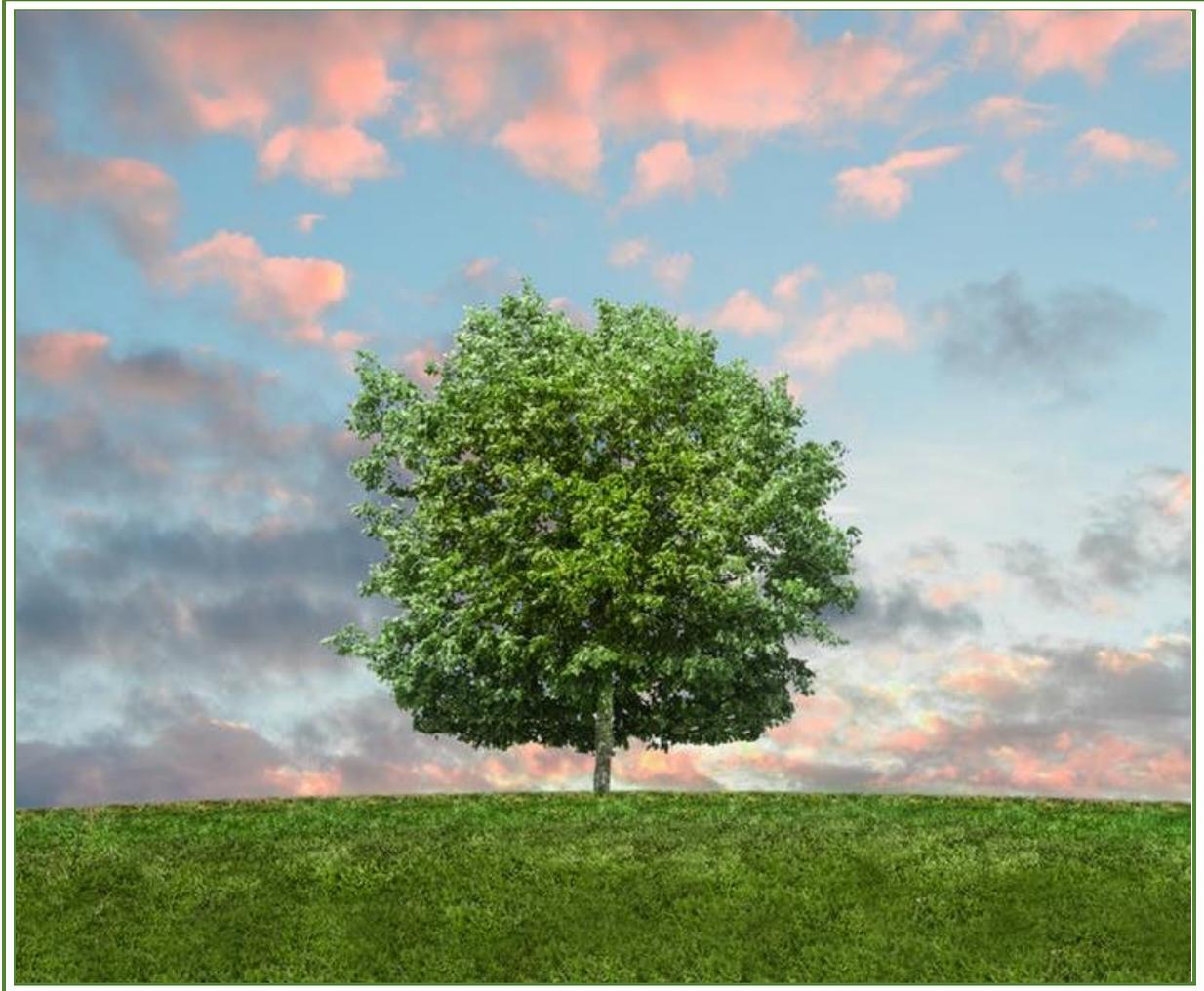


*Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
May 27, 2018*



*"I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree...  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree"  
Taken from "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer*

