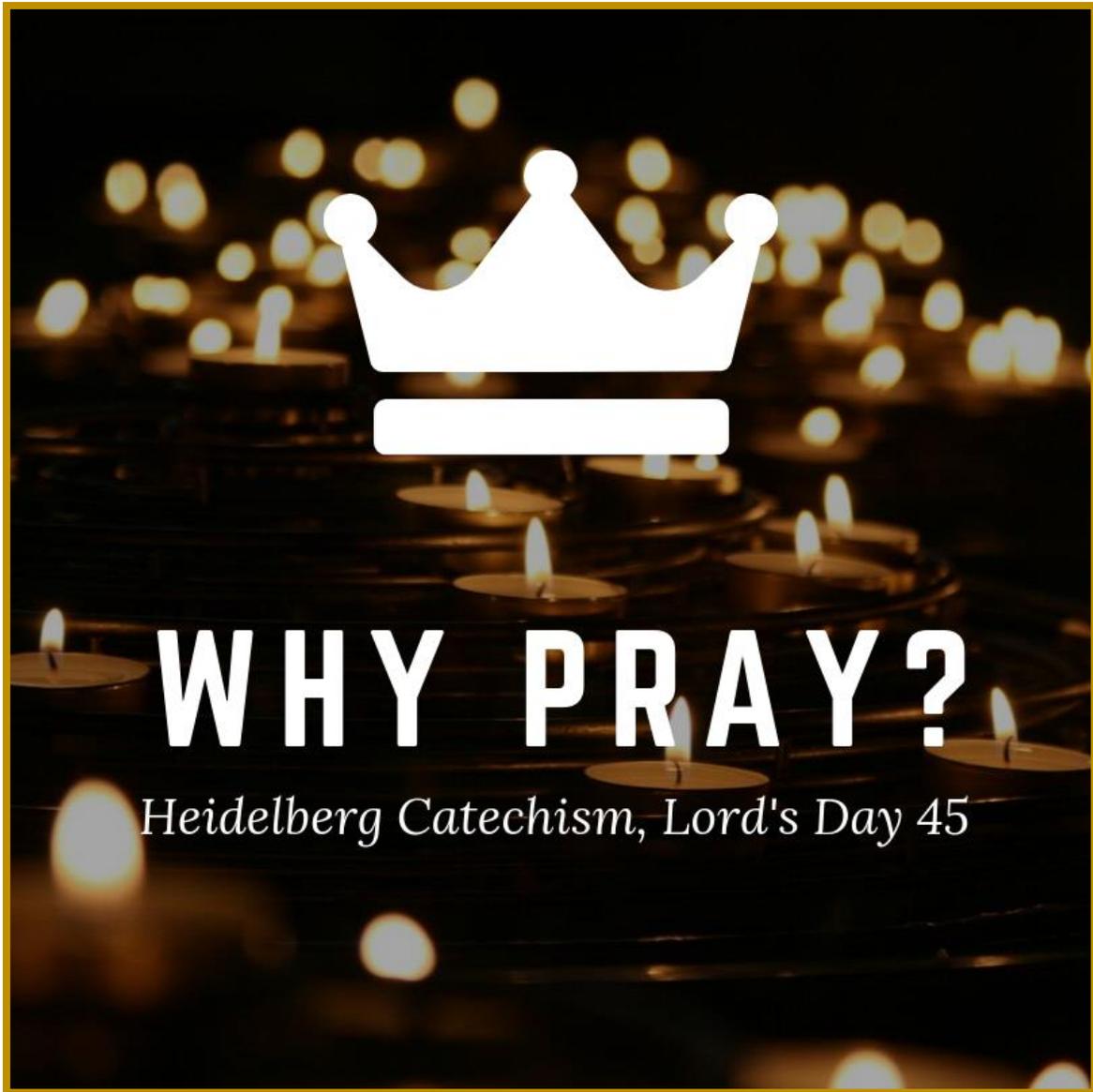


Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
September 22, 2019



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**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor John Medendorp/Pastor Joyce Borger**

*Elder-in-Charge: Kim T*

Today we welcome **Rev. Joyce Borger** to participate in the service. Rev. Borger is Director of Worship Ministries for the CRCNA and Editor of *Reformed Worship*, a quarterly journal of worship resources. She is an aunt to Isaac and Kristen B.

