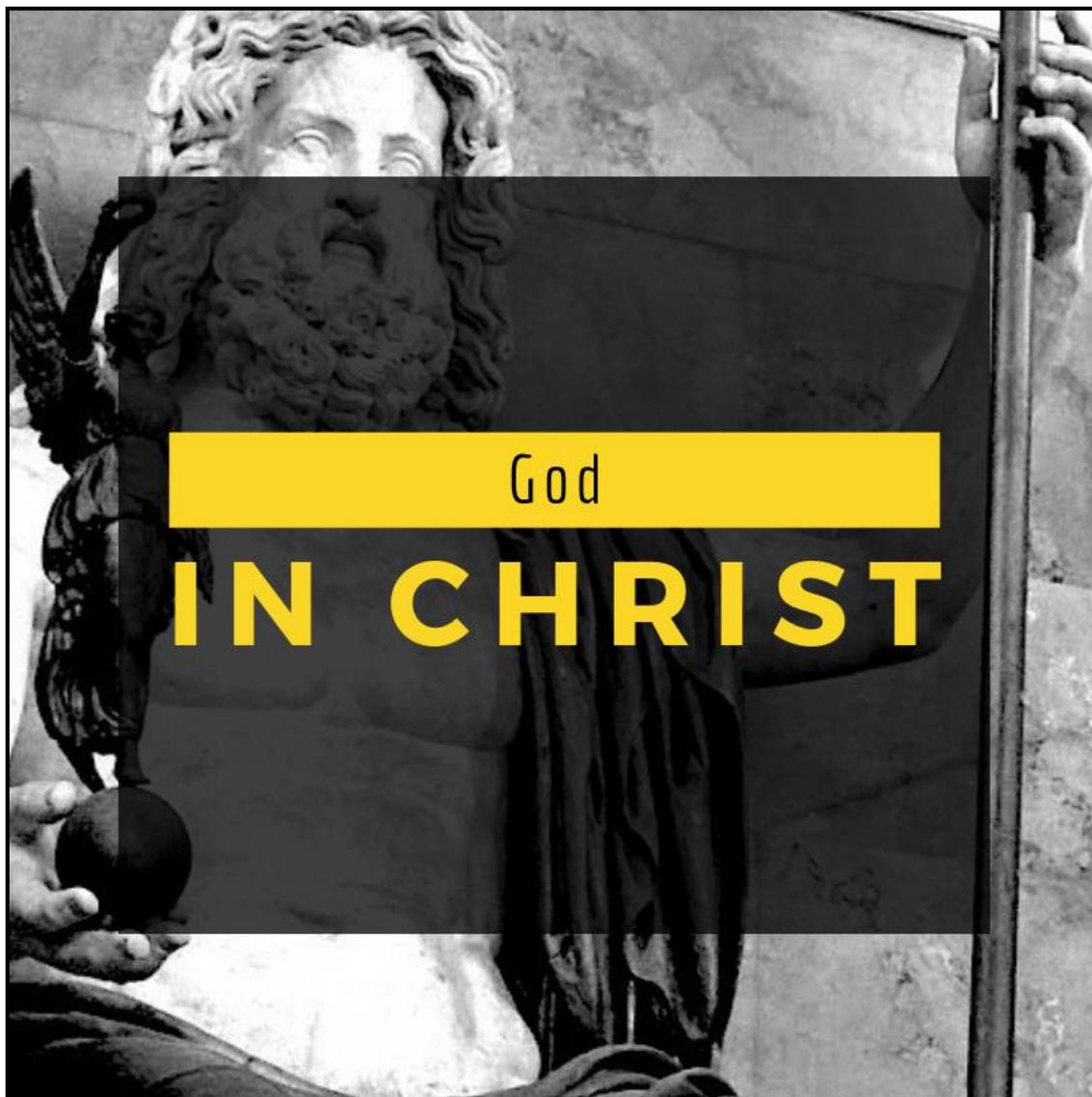


Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
June 30, 2019



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**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp**

*Elder-in-Charge: Irene G*

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

Today we continue our summer series "In Christ: Paul's Letter to the Colossians." The Apostle Paul wrote the letter to the Colossians from prison. Despite his current imprisonment because of the gospel, Paul continues to declare with the strongest language that Christ is Lord, not Caesar. Because Christians proclaim a different Lord than the Empire does, the lives, behaviour, and practices of Christians look fundamentally different than everyday Roman life. As Christians, we are "in Christ"—we live in Christ, we speak in Christ, we are free in Christ, we die in Christ.

