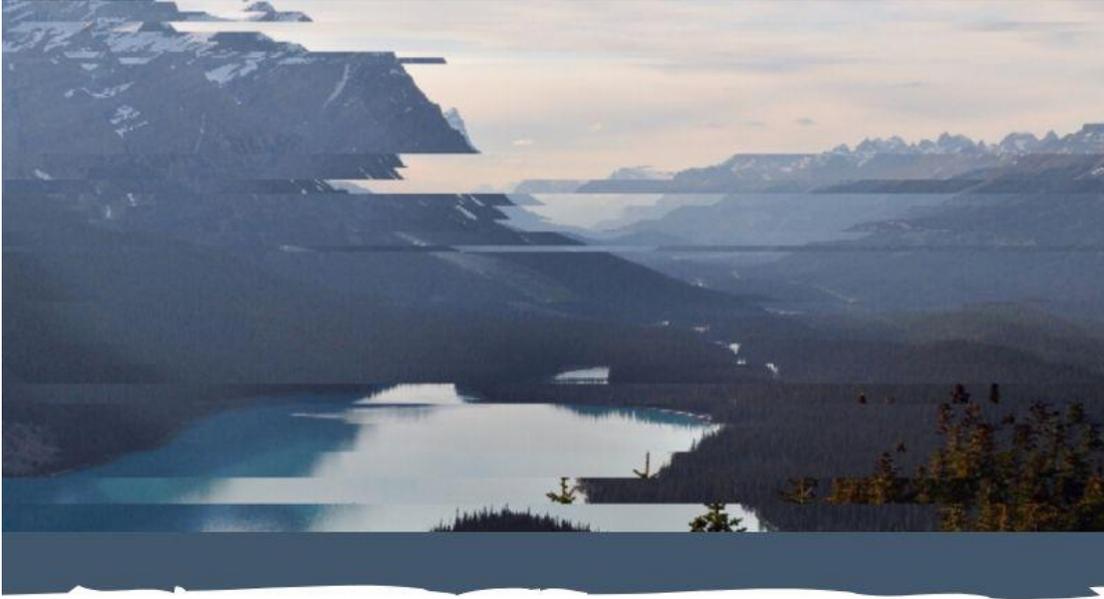


Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario



epiphany 2020

**LIVING THE KINGDOM LIFE**

January 26 | the law



**January 26, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Carel Geleynse**

*Elder-in-Charge: Dorothy V*

[\* *Please rise, in body or spirit*]

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"My Lighthouse"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *"Across the Lands", "Build My Life"*

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

\*Song: *"By Faith"*

The Teaching

The Vows

The Baptism of Ava T

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Baptismal Prayer

Song: *"Jesus Loves Me"* PH 571 v.1 and Chorus

Children's Blessing

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 of Preparation: *"Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"* PH 420

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:33-48

Sermon: **"Love Your Enemies?!"**

Prayer of Application

### **Response to the Word**

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

\*Song of Response: *"May The Mind of Christ, My Saviour"* PH 291 vs. 1,2,4

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Race Relations

Offertory Song: *"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: *"Christ Be All Around Me"*

**6:00 pm - No Service at Church this evening,  
allowing for Communities or small groups to meet.**

Discussion material is available in hard copy at the Information Centre or can be found on the church website at [www.ccrc.on.ca](http://www.ccrc.on.ca) (click on the "Communities/Small Groups" tab). If you do not know what "Community" you belong to, please have a look at the Community Board or speak to one of the pastors.

**The remaining designated Community Sundays for this winter/spring are:**

**Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 8, Mar 22, Apr 5, Apr 19, May 3**

#### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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

Our condolences are extended to **Jim and Margot S (11)** with the passing away of Jim's father, Mr. William S. Mr. S passed away Saturday January 18 in Grimsby, Ontario in his 90th year. Mr. S was an uncle to **Gary L (9)**. The funeral took place at Immanuel CRC in Hamilton on Jan 23.

**Jane V (2)** is currently serving on a World Renew Disaster Response Needs Assessment in Beaumont, Texas. She will be there until February 1, 2020. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for:

- those who are shut-in and/or unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer, its treatment and effects;
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering in Guatemala; **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long Term Care; **Pastor Brian B**

- serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

**The Journey Search Process:** Please remember The Journey in your prayers as they begin the search for a Lead Pastor. If you know of people who may be gifted for this role, please encourage them to visit <https://network.crcna.org/church-positions/lead-pastor-journey-kitchener-ontario-canada> for a church profile, and contact the calling team at [callingteam@journey-team.org](mailto:callingteam@journey-team.org).

#### **STAFF INFORMATION**

**Pastor Amanda** is preaching at Wingham CRC this morning.

**Pastor John** will be attending the Calvin Symposium on Worship in Grand Rapids, MI from Thursday, January 29 through Saturday February 1.