*This fall, our preaching focus is on prayer, and where better to turn than the Lord's Prayer? In the gospels, Jesus' disciples ask him many questions, and most of the questions they ask are the wrong questions ("Who among us is the greatest?" for example), so Jesus doesn't really answer them. But when the disciples ask: "Lord, teach us to pray," Jesus jumps right in.*

*The Lord's Prayer has been repeated by Christians since the days of Jesus' ministry on earth. And from the beginning, Christian pastors and theologians recognized that the Lord's Prayer isn't just one prayer we can pray among many. The Lord's Prayer is the heart of Christian prayer—the Lord's Prayer teaches us how to pray, the Lord's Prayer draws us near to God, and the Lord's Prayer reveals the heart of Jesus to us in a unique and intimate way.*

*The Heidelberg Catechism, one of our statements of faith in the Reformed tradition, concludes its teaching with questions and answers on prayer, framing prayer as "the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us." Prayer is the most important way that we say "thank you" to God for everything God has done for us in Christ!*

*Throughout this series we will have a variety of resources and activities for families, children, and adults. Keep your eyes peeled for books, posters, prayer journals, and more in the coming weeks! A number of people have asked for some sort of sheet to take notes on the sermon. We have provided extra copies of the sheets developed for the grade 4-6 sermon discussion groups that people are free to use.*

## **Order of Worship**

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: "By Faith"

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: "Everlasting", "Because He Lives"

## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

The Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

The Teaching

Song: *"Depth of Mercy"*

The Vows

The Baptism of Jacobus William B

Confession of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed"

Baptismal Prayer

Song: *"Who You Say I Am"*

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 (with the exception of 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: *"Cornerstone"*

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 45

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 11: 1-13

Sermon: **"Why Pray?"**

Prayer of Application

## **Response to the Word**

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

\*Song of Response: PsH #446 *"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) The Benevolence Fund

Offertory Song: *"Christ Be All Around Me"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: *"Christ Be All Around Me"*

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 - No Service at Church this evening, allowing for Communities or small groups to meet.**

**Communities:** This Sunday is the first Sunday set aside to give an opportunity for our Communities and small groups to meet in this new ministry season. “Communities” are geographically based “small congregations” (having an elder and a deacon) organized for the purpose of fellowship, pastoral care, discipleship and mission in their geographical area. Since our primary means of ministry is through our 12 “Communities” you are encouraged to meet with your “Community” whenever the opportunity arises. Each of the elders have been given material with the following question: “If our church’s mission statement were fulfilled: what would that look like and how would we know?” The material given to the elders and deacons is available in hard copy at the Information Centre or can be found on the church website at [www.ccrcc.on.ca](http://www.ccrcc.on.ca) (click on the “Communities/Small Groups” tab). If you do not know what “Community” you belong to, please contact Pastor Carel.

#### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

**Harriet R (3)** has remained as a patient at the Woodstock General Hospital throughout this past week. Pray for patience and renewed health and strength.

A Memorial service was held yesterday afternoon for **Dwayne T**, retired CRC missionary and pastor who passed away in the Philippines on Saturday, July 27, 2019.

Our condolences are extended to his wife **Gladys** and their children, **Tim and Matt**. Dwayne was also a brother-in-law to **John and Karen S (14)**, and an uncle to **Carita S (4), Olivia S (14)** and her children, **Kaydenz and Deaghan**. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

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;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey;
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation;

*Congratulations* to **Albert K and Sheryl D** (8) as they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come.

*Thank you:* Last Sunday was a memorable and joyful event as we celebrated the completion of the building project and dedicated it to the glory of God! Thank you to those who helped spruce up the church grounds and to those who helped organize our barbecue. It's wonderful to share in the beauty and care given to this house of worship. To God be the glory!

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Sept 29	10 a.m.	Pastor John Medendorp Professions of Faith: Rachel A (5) Scott A (5) Mia F (11)
	6 p.m.	Service at Maranatha CRC (Cambridge)
Oct 6	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

### River City Church Organization celebration:

River City Church will be celebrating its new status as a Christian Reformed Church rather than a church plant on **Sunday, September 29, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. at Maranatha CRC, 94 Elgin St. S, Cambridge, ON. Following the service there will be a reception with coffee and cake. Our **Administrative Council has decided to shift our regularly scheduled evening service to join them for this service of celebration**—both for God's gift of leaders and for River City Church's partnership with the CRC in Christ's Mission. More details about car-pooling to follow.

Please RSVP at:

<https://rivercityeveningcelebration.eventbrite.ca/>

### OFFERING SCHEDULE

#### Budget Contributions For September 15, 2019

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Sep 15	\$13,440	\$14,153	(\$713)	
YTD	\$544,158	\$651,671	(\$107,513)	
Resonate Global Mission			\$	1,796
Calvin Theological Seminary			\$	90

The Benevolence Fund	\$	50
Safe Church Ministries	\$	15
Missionary Support	\$	10

**Our offering today is for the Benevolence Fund.** This fund is used by the deacons to financially assist those within our church and the community when a need arises or help is requested.

**Next week our offering is for Woodland Christian High School (WCHS).** Woodland Christian High School is a vibrant Christian community of learning where the love of God is evident and where students will be equipped to serve in our society as followers of Christ. It is a new school year at WCHS and they are excited to welcome 89 grade nine students and a number of transfer students in grades 10-12!

### Missionary Update

We received a newsletter from **Anthony and Barbara P** with an update on their family life and ministry work with Daystar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island. Please help yourself to a copy of their newsletter at the Information Centre.

### COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**Transportation update:** Community CRC is now on a Grand River Transit Bus Route! We are located on Route #12. Go to [www.grt.ca](http://www.grt.ca) for details on maps and scheduling.