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song *"Come People of the Risen King"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *"Sing to the King"*

*"Cornerstone"*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: PsH #257 *"O Christ, the Lamb of God"*

Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Thanksgiving: *"I Am Not My Own"*

Children's Blessing (There is no Sunday School or drop-in room this morning)

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Song of Preparation: *"Ancient Words"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1: 15-23

Sermon: **"God in Christ"**

Prayer of Application

## Response to the Word

\*Song of Response: *"There is a Redeemer"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church  
2) Faith's Orphans Fund

Offertory Song: *"Oh the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

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

**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.**

**There is no evening service today due to the long weekend.**

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

**Lynda J** (14) underwent major surgery at Grand River Hospital a couple of weeks ago and is now recovering in her temporary residence at Doon Retirement Residence. Pray for a full recovery.

**Wanda D's** (9) son-in-law, Mark Y, passed away on Wednesday, June 26 in Ancaster. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

The **K** family, **Yemane, Yordanos, Selihom, Sessen and Kilbreab** (8) arrived in Canada on June 20. Praise the LORD! They are nicely settling into their apartment on Kingswood Dr. The family is very thankful and appreciative for all the wonderful things people have donated. There are a few things they still could use, a dehumidifier and a highchair. If anyone has one of these items, please get in touch with **Darlene B** or **John and Mary V**.

**Maral A** became a Canadian Citizen on June 26. Congratulations! We pray that tomorrow may be a special day as she celebrates Canada Day for the first time as an official citizen of this great country!

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: **Brenda A (13), Willemina G (13)**;
- 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 staff and leadership at the Journey;
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

*Congratulations* to **Pastor Carel and Irene G (9)** as they celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 6, 2019. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

**STAFF INFORMATION**

**Donna V**, our Office administrator, will be on vacation this week and will be back in the office on **Tuesday, July 9**. While she is away, Ashley M has graciously offered to look after things in the office. Ashley will be in the

office part-time on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

July 7	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Ordination of Officebearers
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel
July 14	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Pastor John

**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

**Budget Contributions  
For June 23, 2019 including  
Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
June 23	\$25,326	\$30,153	(\$4,827)	
YTD	\$363,284	\$449,832	(\$86,547)	
CCRC Mission Fund			\$	1,794
Benevolence Fund				970
Indigenous Ministries			\$	152
Faith's Orphans Fund			\$	100
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	40
World Renew			\$	20

**Our offering today is for Faith's Orphans Fund.** Faith's Orphans Fund (FOF) is a non-governmental, non-profit, and non-denominational Christian organization that seeks to give hope to the orphaned children of rural Zambia by providing for their immediate and future needs. CCRC's own Knifty Knitters regularly send knitted blankets, clothes and other items to this organization. For more information, please go to [FOFcanada.com](http://FOFcanada.com)

**Next week our offering is for Worship Ministries.** *“A ministry of the Christian Reformed Church begun 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 worshippers, and a call to serve others. We do that by creating opportunities for worship planners, leaders, and pastors to form supporting networks, equipping them through the nurturing of those relationships, the creation of free webinars and resources, the formation of online communities, and the publication of the Reformed Worship journal.”*

**COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS**

**Administrative Council Meeting  
Highlights – Tuesday June 25, 2019**

- Diana Z visited to give a brief report on her experience at the CRC National Gathering in Edmonton in May 2019. She was one of a number of Classis Huron attendees who will bring a more comprehensive report at the September Classis meeting.
- Pastor Carel reported on his time at Synod 2019 in Grand Rapids. Jane V (2) and Becca B (6), also attended. Jane was a Deacon delegate and Becca served as a Young Adult Advisor. Pastor Carel reported that it was not only a busy time with lots of work to do but also a great experience. This was Pastor Carel’s 7<sup>th</sup> time attending Synod and possibly his last.