**May 27, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp**

*Elder-in-Charge: Elaine A*

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

## **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"All Your People Sing"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise: PsH #249 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

## **Baptism and Profession of Faith**

The Institution

The Teaching

Profession of Faith (Chris D) and Adult Baptism (Michelle D)

The Vows

The Baptism of Oliver John B, Liam Michael C, Audrey Elizabeth D, Grace May D

Baptismal Prayer and Welcome

Song of Response: *"Baptized in Christ"*

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: PsH #424 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 18: 1-15

Sermon: **"By the Oaks of Mamre"**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: PsH #621 *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

## **Sunday School Graduation**

Sunday School Graduation Litany

Presentation of Gifts

Sunday School Choir: *"He is Lord"*

Selection of Officebearers

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church  
2) Worship Ministries

Offertory Song: *"How Can I Keep from Singing"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #635 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

**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 Carel Geleynse**

*Pianist: Ashley M*

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

## **Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH #504 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

\*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

\*Song of Response: PsH #510 "I Love Your Church, O Lord"

Prayer and Share

Offering: Worship Ministries

### Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #540 "In Christ There is No East or West"

Confession of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 27

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2: 4-12

Sermon: "One, Holy, Universal Church"

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: PsH #502 "The Church's One Foundation"

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH 539 vs. 4, 5 "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

*Congratulations* to **Jeff and Christina G** (7) with the birth of a daughter. **Naomi Joan** was born on Thursday, May 24 and mom and baby are doing well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

**Margaret M** (13) remained as a patient at Grand River Hospital this past week. She is there because tests have revealed that there is a tumour in her brain. As you can imagine this was tough and stunning news for her and for the entire family. This coming Wednesday, May 30, Margaret will undergo a biopsy at Hamilton General Hospital to determine what is going on and what sorts of treatments may be helpful. If you wish to

visit Margaret you are asked to please give her husband, John, a call first. Pray for encouragement, God's peace and protection as the family walks this path of unexpected illness.

Congratulations to **Alex and Amanda B** (11) on the occasion of the baptism of **Oliver John!**

Congratulations to **James and Rebecca C** (6) on the occasion of the baptism of **Liam Michael!**

Congratulations to **Chris and Michelle D** (7) on the occasion of profession of faith and baptism and also on the occasion of the baptism of **Audrey Elizabeth** and **Grace May!**

We rejoice with you as we were once again reminded of God's faithfulness to His people through the sacrament. May you never cease to be amazed at God's grace in your lives. May the Lord grant you all that you stand in need of, as parents, as you raise your families in the name of the Lord. To God be the glory!

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;
- **Olga S** (11) who still remains as a patient at St. Mary's until alternative housing can be arranged; pray that such alternative housing can be found soon.
- 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 with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

*Congratulations* to **Peter H** (11) who celebrates his birthday on June 1<sup>st</sup>. May he experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as he celebrates his birthday!



*Thank you* for your prayers, words and cards of condolence and support. We have been blessed to be surrounded by family, friends and two church communities as we said farewell to our daughter, sister, and Aunt **Johanna W**. We are thankful that many of you came to Brantford for visitation and for her Celebration of Life service. Thank you for your loving support. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**Henk K (1) and Dave, Alyanne and Willem C (2)**

#### STAFF NEWS

**Pastor Amanda and Brian (8)** are looking forward to the birth of their son at the end of June. Because of this addition to the family, Pastor Amanda will be on maternity leave starting **June 13** and returning from leave on November 5. Your prayers are much appreciated for a safe birth and a healthy baby boy to join the B-B family!

**Mrs. Betsy D** will be serving as a pastoral intern for the duration of Pastor Amanda's maternity leave. Pastor Betsy will be starting her part-time work next Sunday and she will be here until the end of November. Betsy D is a candidate for ministry in the CRCNA, having graduated from Calvin Seminary, and a PhD student at Emmanuel College of Victoria University at the University of Toronto (PhD in theology with an emphasis on homiletics). Currently, Betsy and her husband, Daniel, and two boys live in Drayton. Daniel D is serving as a co-pastor at the Drayton Reformed Church. Betsy is looking forward to gaining more ministry experience as well as learning from the staff and ministry of CCRC. Betsy has preached at

CCRC before. Next Sunday we will welcome her and ordain her as an elder for her 6-month position.