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Feb 2	10 a.m.	Pastor John Medendorp
	6 p.m.	Pastor John Medendorp
Feb 9	10 a.m.	Pastor John Medendorp Lord's Supper Cadets participate
	6 p.m.	Communities

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### Offerings received for Jan 19, 2020 including PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance)

Budget Contributions	
Jan 19 Actual Contributions	\$23,509
Jan 19 Target Contributions	\$29,725
2020 Contributions budget	\$885,704

2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering		
Redeemer University	\$	1,625
Benevolence	\$	950
Youth Unlimited	\$	90
Benevolence (Refugee Fund)	\$	10
Missionary Support	\$	35

**Our offering today is for Race Relations** *The CRC's Office of Race Relations is mandated to "initiate and provide effective and collaborative training" for the purpose of dismantling racism in all its forms (Acts of Synod 2004, p. 558). Along with sponsoring youth events, scholarships, multiethnic conferences for pastors, Women of the Nations events, and All Nations Heritage celebrations, the Office of Race Relations has developed an acclaimed antiracism training curriculum for use in North America and around the world.*

**Next week our offering is for Woodland Christian High School.** *Woodland Christian High School is a vibrant Christian community of learning where the love of God is evident and*

*where students will be equipped to serve in our society as followers of Christ.*

### COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**Usher needed:** We are in need of one more Usher. If you are interested, please contact Colin D.

**The library needs volunteers!** The library is looking for adult or teen volunteers to help before and/or after the service approx. once a month. If you could help, please contact Carling L asap.

**Church Choir Singers:** We are currently recruiting 8-12 singers to lead an acappella service on **March 1** (first Sunday of Lent) and a full choir to sing on **April 12** (Easter Sunday). If you are interested in participating in one or both of these services, please contact Rachel V.

**Beginning this week! Dive Into Doctrine starts this Wednesday, Jan 29:** For 5 Wednesdays (Jan 29-Feb 26) we'll gather to explore questions like "Predestination and free will...which one matters?" and "Is it enough just to be "good" to be saved?" Dive Into Doctrine is our annual catechism class where we get to wrestle with faith, the confessional statements of the Reformed tradition, and how we are to live as followers of Jesus. There will be 2 classes this year: one for Grades 9-12 and another for any and all adults from 18-98!

**Volunteers for morning services!** Do you play acoustic or bass guitar, drums, piano, or keyboard? Want to play for a service once a month, every other month, or even just occasionally? Join the worship ministry – email Rachel V if interested. Want to support worship services in another way? Help to take care of babies and toddlers in nursery – email Stephanie S to volunteer.

**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 toll-free: 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. Questions? Go to [ccrc.on.ca](http://ccrc.on.ca) and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Carel.

**Cadets (a club for boys ages 7-13)** meets Monday, January 27 at 7:00 pm.

**Friendship News:** This past week we were saddened by the loss of our friend **Steven R.** We are comforted knowing that Steven has entered heaven's gates with thanksgiving in his heart. We will miss him. Our Bible lesson taught us that Jesus loves every one of us. Next Tuesday we will meet at the church for a fun night.

The **Administrative Council** meets this Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 in the multipurpose room.

**Coffee Break** meets Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 9:30 at the church.

**Impact (Grade 9-12)** will meet this Wednesday from 7pm – 9pm with our teaching portion focused on Dive into Doctrine.

**Dive into Doctrine** (adult class) begins this Wednesday at 7 pm ending promptly at 9 pm.

**GEMS** (a club for girls ages 7-13) meets Thursday, January 30 at 7:00pm. This week is GEMS and GENTS night and the girls are invited to bring along a Dad, Uncle, Grandpa, or Family Friend for a Nerf Party!

#### 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 Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.**

**Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference – March 7, 2020** at the Waterloo CRC. This conference will be of interest to all pastors, elders, deacons, Safe Church Team members, youth leaders, and anyone else in leadership positions. For that matter, anyone who desires to learn more about abuse-related matters is welcome. Topics: youth violence, abuse and forgiveness, walking with victims, criminal history and involvement in the church, harassment and the church, LGBTQ+ people and the church. Brochures are available at the Information Center. Cost is \$35. To register go to [www.wmott.ca/scc/regn.php](http://www.wmott.ca/scc/regn.php)

**Youth Missions Opportunity** - World Renew is sending a Youth Missions team to Nicaragua over March Break, and there is still space for you to join! This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience a new culture, develop relationships, and see how God is working in Nicaragua. High-school students from Ontario are invited to call 1-888-WRLD-RNW x4369 or email [globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net](mailto:globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net) for more information and to apply!

## Miscellaneous

**Kindergarten Information Evening for New JK and SK Students for 2020-2021:** Laurentian Hills Christian School, located at 11 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener, will be holding an Information Evening for parents of new Junior and Senior Kindergarten students for the 2020/2021 school year on Wednesday, January 29th, at 7:00 pm. Our Principal, Mr. Ian Timmerman, will articulate what LHCS has to offer your family. Our kindergarten teachers will familiarize you with our extensive kindergarten programs with their balance of structured instruction and inquiry-based learning. Laurentian Hills Christian School offers families the choice of part-time or full-time Kindergarten programs. You will also have a tour of the school and a chance to explore the kindergarten classrooms. If you have any questions regarding this information evening, please contact the school office at 519-576-6700. Check out our website at [www.lhcs.net](http://www.lhcs.net)

**Camp Shalom Summer Staff:** Working at Camp Shalom has been life-changing for so many people. Grow in your faith, meet great new friends, make a meaningful impact on other people and earn money for your future. Located just outside of Cambridge, Camp Shalom offers programming for kids in grades 1-12 and for adults with special needs. We are now accepting applications for our summer staff positions. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st, 2020 to apply. Visit [www.countrysidecamp.com](http://www.countrysidecamp.com) to apply and for a list of available positions. Interviews will start on February 15th.

**Missing from the Kitchen:** Large white rectangular serving trays missing since early December. Please return asap. Just a friendly reminder, if you borrow something from the kitchen, please sign it out with the office. Thank you!

