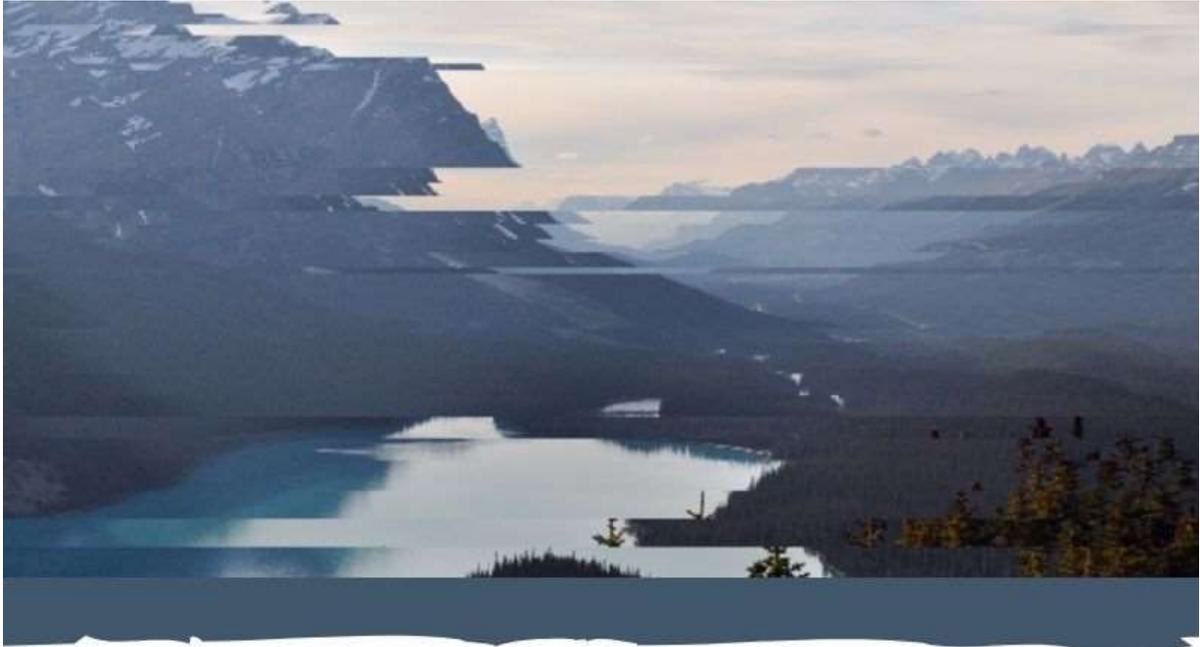


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario



epiphany 2020

LIVING THE KINGDOM LIFE

February 23 | two ways



February 23, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Pastor John Medendorp

Elder-in-Charge: Janette W

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

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Behold Our God"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"The Lion and The Lamb"*

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

The Teaching

Song: *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

The Vows

The Baptism of Madison MaryAnn

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: *"Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13-29

Sermon: **"Two Ways"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: *"Christ Be All Around Me"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Missionary Support

Offertory Song: *"King of Kings"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"*

**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.ccrcc.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:

Mar 8, Mar 22, Apr 5, Apr 19, May 3

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations are extended to **Phill and Amber V** (6) on the occasion of the baptism of **Madison MaryAnn**. We praise God for His covenant faithfulness!

Congratulations to **Chris and Michelle D** (7) with the birth of a son. **Tyler James** was born on February 13, 2020 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life.

Congratulations to **Natalie and David S** (8) with the safe arrival of their daughter **Blayke Harper** on Tuesday, February 18. Mother and daughter are doing well. We thank God for this new life.

Our condolences are extended to **Jane and Clarence D** (14) with the passing away of Jane's sister-in-law, **Andrea K**. Andrea passed away Tuesday February 18, 2020 after a brief battle with cancer at the age of 76. Friends are invited to join the family for visitation at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Cres., Woodstock, Sunday, Feb 23 from 2-4pm and 6-8 pm. The funeral will be held at Maranatha CRC on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 11 a.m.

Jakob S, 2-year-old son of **Seth and Jen S** (1) was finally able to come home from his time at Victoria Hospital in London. Please continue to remember Jakob and his family in your prayers.

Aioub G will be traveling to Sudan on Saturday, February 29. Please keep Aioub's safety and well being in your prayers this week.

