



The Bible holds out the hope that we can “be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:19). To be filled with the very things that fill God is an awesome thought. During this series, we will focus on some of the spiritual realities that God fills us with: grace, unity, love, and light. In a world that leaves us drained and empty, join us as we live into the fullness that the Bible promises.

10:00am Service

Worship Participants this week:

Preacher: Pastor Tom Bomhof

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	“God is For Us”
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God’s Greeting	
Songs of Praise	“All Your People Sing” “Forever”

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Institution	
Prayer of Confession	
The Promises of God	
The Teaching	
Song	“I Am Not My Own”
The Vows	
The Baptism of Indiana Lynn T	
Baptismal Prayer	
Children’s Blessing	
Song	“Jesus Loves Me”

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Sermon

“Knit Together in Christ”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response:

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Offering Announcement

- 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
- 2) Safe Church Ministry

Prayers of the People

Confession of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

God’s Parting Blessing

Doxology

“Go Now in Peace”

Thanksgiving Weekend Services Sunday, October 10 + Monday, October 11

On Sunday, October 10, we will be wrapping up our Ephesians Series with Paul's final word of encouragement to always give thanks to God the Father for everything (Eph 5:20). All communities are welcome, so sign up early to join us for a service of song, word, and thanksgiving!

On Monday, October 11, our Thanksgiving Day service will be a shorter service geared toward our youngest members and their families. There will be noise-makers, familiar songs, interactive stories, and the joyful noise of our young brothers and sisters worshipping the God who loves them. Registration is open first to families with children under 12 and then will be open to all. Juice, cookies, and chalk art to follow outdoors after the service (weather-permitting).

Join us online or in person! Services will be held at 10:00 am in the church sanctuary and will be livestreamed through our normal online sites. An Eventbrite link will be sent out the week prior for sign-up.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles 16:34

We are currently using every other pew in the sanctuary in order to accommodate the recent increase to in-person worshippers while still abiding by the provincial restrictions on physically distancing and indoor capacity limits. All ages restrictions have been removed from the worship services so **all ages are welcome** for in-person worship. **All attendees age 2 and over are required to wear a mask and maintain a 2-meter physical distancing** both in the building and while outside.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

(The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong)

Our condolences are extended to **Kim and Mike T, Hayley and Jaden** (5) with the passing away of their brother-in-law, **Rob B**. Rob passed away from cancer on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at the age of 45. He leaves behind his wife and 3 children. Rob is also a nephew to **John and Gerdie A** (5) and a cousin to **Dan and Elaine A, Rachel, Scott and Kristen** (5). Please keep this family in your prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Pray for **Don F** (8) as he deals with ongoing health issues and an uncertain diagnosis. Pray for strength and patience and for reduced pain.

Please pray for continued patience and strength for **Cristina K** (6).

Pray for those in our congregation that are undergoing tests.

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- Pray for safety for students in universities and colleges as the media has brought to the forefront the many incidents of sexual assault that occur on school campuses. Pray for students within our congregation who are away from home, attending school, and feeling vulnerable.
- Sep 30 is the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Pray for healing of

our relationship with indigenous people who have suffered as a result of Residential schools and government policy.

- Pray for energy and creativity for ministry leaders and volunteers and they prepare for and launch ministries in another uncertain ministry year.
- Pray for wisdom, discernment, and perseverance as the Calling Committee seeks the Lord's will for CCRC. Members of the committee are: **Dave W, Breanne D, Irene G, Jerry P, Jenny F, Kim T, and Laura D**.
- Pray for teachers, administration, students, parents and support workers as they face the challenges of teaching and learning during a pandemic.
- Pray for those who are seeking employment or those who are underemployed and/or seeking more meaningful employment.
- Pray for **Gary and Galya T** with Resonate Global Missions, **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering in Guatemala, **Pastor Brian B** serving with Waterloo Campus Ministry and **Shannon C** serving as Chaplain at Forest Heights Long term care home.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Oct 3	10 am	Pastor Tom Bomhof C# 9, 11, 13, 14
Oct 10	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Lord's Supper All Communities Invited
Oct 11	10 am	Thanksgiving Day Service <i>Priority: Families with children 12 and under</i>

Upcoming Baptism Sundays | Are you looking to be baptized or to have your child baptized? The next Baptism Sundays are scheduled for October 24 and November 28. If you are interested in one of these dates, please contact the church office.

STAFF INFORMATION

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will be on vacation from September 24 until October 4.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

There are two offerings taken on a weekly basis at Community CRC. The first offering is for the Ministries of Community CRC and the second offering is for various causes that our church supports. For more details on how to donate to the church, please see the Resources section on the last page of the bulletin.