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will be on vacation starting Friday, June 8 and will be back in the office on Wednesday, June 20.

those relationships, the creation of free webinars and resources, the formation of online communities, and the publication of the *Reformed Worship* journal.

**Next week our offering is for Diaconal Ministries – Operation Manna.** Operation Manna is a program of Diaconal Ministries Canada that provides coaching and grants so churches are able to reach beyond their walls and into their communities and show Christ’s love to their neighbors. Please check the flyer in your church mailbox this morning for more details.

**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

**Budget Contributions  
For May 20, 2018 including  
Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
May 20	\$24,897	\$30,584	(5,687)	
YTD	\$45,826	\$344,294	(43,814)	
Global Resonate Mission			\$	\$1,540
Benevolence			\$	\$1,100
Back to God Ministries Int’l			\$	195
Woodland Christian High School			\$	100
Friendship Ministries			\$	20

**Our offering today is for Worship Ministries.** A ministry of the Christian Reformed Church which began in 2015, Worship Ministries desires that every worshipping community in the CRCNA experience Spirit-filled gospel proclamation and worship that is directed to God, is biblically based and theologically Reformed, and is characterized by creativity, discernment, spiritual vitality, the faith formation of all worshipers, and a call to serve others. They do that by creating opportunities for worship planners, leaders, and pastors to form supporting networks, equipping them through the nurturing of

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

June 3	10 a.m.	Pastor John Ordination of Elders and Deacons Affirmation Vote for Community #13 Fire Drill
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel
June 10	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Lord’s Supper Selection of Elder for Community #13
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel Woodland Christian High School Choir

## Administrative Council Meeting Highlights of May 22, 2018

- The results of the affirmation vote for office bearers were confirmed. The selection of office bearers will take place this morning. In Community 13 John and Anne D are nominated for the Pastoral elder position. The affirmation vote will take place next Sunday, June 3.
- Mrs. Betsy D (Drayton) has been hired as a Pastoral Intern for the months of June to November. (see note under "Staff News" in the bulletin)
- Studied Chapter 10 of "How to Choose a Translation For All It's Worth" book on Bible translation.
- Received and reviewed monthly staff and ministry reports.
- Reviewed initial youth program revisioning project.
- Reviewed and approved the summer preaching and vacation schedule as presented.
- Reviewed and discussed results from Administrative Council Retreat on May 12. Discussed priorities and areas of focus for ministries and staff for 2019.
- Approved re-starting the search for a full-time Worship Coordinator.
- Approved a Board of Stewards recommendation to alter the custodial contract. Kor H and Sherrie M are now sharing the custodial work.
- Council has dismissed the Ad-Hoc Committee on Staffing with many thanks for their work.
- The new CCRC website is live.

- The go! Build project is still awaiting municipal permits. Some decisions need to be made on staging / phasing of the project.
- Reviewed Classis Huron meeting minutes from May 5. Pastor Carel served as Chairperson for this meeting.

**Church-wide Fire Drill Practice:** As required under the Ontario Fire Code, the Fire Safety Committee is running a fire drill during the Sunday morning service on June 3rd. We are excited for everyone to participate in this event as it will be a beneficial learning experience as well as show areas where we can improve our safety practices in the future. Stay tuned for more details! Any questions or concerns can be directed to the team; Chris d, John O, Coby K, and Danae P.

### Knifty Knitters: Tomorrow, Monday, May



**28**, we will be going to Fellowship Bible Church (11 Hamilton Rd. New Hamburg, ON) to meet with Faith from Faith's Orphans in Zambia at 9:30 a.m. This is the closing event for this ministry year.