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

STAFF NEWS

Pastor Carel is preaching at the Clinton CRC this morning in fulfillment of a classical appointment. **He will also be on vacation Feb. 27-March 4.**

UPCOMING SERVICES

March 1	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale 1 st Sunday of Lent
	6 pm	Pastor John Medendorp
March 8	10 am	Pastor Brian Bork 2 nd Sunday of Lent Lord's Supper
	6 pm	Communities meet

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Offerings received for February 16, 2020
including PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions
Feb 16	\$32,109	\$29,725
YTD	\$103,144	\$125,576
Budgeted 2020 Total Contributions		\$885,705
Pastor Church Resources	\$	2,018
Benevolence	\$	950
Missionary Support	\$	670
Race Relations	\$	200
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	25
World Renew	\$	20

Our offering today is for Missionary Support. A newly published Mission Newsletter was placed in your mailboxes last week giving you the latest mission related news from CCRC. We are aiming to raise \$15,000 for missionary support in 2020 in quarterly offerings. Read all about it in the newsletter.

Next week our offering is for CCRC Mission Fund. The Mission Fund is available to those at CCRC who feel called by God to serve others. An application form is available by contacting your deacon.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Calling Committee – In recognition of Pastor Carel’s upcoming retirement, the 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.

Drop-In Room Volunteers: The 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: **Mar 15, Apr 12, May 17**. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sunday school bulletin board in the Classroom hallway or email the office at office@ccrc.on.ca

Nursery Coordinator needed: We are looking for a new Nursery Coordinator (1 or 2 people) beginning in May to schedule and manage childcare for ages 0-2 during worship services. This includes recruiting volunteers, creating schedules, ensuring Safe Church policies are followed, maintaining nursery supplies, managing the sign-in/tag system, and overseeing volunteer sign-up for Drop-In Rooms when needed. This role can take 1-2 hours a week, depending on time needed every few months to create new schedules. Please contact Stephanie S. if you’re interested.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7-13) meets on Monday, February 24 at 7:00pm.

Friendship news - This past Tuesday we painted a picture of our hands. Thank you to Sylvia L for doing a craft with us. This week we will meet on **Monday February 24 at 7pm in the Waterloo CRC (209 Baringer Road Waterloo)** for a combined meeting with the Waterloo Friendship group. For questions, contact Derrick G.

Knifty Knitters meets Tuesday, February 25 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. We love to knit and crochet. New members are always welcome.

Administrative Council meet this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. 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. For questions, please contact Jen F.

Dive into Doctrine continues this Wednesday, Feb 26 (7-9pm). This week, for our last session of the series, explore "Can I mess up so badly that God "unchooses" me?" Dive Into Doctrine is our annual doctrine 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. Join us!

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

GEMS (a club for girls ages 7-13) meets Thursday, Feb 27 at 7:00pm.

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.

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.ccrcc@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.

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

University of Toronto Campus Ministry celebrates 50 years. So it is time to party. Alumni, friends, supporters, and current members are invited to the anniversary celebration on Saturday, March 28, 7:00pm at Wycliffe College, 5 Hoskin Ave, University of Toronto. The Wine Before Breakfast All-star Band will be playing, Dr. Brian Walsh is preaching, and we will celebrate with testimonies and a reception.

"Helping Without Harming" Workshop - Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a "Helping Without Harming" Workshop on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 8:30 am - 12 noon at New Life CRC (400 Victoria Rd N, Guelph). Seating is limited; your FREE registration includes a continental breakfast! Please sign up today at worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop. Come, learn and be equipped to partner with local and global communities to help overcome poverty and injustice. Together we'll discover how to engage with those around us in impactful, sustainable, and loving ways!

A Lenten Devotional Series from Today - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

Words from The Cross - Words from The Cross is a seven-part Bible study podcast from Groundwork. In the season of Lent, dig deep into the significance and resonance of Christ's words from the Cross and let them focus your heart on our salvation through his death and resurrection. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at groundworkonline.com/words.

Miscellaneous

Coffee and conversation about what it means to be human: Sponsored by Elevation Church in Waterloo, Human Beans Café is a monthly conversation about what it means to be human. This month Brian Bork, chaplain at UW & WLU, will explore the topic through a reflection on the poetry of GK Chesterton. Special guest Nicole Ensing will join him for a musical performance of the poems!

Join us: Thursday, February 27, 7pm @ Seven Shores Community Café in Waterloo. \$1 lattés and americanos!

Email Brian or follow [@humanbeans_cafe](https://www.instagram.com/humanbeans_cafe) on Instagram for more details.