This week our offering is for Safe Church Ministry | *Safe Church Ministry equips congregations in abuse awareness, prevention, and response. They help build communities where the value of each person is honored; where people are free to worship and grow free from abuse; and where abuse has occurred, the response is compassion and justice that foster healing. They pursue their vision by offering training and support to volunteer safe church team members so that they can be resources for their congregations and classes. Team members*

provide learning opportunities, support, and consultation in their own local contexts.

Next week our offering is for Race Relations | The Office of Race Relations resources Christian Reformed members and congregations as they dismantle the causes and effects of racism within the body of believers and throughout the world.

Upcoming Offerings:

Oct 10 | Food Bank of Waterloo Region
Oct 11 | Ontario Christian Gleaners
Oct 17 | Disability Concerns

Offerings received as at September 19, 2021 including (PAR) Pre-Authorized Remittance and The Bridge App:

September 19, 2021	\$	34,150
Year to Date	\$	562,192
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Missionary Support	\$	1,060
Resonate Global Mission	\$	406
Waterloo Campus Ministry	\$	50
Benevolence Fund	\$	20
Safe Church Ministry	\$	50
Ontario Christian Gleaners	\$	25
Food Bank of Waterloo Region		25

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Sermon Podcast and Music Playlists | Listen and subscribe to our sermon audio podcast on Spotify or Apple Podcasts. And check out our [Spotify playlists](#) (plus one for kids!) of worship songs we sing regularly at Community.

Name Tags | It would be great if we could all start wearing our name tags again! You are welcome to take your name tag out of your church mailbox. If you need a new name tag or have never had one, please contact Donna in the church office at adminclerk@ccrc.on.ca and she will make one for you.

Artwork of Thankfulness | Take a photo or get out your paintbrushes – we want to see your artwork! As we approach Thanksgiving, reflect on what you're thankful for, illustrate it with photography or artwork, and send a picture of your art to Rachel so we can share it with the congregation in worship. This activity is for people of all ages and abilities. Send photos or scans of your art to worship@ccrc.on.ca by October 7.

Dive Into Doctrine: Round Two | Online Sign-up OPEN! Did you miss out on the Dive Into Doctrine small groups this past spring? Do you wish you could have joined? Well, here's your chance! Follow the link below to sign up for a small group and participate in Dive into Doctrine: Round Two as we explore the CRCNA Human Sexuality Report ahead of Synod 2022. Questions? Contact the Office or Pastor Amanda.

CCRC Ministries that would like to start meeting are asked to provide a detailed, planned procedure on how they will follow COVID protocols in their meetings. This plan should be sent to Chris S, Council rep on the COVID Committee. This committee will visit the plan prior to submitting it to Administrative Council. You can find the protocols on the church website at the following link: <https://www.ccrcc.on.ca/covid-19-faqs-for-ccrc>.

Volunteers Needed | Are you looking for a place to get involved in the church? We are looking for volunteers in various ministries and areas throughout the church. Interested? Go to the

website to see where there are volunteer opportunities and how you might be able to give of your time and talents. Go to: <https://www.ccrcc.on.ca/volunteers>

The Journey will be meeting in the church parking lot this afternoon at 1:00 pm for a worship service.

Administrative Council will meet this Tuesday 7:30 pm at the church.

Friday Night Dinner RETURNS! - October 1 | Hey YA folks, we've missed having you around our table! So, this coming Friday, we'd love to have you over for a delicious meal and good conversation. If you're a regular or have never been to FND, you are welcome! Email or message Pastor Amanda to claim a spot by Thursday, Sept 30. (*Note: Because we have two tiny unvaccinated people in our home, we're asking those who come out are double-vaccinated to protect our tinies and to protect each other. Thanks! Pastor Amanda + Brian*)

Parents of GEMS and Cadet children | The leaders have been hard at work planning for the upcoming season. In order to assist in planning, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey by tomorrow, **Monday, September 27**. A link can be found in the email copy of the bulletin. Your input is necessary and important for these ministries to move forward so your help is appreciated!

NEW! Recommended Family Devotionals | We're hoping to put together a list of recommended devotionals for kids, teens, and families. Does your family have a devotional that you've really loved? If you're a child or teen, we'd love to hear from you, too! You can find the link in the emailed bulletin to submit your recommendations with a sentence or two about why you're recommended it. The form will be live for two weeks. After that we hope to publish

a CCRC Family Devotional Guide filled with your recommendations!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Family Fire | is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com (a resource produced by ReFrame Ministries). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Groundwork | You Shall Not Steal | Stealing of any kind reveals a lack of trust in God's provision. Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 20:15 and dig into scriptures that help us better understand the damage stealing causes in our relationships and what attitudes of the heart we can cultivate to help curb any temptation to steal something for our own benefit. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Children's Devotion | Spending Time with Jesus - If you were going to spend time with Jesus, what would you want to do? Would you play with him? Would you ask him questions and talk about stuff? Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net