### Student Impact (Gr. 9 – 12)

Let's go climbing! Friday June 1st we are going to Grand River Rocks for a 2 hour guided climb. The climb is from 7-9, and we would ask that you arrive a few minutes early to sort out people and make sure everyone has their waiver signed. Please wear comfortable clothes, closed toed shoes, a water bottle and \$10 to cover a portion of the cost. Drop off and pick up will be at Grand River Rocks. In order to make things run smoothly, we need 2 things:

1. RSVP to [youth@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:youth@ccrc.on.ca) to let us know that you are coming
2. **Parents need to complete the online waiver form in advance.** The waiver form is on the Grand River Rocks website - [grandriverrocks.com](http://grandriverrocks.com). If you arrive and do not have a waiver signed by your parent, you will not be able to participate. Looking forward to seeing everyone out for a good night of fun and fellowship.

**Attention all Grade 12 Youth!** The youth elders would like to meet with you in the 4 Plex room near the end of the service on Sunday, June 10 to go over your plans for next year and take your suggestions for future plans and programs. Please see the bulletin for when to exit the service. Snacks will be provided!

**Friday Night Dinner - BONFIRE EDITION: June 1 @ 6-8pm:** Are you a young adult looking for a place to connect over a good meal? Join other young adults from Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, and Waterloo Campus Ministry at Pastor Amanda and Brian's home every first Friday of the month for dinner and conversation. Weather permitting, we'll grill outside and have a campfire. So bring your camping chairs along with your appetite! Email Pastor Amanda to RSVP.

#### 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.**

**"SEARCH Woodstock":** Are you looking for something different to do this summer? Check out Search! A youth weekend retreat with a focus on our well-being, enabling youth and leaders to discover answers to some of the questions and issues that face us in our lives. Registration is now open for grade 9-12 students being held at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock from July 26 - July 29th. Please join us for a weekend filled with dive-in sessions and speakers in which we will have in-depth discussions looking at "Who Am I", "What Am I Here For", and "Where Do I Fit In". Our main speaker this year is Jason Dykstra, a mediator, conflict coach, and father. We will also go out to work sites within Woodstock, lending a helping hand to those in need. For more information and to register, please check out our website [-searchwoodstock.webs.com](http://searchwoodstock.webs.com). You can also contact Kristin at Maranatha CRC. Registration deadline is July 1st!

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Woodland Christian High School invites you to participate in their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** to raise funds for tuition assistance. Join us for a day of fun, food, and fellowship regardless of your golfing ability! Create a team and play in this best ball tournament for the coveted Trophy and other prizes including Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin in both Men's and Women's categories. Not into golf? Join us for a delicious steak dinner. **June 16<sup>th</sup> at Beaverdale Golf Course in Cambridge.** Check out [www.woodland.on.ca/golf](http://www.woodland.on.ca/golf) for all the details and registration forms. Alumni, Grandparent, Mixed, and student teams welcome. Sponsorships are still available.

**Laurentian Hills Christian School Year End Cheese and Peppermint Sale:** Just in time for summer, LHCS will be offering European Gouda cheese (Mild, Medium, Aged or Spiced) and King Peppermints for sale! Other items include Hagelslag (chocolate sprinkles), Conimex Nasi or Bahmi Goreng and Honig Vegetable Soup! This is a delicious way to support our school. Completed order forms, along with payment, can be placed in the mail slots of Elaine A or Sharon M by Sunday, June 3rd. Alternatively, you may bring them directly to the school office by June 4th. Orders will be ready for pick up at the school kitchen on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm - 4:00pm. Please make cheques payable to LHCS. Contact Elaine A or Sharon M if you have any questions.

**Following along with the themes of The Belhar Confession** of Justice, Unity and Reconciliation the following event may be of interest:

**Discovery, a Comic Lament:** A play about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that is used to justify theft of land and oppression of the Indigenous Peoples. It finds unexpected humor at the crossroads of justice and land use, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settlers' oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. A show about love, and loss, and land, Discovery nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. For more information about times and locations, check the poster in the hallway by the gym or go online to [www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/discovery-comic-lament](http://www.uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/discovery-comic-lament).

