

Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
February 9, 2020



**February 9, 2020 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp**

*Elder-in-Charge: Arno W*

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

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"Let All Things Now Living"* PH 453

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

Ministry Update: Cadets

\*Songs of Praise: *"Living for Jesus"* PH 292 vs. 1, 3

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church  
2) Calvinist Cadet Corps

Offertory Songs: *"Seek Ye First"* PH 209, *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"* PH 457

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 – Grade 1 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: *"Enough"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon: **"Don't Worry"**

Prayer of Application

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

\*Song of Response: *"My Worth Is Not in What I Own"*

The Institution

The Teaching

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Invitation

The Distribution of the Elements - the bread is gluten, dairy and nut free  
- the juice is non-alcoholic

*"O Come to the Altar"*

*"The Wonderful Cross"*

\*Song of Response: *"I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous!)"* vs. 1,2

God's Parting Blessing

Doxology: *"I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous!)"* vs. 3

**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.

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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

Our condolences are extended to **the H** family with the passing away of **Maverick Daniel H**, son of **Erick H and Kara S**. Maverick passed away on Sunday, February 2 at 8 weeks of age. He was a great-grandson to **Kor and Grace H (14)** and a great nephew to **Keith and Gwen H (Jenna, Jordan and Nicolas) (1)**. The funeral took place at Stratford CRC on Feb 7.

**Joanne O (2)** is serving with World Renew, Disaster Response Services in Victoria County, Texas, returning February 22. 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).

**Classis Huron** (a regional gathering of Christian Reformed congregations) will meet this coming Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Palmerston CRC. The delegates from CCRC are Pastor John, Elder Darlene B and Deacon Scott K. Among other things, Classis is asked to renew Wilma Hiemstra and John Zwart's licensure to exhort. Besides ordained

pastors Classis Huron has 11 people within its ranks who are licensed to exhort (preach). Every 5 years they need to renew their license. Classis will also be asked to direct the treasurer to disperse a First Facility Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to River City Church. There is also a request from CCRC not only to approve Pastor Carel's retirement but to also have a conversation about congregational practices around baptism and dedication. Please remember the classis meeting in your prayers as delegates hear reports and seek to discern God's will for the ongoing well-being of the church.

**STAFF INFORMATION**

**Pastor John** received a second call from Rosewood Christian Reformed Church in Bellflower, California to serve as their pastor. Please keep Pastor John and Ashley in your prayers as they explore this opportunity and discern God's will over the coming weeks. They are expected to give a response by the end of February.

**Pastor Amanda** is on vacation Feb 10-13.

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Feb 16	10 am	Pastor John Medendorp
	6 pm	Pastor John Medendorp
Feb 23	10 am	Pastor John Medendorp Baptism: Madison V (6)
	6 pm	Communities meet

**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

**Offerings received for February 2, 2020**

Date	Actual Budget Contributions Received	Targeted Budget Contributions
Feb 2	\$12,051	\$13,225
YTD	\$62,344	\$82,626
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions		\$885,705
Woodland Christian High School		\$ 1,673
World Renew		\$ 250
Race Relations		\$ 40
Redeemer University		\$ 25
GEMS		25

**Our offering today is for the Calvinist Cadet Corps.** The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent (non-denominational) youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide the local church with ministry programs that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from their church and community.

**Next week our offering is for Pastor Church Resources.** Pastor church resources supports congregations and their leaders in times of transition and discernment by providing consultations and resources that foster personal and communal health

**Sunday school has started collecting money for the food bank.** For every 5 dollars we collect, the children are given a drawing of a can to color. During children's worship time in the gym, we count how many cans we have. It's very exciting. You can ask your children for the "can count" on the drive home, see if they remember!

## COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**Calling Committee** – In recognition of Pastor Carel's upcoming retirement, Administrative Council has been working diligently at evaluating the needs of the church in relation to staffing. In an effort to keep this work moving forward efficiently we would like to reach out to the members of CCRC and gather names of volunteers that are interested in joining a calling committee. We are hoping to create a diverse group of people for this. If you are interested in being a part of this committee that is expected to begin early spring, please email Kim T.