Marriage Seminar | Stoking the Spirit in Your Marriage | Family Fire is proud to share a series of videos on improving your marriage, titled, "Stoking the Spirit in Your Marriage." Based on their long-running series of in-person marriage seminars, Pastors Deb & Steven Koster discuss skills and fundamentals everyone can use in their marriages. Get the series in 13 installments right in your inbox with your free subscription to Family Fire. Visit familyfire.com/stokingmarriage

Faith Practices | The Practice of Sabbath | Read Psalm 23 and ponder or discuss the following questions: Reflect on the words "I shall not want" (or, as The Message puts it, "I don't need a thing." How often do those words describe you? How have you experienced God's "goodness and mercy"? How might you be an agent of goodness and mercy to your neighbor or to your "enemies"? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Disability Concerns October Learning Series | Disability Concerns Ministry is excited to share our newest resource with you: Everybody Belongs, Serving Together (www.faithward.org/everybody-belongs-serving-together/). Join us this October, every Thursday evening at 8pm (EST) as we dive into this resource, inviting leaders in our community to speak on topics covered in this handbook. Visit our website to find out more and to register for this series: bit.ly/dcc2021series (Hosted by Disability Concerns Canada)

Volunteer Opportunity | L'Arche Hamilton is excited to be taking on the project of operating a small café out of the Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre! L'Arche is an organization whose mission is to make known the gifts of people with developmental disabilities through mutually transforming relationships. In this vein, we are looking for people who share this vision and are excited about operating our café alongside people with developmental disabilities. The café will be entirely operated by volunteers. We are starting out operating only one day per week. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, or would like to apply to be a volunteer with the café, please email dave@larchehamilton.org.

Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) has partnered with the CRC denomination for decades to provide FREE planned giving and

estate planning services to any member of a Christian Reformed church in Canada. With this announcement, CSS is launching a fall campaign to reintroduce our services to members of the CRC family. Our tag line of 'making giving easier' is well earned as our professional and unbiased services can help Christians in many areas of stewardship including [Estate Planning](#) designed for all ages and situations. CSS can help you prepare your first Will or review an existing Will-including bequests, trusts, tax implications or other important arrangements. CSS can also provide online gifting accounts, the tools to automate donations, simplify end of life distributions, and gifts of appreciated securities - just to name a few. Check out our new website at CSServices.ca for further information, or call us at 800.267.8890 ext. 217. You will be glad you did.

RESOURCES

The following donation methods are in place to give to Community CRC and its ministries:

1. Use the Bridge App (or this link): <https://crc.etadvance.com/churches/community-crc-kitchener/donate>. You can make donations using your credit card (note there is a 3% admin fee taken by the processing company)

or direct to your bank account (no admin fee). At this time, we offer opportunity to donate to:

1. Church Budget
2. Capital Fund
3. The work of the Deacons locally (Benevolence) or
4. **An approved second collection. The Bridge APP now includes a listing of upcoming second collections for the next few weeks.**

Note: if you use the link (rather than the APP), the only payment option is credit card. The Bank account option is only available through the Bridge App. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy W Treasurer.

2. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) – monthly pre-authorized payment. Fill out form, along with a blank void cheque by email to treasurer@ccrc.on.ca

3. You can mail your donations to the Church. The mailbox is checked regularly.

4. You can drop off your donation in our drop-off mailslot located on the outside of the kitchen door at the church. This is a secured locked box that safely receives your envelope within the building.



CAP, or Congregational Assistance Plan, is a way for our CCRC to make counselling services available for everyone in the church. From time to time all of us are faced with difficulties. Usually, we are able to resolve them. But there come times when our usual ways of coping no longer seem to work. This is especially true in this stressful time of lockdown and pandemic that we find ourselves in. If this is happening to you, CAP offers professional Christian counselling support to you as an individual, as couples, and as families.

Through the Shalem Mental Health Network, CCRC is able to offer a solution-focused counselling model of up to 6 free sessions in a year. A professional Christian counsellor will help you to develop a strategy to cope with and resolve a variety of issues, including marriage difficulties, adolescent and children's issues, bereavement, stress, trauma, depression, anxiety, addiction, abuse and others.

What's the First Step?

To use CAP, you do not need to be referred by your doctor, pastor or elder. Simply call Shalem's CAP number **(1-866-347-0041)** and mention that you are a member of CCRC. An intake staff will ask you a few questions to determine the issue about which you are seeking counselling and to note any specific requests, such as wanting a male or female counsellor, evening appointment times, etc. You will then be contacted by the appropriate CAP counsellor, who will set up your first appointment with you.

More Questions? Go to ccrc.on.ca and follow the links to CAP or talk to Pastor Amanda.