

Community Christian Reformed Church



February 26, 2017

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10:00 a.m.

Pastor Carel Geleyse

Elder-in-Charge: Rebecca C

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Forever"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Come, People of the Risen King"*

"This is Amazing Grace"

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Thanksgiving: *"In Christ Alone"*

Cadet Litany:

Leader: The Cadet theme this year is "Get In The Game." The theme emphasizes getting involved in the Christian life, rather than just sitting on the sidelines.

Cadets: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

Leader: Our walk with Christ is more than just a game, but it is something that we need to be personally involved with.

Cadets & Counselors: Let's get involved in the Christian life. Let's run the race set before us. How can we best do this?

Leader: We are told that we should "run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus."

Congregation: We want to run the race of the Christian life. We want to "get in the game." We know that it will not always be easy, but we want to fix our eyes on Jesus, to see His example and to live for Him.

Leader: Paul wrote that Jesus is the pioneer and perfecter of faith. We can see Jesus and live for Him each and every day. We need to be ready to make that commitment. Cadets ...do you commit to doing your best in running the race of the Christian life, to “get in the game,” and to live your life for Jesus every day?

Cadets: We do, but we know we need God’s help to do this.

Leader: Counselors ... do you commit to doing your best in encouraging the Cadets in their relationship with Jesus Christ?

Counselors: We do, but we know we need God’s help and the support of the entire cloud of witnesses to do this.

Leader: Congregation ... do you commit to doing your best, both by your example and encouragement to the Cadets, to run this race, to “get in the game,” and to live your life for Jesus every day?

Congregation: **We do. We realize that this race is a marathon, but we can make it to the end with God’s help.**

ALL: **“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”**

Cadet Motto & Landmarks

Song of Response: PsH 292 *“Living for Jesus”*

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. All Cadets are asked to remain in the sanctuary for the message.

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: *“Because He Lives”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-2

Message: **“Get in the Game”**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

Children in Grades 4-6 are invited to participate in their weekly sermon discussion. All Cadets from Grade 2 – 6 are included in this dismissal.

*Song of Response: PsH #291 *“May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour”*

Cadet Corps Update

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC
2) Calvinist Cadet Corps

Offertory Song

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"All Heaven Declares"*

**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

Pastor John Medendorp

Pianist: Ivan B

[Please rise, in body or spirit]*

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

*God's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: PsH #238 *"We Come, O Christ to You"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Calvinist Cadet Corps

Psalm 22

Song: PsH #22 *"My God! O My God!"*

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Job 23

Sermon: **'I Can't Find God'**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: PsH #482 *"Man of Sorrows-What a Name"*

Ordination of Nick Bronsema

*Closing Hymn: PsH #170 *"O God Our Help in Ages Past"*

*God's Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #637 *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Iva F (8) has been at Grand River Hospital all week after suffering a stroke last weekend. She has somewhat improved but remains quite weak. Pray that the Lord will sustain both Iva and her son, Don, as they face this time of illness.

Jane D (14) recently received the stunning news that she has cancer that has spread to the point where it is threatening her life. Because of the severity of the cancer, the surgery scheduled for March 6 took place yesterday. This is major surgery and at the time of writing the outcome was not known. Pray for God's presence and peace for both Jane and Clarence and their family as they face this crisis.

Please keep the **B** and **T** families in your prayers as both families suffered the loss of a father this past week. May God comfort all who mourn.

Our condolences are extended to **Eugene and Nelly B (11)** with the passing away of Eugene's father, **Mr. Eugene B Sr.** Mr. B passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at Grand River Hospital at the age of 85. The funeral was held yesterday at Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church in Kitchener.

Our condolences are extended to **Sharon and Art T (2)** with the passing away of Sharon's father, **Mr. Pieter B.** Mr. B passed away at the age of 91 after a battle with cancer. The funeral was held this past Thursday at the First Christian Reformed Church in Chatham, Ontario.

John & Anne D (13) left for San Marcos Texas where they will be volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services until March 18. They will be assisting with repairing the damage caused from flooding in May & October, 2015. Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience with opportunities to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry.

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), **Denise H** (11), **John N** (3), **Claire N**, a 6th 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; **David and Bethany N** (7) volunteering in Mali.
- persecuted Church in Sudan
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation.