- Discussed the current part-time temporary Worship Coordinator role and the possibility of extending the term.
- Various staff, committee, and ministry reports and meeting minutes received for information.
- Received update from the SCR (Staffing and Community Review Committee) on the status of office bearer surveys and the upcoming congregation survey timelines.
- Received, reviewed, and discussed the feedback provided from the recent Pastor’s Retreat. Discussed and approved the Pastor’s goals for the 2019 / 2010 ministry season.
- Approved Pastor Carel’s request to officially retire on May 31, 2020. This will also be forwarded to Classis Huron for their approval at the Fall 2019 Classis meeting.
- Plans are being made for a September 15, 2019 celebration / dedication for the completion of the go! Build Expansion.
- Some ministry volunteers are still without current police checks and /or Safe Church training. A list will be refined and reminder letters will be sent out.

**Upcoming events** involving members from CCRC (watch for further details about each):

July 10-14	Montreal learning trip
July 13-19	SERVE Trip to Muskegon, Mi.
July 15-19	Vacation Bible School
July 26-28	GEMS Conference, Grand Rapids, Mi
Aug 5-10	All Ontario Camporee, Dunnville, ON

**The July/August 2019 edition of the TODAY Devotional Booklet** (English and Korean language) is available at the information Centre. Large Print copies were distributed last week.

**There is an Orientation Meeting** for all incoming Officebearers this Tuesday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the church.

**Congregational Challenge: Creation Care + Your Dinner Plate!** Have you ever considered how your food choices affect God's creation? Are you curious about your role in our local food system here in Waterloo Region? As stewards of God's creation, small changes in the way we eat can create a big impact upon our planet, our children, and our futures. Join others during July + August for a congregational challenge to practice creation care by eating locally! Intrigued? **Come out to a Q&A session this morning in Classroom 8/9.**

**Two weeks and VBS will be here!** We are still in need of many volunteers for crew leaders, nursery, and a worship lead! Please consider stepping up to help out this year. VBS runs from July 15-19 and volunteers will need to be at the church from 8:30-11:30. Here's a list of items we are looking for. If you have any, please contact Kristin G or Melodie S.

- playground sand
- flour
- salt
- wet wipes (several packages)
- clear packing tape (2 rolls)
- small plastic wading pool
- 2 boxes of small paper cups (Dixie cups)
- small smooth stones (about 70)

- foam slabs (to paint to look like rocks)
- white rope lights (will be returned)
- fine tipped permanent markers (25)
- gold wrapping paper or fabric

#### DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

**Join us at inspire 2019** - For three days in August, the CRCNA is inviting people to Windsor, Ontario, for a time of learning, worship, fellowship, and encouragement. Keynote speakers include Ann Voskamp, Ed Stetzer, Mary Hulst, and Soong-Chan Rah. Workshops on a wide variety of topics will equip and inspire you and connect you with others serving in similar ways. Register today at [www.crcna.org/inspire](http://www.crcna.org/inspire). **The registration deadline has been extended to July 8. If you are curious if anyone from CCRC is attending Pastor Carel and Irene plan to be there.**

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Woodland Christian High School** wishes to thank everyone who supported the *Nurture the Vision* Spring Fund Drive this year. As a school we raised **\$82,555** toward the tuition assistance bursary fund. The K-W chapter raised **\$9,145** to support Christian education and encourage the families within your local area. It is a blessing as a school to have such faithful and generous support. **ALSO...** Woodland Christian High School wishes to thank everyone who supported and participated in the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual golf tournament. As a school, we raised **\$16,005** toward the tuition assistance bursary fund.