**Ministry Volunteer Awareness training.** 192 volunteers have attended the three sessions offered! Now the Coffee Break ministry has asked for another opportunity

and it will take place this coming **Wednesday, September 25 at 9 AM.** Did you know that Disability awareness training, safe church policy training, and emergency and fire safety training is an annual requirement for volunteering at CCRC? If you have not attended a training opportunity you can join us Wednesday morning or take out the training binder from the Church Office. If you have any questions you can direct them to Paula L or any other member of the Safe Church Team.

**Fall update from the library:** Have a small group starting soon? The library has contemporary book and DVD studies. Dive deeper this fall: books and DVDs on prayer for all ages are available from the library. Come and visit us before and after the morning service! And did you know you can search our collection online from the church website?

**Sunday School:** Today is the start of a new ministry year for Sunday School. Children ages 3 through Grade 3 are invited to Sunday School prior to the sermon and children in Grades 4, 5, & 6 are invited following the sermon. All ages are running today **with the exception of Grade 1 where this is a need for 2 teacher volunteers.** Please consider helping out! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle S or Sherrie M.

**Christian Cadet Club:** Cadet Club is a club for boy ages 7 to 13. It is part of the [Calvinist Cadet Corps](#). They meet on Monday evenings (September - April) from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. starting **tomorrow, September 23.**

**Knifty Knitters:** If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church **this Tuesday, Sep 24, at 9:30 a.m.** for a morning of caring through crafting. This week the group will be packing up the projects that were completed over the summer months. Please bring along some empty boxes if you can. If you have any questions, please call May H.



**Friendship:** The start of a new season begins Tuesday September 24th. We will meet at 7:00 pm in the gym for pizza, lasagna and ice cream. We are in need of several new mentors so if you are interested in joining this ministry please contact Derrick G, Colin D or Sandra G. We would love to have you join us.

**Administrative Council** meets this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the church.

**Impact Kick-off Event THIS Wednesday @ 7-9pm:** Are you in Grades 9-12? Come on out this Wednesday for our youth group kick-off! There'll be fun, games, a campfire, DONUTS, and lots of good people. And you'll be voting on where we go on Serve next summer!

**...And for Grade 9-12 PARENTS:** Join Pastor Amanda @ 7pm for a 15-minute info session on what we're studying this year, behind-the-scenes volunteer opportunities, and the chance to ask any questions you might have!

**Fall Retreat:** There is still time to join the 26 CCRC students who are traveling to Fall Retreat from October 4-6. Go to [fallretreat.ca](http://fallretreat.ca) and sign up today; then, mail your registration form and the \$185 fee to the address they provide. Transportation will

be by school bus and details of pick up times and locations will be provided soon. Please register before **September 27** (that's this Friday!) to ensure we have room for everyone. Questions? Email Tasha V.

**Grade 12 BBQ:** Grade 12 is crazy. As your 4-years of High School come to an end, it seems like people expect you to have the next 10 years of your life planned out! That's why Grade 12s are invited to a BBQ at Pastor John and Ashley M's house on Sunday, September 29 from 1-3 p.m. We'll have food, fellowship, and conversation about this major transition year and explore the possibility of a monthly Grade 12 Discipleship Group. Please let us know if you have any food restrictions!

**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour)** Our first night is this week Thursday, September 26th 7:00-8:30. We can't wait to see all the girls, grades 2-8, ready for an exciting year! If you have any questions, please email us at [gems@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:gems@ccrc.on.ca)

**Teen Club 2019 – 2020 Kick-off:** If you are in Grade 7 and 8, please join us for the launch of Teen Club 2019-2020 at the church on Friday September 27, 2019. We begin at 6:30 with a BBQ followed by an evening of fun and games. We should wrap up at 9:00 p.m. The balance of our season will include approximately 10 events held on Friday evenings and conclude in April 2020. We welcome each and everyone of you and encourage you to bring a friend. If you are interested, please connect with us via email at [youth@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:youth@ccrc.on.ca) and we will add you to our contact list so you won't miss an event.

## 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.**

**Coffee Break and Small Group Workshop** - Monday, Oct. 7th - 9:30am - 3:00pm, at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, 365 Queen St. Acton, ON. Marian Lensink of Global Coffee Break (CRCNA) will lead a workshop focused on engaging scripture together, leading a small group well, praying in and for our groups, and having an evangelistic perspective. Cost is \$35. Online registration is preferred at [actonworkshop.eventbrite.com](http://actonworkshop.eventbrite.com). Anyone involved in a small group of any kind is invited to attend. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

**40 Years of Refugee Sponsorship through World Renew** - For 40 years, Christian Reformed churches and community groups have been sponsoring refugees through World Renew/CRWRC. Come celebrate God's faithfulness, refugees' resilience, and committee members' courage and compassion! We will gather on Saturday, October 19, 2011, at Hamilton District Christian High School from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. There will be stories and food and fellowship with Canadians from around the globe. Questions?