Congratulations to following members of our congregation celebrating a birthday in the coming week:



Feb 28 - Ralph W (14)

Mar 1 – Harry R (13)

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

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Budget Contributions
For February 19, 2017**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Feb 19	\$7,626	\$12,743	(\$5,117)
YTD	\$87,490	\$117,415	(\$29,924)
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$ 1,567.61
Benevolence			\$ 150.00
World Renew – David & Bethany			\$ 50.00
World Renew – David & Jessica			\$ 50.00
Calvinist Cadet Corps			\$ 50.00

This week our offering is for the Calvinist Cadets Corps. *“The Calvinist Cadet Corps is a non-denominational, non-profit Reformed Christian organization that equips men to mentor boys. The organization uses the title “Calvinist” to honor the Protestant reformer, John Calvin, who devoted his life to the religious education of God’s children.”*

Next week is Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday! World Renew works through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food and other essential assistance to communities affected by natural disaster and conflict. Through this assistance, hundreds of thousands are able to

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overcome concerns of hunger. Your support on CFGB Sunday helps to replenish World Renew’s account at the Foodgrains Bank so that the most vulnerable around the world can thrive. On March 5, please give generously. All donations are eligible for a match from the Canadian government, up to 4:1

TODAY Booklets: The March/April 2017 edition of the Today Devotional Booklet is available at the Information Centre or on the shelves by the front doors. Large print copies are in the mailboxes of those who have requested them. Please, help yourself.

Officebearer Nominations – The congregation is invited to submit names for potential officebearers for the upcoming ministry year. If you would like to nominate a fellow church member or if you are interested in volunteering please email Joel V or Jerry P. This year we are looking for: a Pastoral Elder for Community # 1, 3, 6, 11; a Deacon for Community #1 & 6; one Youth Elder; 3 Administrative Elders.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar 5	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Profession of Faith - Hayley T
	6 p.m.	Communities/ Community Care Groups
Mar 12	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord’s Supper
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel

MISSIONS CORNER

The Bridge: Our church received an update from “The Bridge”, a new church plant in Fergus, Ontario. Please help yourself to a copy at the Information Centre.

We recently received an update from **Anthony and Barbara P** who work with Daystar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island. Their newsletter includes a list of things to remember in prayer and an update on the ministry work there. Please help yourself to a copy at the Information Centre.



Save the Date! VBS is back this summer with more fun than ever. Join us July 17-21 as we learn that we were made by God and created for a purpose. We can't wait to see everyone there.

VINE potluck: all young adults are welcome today after church for a potluck in the multi-purpose room. If you can bring food, that would be great. Talk to Matthias or call or text for questions.

LAFF/Seniors Day Trip: The next day trip for LAFF/Seniors is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17. We will be visiting the Arboretum at the University of Guelph and the McCrea House named for Lt. Col. John McCrea who wrote the poem "In Flander's Fields" Our coffee break will be at St. George's Anglican Church and the lunch will be at the Mandarin Restaurant. For more information or to sign up, phone Rinze V.



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

Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, February 28 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome.



Friendship: will meet at 7:00 p.m. this Tuesday at the church. Sandra will tell the story about doubting Thomas, session four.



Council will meet this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the church.

Volleyball: All are welcome to join in this Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m. (for fun and non-competitive volleyball). If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Adom or check out our Facebook Page "Volleyball at CCRC".

Ladies: all ages are welcome to join us for Coffee Break Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. here in the multipurpose room.



Nursery and preschool classes (up to age SK) are provided. This week we continue with our three studies. The three studies being offered are: 1) Shauna Niequist's book "Present Over Perfect", 2) "Galatians: Heaven's Freedom" by Brian Simmons, and 3) an in-depth study of the book of Proverbs. Come join us for fellowship, coffee, and growing deeper in relationship with God and each other. Any questions? Contact Carling L or Jen F at 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, March 1 from 7-9 p.m. We will be doing the next lesson from "Can I Ask That?"



All Ontario Youth Convention - Registration for AOYC 2017 is underway! Join 900+ teens and leaders for a high-energy weekend centred on being known and knowing God more fully. Register online at allontario.com/register **before March 1 (Tuesday is the last day for the early bird price)** for the best rate. Community CRC will pay for \$70 for each of our youth registered. After you register online (www.allontario.com) put the printed form and the registration fee minus \$70 (cheques made out to CCRC) in Pastor Amanda's mailbox.

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.

Just a reminder that **The Annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference** will be held this coming Saturday, March 4 from 9-3:15 at the Waterloo CRC. For many years churches have been sponsoring refugees from different parts of the world. Part of the focus of this conference has to do with refugees and trauma and how that

intersects with Safe Church matters. Asmaa Cober, a refugee to Canada, will be telling "A Refugee Story" for the plenary session. In addition, there will be workshops on trauma, forgiveness, insurance questions, and an introduction to the Plan to Protect program. There is still time to register. For further information and registration visit www.abc.wmott.ca/scc. The Classis Huron Safe Church Team.

Grit and Grace Women's Conference: Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Redeemer University College, in Ancaster. All women are invited for a day of inspiration, worship, and fellowship, with the theme of Life's Great Dare...I will see the goodness of the Lord. Ps. 27:13. Speaker, Christa Hesselink. Come and be refreshed and renewed; bring your friends! For more information, and to register on-line go to: www.gritandgraceconference.ca