**Sunday school news:** There will be no Sunday school today for **Grades 2 & 3** and the sermon discussion for **Grade 4, 5, 6 is cancelled**. Children's worship in the gym is also cancelled today due to Cadet Sunday. However, there is Sunday school for age 3, 4, SK and Grade 1.

Sunday school and Sermon discussions are cancelled next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> due to the Family Day weekend. (see the note below if you are able to help with the drop-in room).

Sunday School will resume for all ages on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Drop-In Room Volunteers:** Drop-in Room provides a space for children who have difficulty staying through the whole worship service when Sunday School is not available. We're looking for 2-3 volunteers (can be one adult and one youth, but both cannot be immediate family unless there is a third volunteer) for the following Sundays: Feb 16, Mar 15, Apr 12, May 17. Please sign up on

the sheet posted on the Sunday school bulletin board in the Classroom hallway.

**No Church Coffee Conversation this month.**  
But we'll be back in March!

**Police Checks:** Thank you to the many volunteers in our church and community who have taken the time to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check! For volunteers who have been notified over the past few months that a check is needed, please note that the cost of the check has been raised to \$15.00 (in Waterloo Region). If you hand in the receipt with your check, the church will reimburse you. Your co-operation is appreciated in getting your check done as soon as possible. If you have any questions about getting a Police check, please contact the office.

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

**Elder/Deacon Nominations:** It is time to consider nominations for retiring office bearers. Many Communities have been busy with this already. But besides the Community elder or deacon retiring we are also looking for three administrative elders and a youth elder.

The following **Pastoral elders** and **deacons** are retiring this June:

**Community 1:** Elder: Gwen H, Deacon: Scott K

**Community 3:** Elder: Arno W

**Community 4:** Elder: Janet H

**Community 5:** Elder: Pete H

**Community 6:** Elder: Darlene B, Deacon: Rob H

**Community 7:** Elder: Nick B

**Community 11:** Elder: Eugene B

The following **Administrative Elders** are also retiring: Gerald R, Janette W, Rob W

The following **Youth Elder** is retiring: Hart F

If you discern that someone has the gifts for any of the positions listed, please pass along their name to the Nomination Committee – Henry V, Adrian B, or Pastor John.

**Cadets (a club for boys ages 7-13)** meets Monday, Feb 10 at 7:00 pm.

**Knifty Knitters** meet Tuesday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. We love to knit and crochet. New members are always welcome. Almost all of our projects are donated to Faith's Orphans in Zambia.

**Friendship:** This past week we learned that the Holy Spirit changed Paul from an enemy of Jesus into a friend. This coming Tuesday we will meet at the church at 7pm. Sandra will be the storyteller for lesson 2 - Paul Preaches. Don't forget to wear a funny hat!!

**The Pastoral and Youth Elders** will meet this Tuesday, February 11 at 7:30 pm at the church.

**Coffee Break** meets this Wednesday at 9:30 am at the church. Women of all ages and stages of life are welcome to join us for a morning of prayer, fellowship and renewal. Childcare is provided.

We are still in need of help in our Story Hour program this week from 9:30 to 11:00, if you are able to help us out please contact the leadership team at [coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca) or speak directly to Kirstin B.

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

**AOYC 2020** - The All Ontario Youth Convention is an opportunity for high school-age youth to connect, worship and serve with other youth from across Ontario. This annual event is often cited as one of the biggest formative experiences for the faith lives of those who profess their faith later. AOYC will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University on May 15-18. The theme this year is "thrive". More info is available at [allontario.com](http://allontario.com).

In order to get the Early-Bird rate, you must register on-line on the AOYC site **before February 28**. CCRC is also contributing \$50 for our youth who register before April 15. To receive the \$50 bursary, **do not pay by credit card**. Instead, select the option to pay by cheque when registering, and submit your cheque payable to CCRC for the total amount minus \$50 to Steve or Michelle F. Please write the name(s) of the youth on the cheque. When registering online, say that the Contact Person is "Steve F", and Youth Leader's Email is "aoyc.crc@gmail.com". Also, consider the options to buy a T-shirt and/or donate \$5. If you have any questions, please talk to a Student Impact leader or contact Steve F.

**GEMS** (a club for girls ages 7-13) meets Thursday, Feb 13 at 7:00pm.

## 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)

