



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 Amanda Bakale **Liturgist:** Pastor Tom Bomhof

GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	“How Great is Our God”
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God’s Greeting	
Songs of Praise	“Blessed Be Your Name”
Thanksgiving Litany	
Song of Praise	“Let All Things Now Living”
Offering Announcement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church 2) The Food Bank of Waterloo Region
Prayers of the People	
Song	“Praise and Thanksgiving”
Children’s Blessing	

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song	“Show Us Christ”
Scripture Reading	Ephesians 5: 8-20
Sermon	‘Living as Children of Light’
Prayer of Application	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response:	“Now Thank We All Our God” vs. 1, 2
The Institution	
The Teaching	
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving	
The Invitation	
Sharing of the Bread and Cup	
Response of Praise	“Now Thank We All Our God” vs.3
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Please leave the building immediately after the ushers dismiss you from the pews.
You are welcome to fellowship in the parking lot while maintaining social distance.**

Youth Ministry Leaders Needed

We are so excited to be able to meet once again in person with our Youth. We are looking for the following leaders to make this possible:

- **Ministry Co-Leaders (1-2)**
 - Do you love seeing the big picture? And helping to guide and connect others to that big picture? Well, here’s the role for you! We’re looking for 1-2 folks who would serve as ministry leader(s) to the high school ministry. This involves working closely with Anita DeHaan, Administrator – Youth Programs, and Pastor Amanda, as well as our amazing CCRC teenagers!
- **Discipleship Group Leaders (2-3)**
 - Want to get involved in the lives of teens and also love going deeper in a small group context? Then consider being a discipleship group leader or co-leader! It’s a once a month commitment from October to May. You would lead a small group of 5-6 participants who have opted to go deeper in their faith lives and in God’s Word. FYI: The time and place to meet is TBD on the group’s schedule.
- **Youth Leaders (3-5)**
 - Wanna just show up and hang out with some incredible teens? Then join us as an Impact leader! We meet for Big Group Nights on the first 2 Wednesdays of the month and then have a social or service project on the 4th weekend of the month.

COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

Please keep **Geralee H (14)** in your prayers as she will undergo surgery on Friday, October 15, 2021. Pray for surgery to go well and for a quick recovery.

Our condolences are extended to **Pastor Carel and Irene G (9)** with the passing away of Pastor Carel's father, **Rev. Martinus G**. Rev. G passed away at Huronview Home in Clinton, Ontario, in his 97th year. A funeral was held this past Thursday at Stratford CRC. Rev. G served several Christian Reformed Churches in the Netherlands and Canada. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- Pray that God would provide leaders for our Youth ministry.
- 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 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 17	10 am	Pastor Sara DeMoor
Oct 24	10 am	Pastor Amanda Bakale Baptism: Levi F (11)
Oct 31	10 am	Pastor Tom Bomhof

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.

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.

The offering this morning is for the Food Bank of Waterloo Region. Our annual Food Bank Drive will be the same as last years in that it will be **financial donations only as this will be simpler for both our Church and the Food Bank to administer.** The Waterloo Region Food Bank continues to undertake good work in a variety of ways and much information about that can be found on their website. A summary is as follows:

Last year, 33,355 individuals were served by the Community Food Assistance Network. There is no 'typical' food bank recipient and there is no single reason for people to need assistance. Food insecurity is a complex problem and the solutions are complicated. Thanks to a caring community, our network is able to provide nourishment and connection to other essential supports so those who need our help can move their lives forward

As a Church our target this year is to raise \$2,000 and the drive is open from October 4th to October 18th and donations can be made to the Church or directly to the Food Bank at <https://www.thefoodbank.ca/ccrc/>.

Thank you from the Deacons.

The offering on Thanksgiving Day is for the Ontario Christian Gleaners. *Ontario Christian Gleaners is an Interdenominational Christian organization that seeks to visibly demonstrate God's love and grace by working with volunteers to collect, process, and make available surplus agricultural produce for the relief of the hungry in overseas nations.* For more information go to <https://www.ontariogleaners.org/>.

Next week the offering is for **Disability Concerns**. The CRCNA encourages churches to celebrate Disability Concerns whose theme for this designated Sunday is "Who's missing in my church?" This year Disability Concerns will engage in ongoing conversations about developing church communities that create accessible spaces for millennials and Gen Z. This generation has grown up with an education system that understands and responds to their needs, but this has not been the case in our churches. Go to <https://www.crcna.org/disability> to learn more.

Upcoming Offerings:

- Oct 24 | Faith Formation Ministries
- Oct 31 | Laurentian Hills Christian School

Offerings received as at October 3, 2021:

October 3, 2021	\$	14,495
Year to Date	\$	580,822
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
Second Offerings		
Race Relations	\$	389
World Renew	\$	1,060

Food Bank of Waterloo Region		735
Resonate Global Mission	\$	105
Ontario Christian Gleaners	\$	100
CCRC Mission Fund	\$	75
Safe Church Ministry	\$	65
Faith Formation Ministries	\$	15
Disability Concerns	\$	15
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	15
Waterloo Campus Ministry	\$	5

Note: Offerings received through the Bridge App are counted once a month and are not reflected in each week's offering amount.

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

Halloween Drive Thru | Mark Your Calendars |
 On October 31st from 3-5pm, we will be having a **Halloween Drive-Thru event** on our parking lot. Swing on by with your friends, children, and other neighbourhood kids for a super-fun, family-friendly, COVID-compliant, drive thru event with lots of candy, games and more! We will need about 20 people to help with handing out candy, setting up, cleaning up and other odd jobs. We are also asking the congregation to donate peanut-free candy for this event and to drop them off at the church during office hours or on Sunday morning. We are also looking for a long piece of PVC pipe, some pop-up picnic tents, and some yard dice. This is a way for our church to be a good neighbour and to engage our community by providing a safe place for Halloween fun. Contact Pastor Tom if you can help with the event.

Name Tags | It would be great if we could all start wearing our name tags again! It's difficult to recognize people with masks on and it's helpful for everyone to know each other's name. You are welcome to take your name tag out of your church mailbox. **If you need a new name tag, can't find your old one, or have never had one, please contact Donna in the**

church office at adminclerk@ccrc.on.ca or go to the Information Desk and add your name on the yellow sheet on the clipboard for “Name Tags”.

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.

Full Council will be meeting on Tuesday, October 12 at 7:55 pm at the church. Consistory will be meeting prior to the full council meeting.

Impact (High School) | Join us this Wednesday for an outdoor fire from 7:00 – 8:15 pm. Bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather. See you there!

Calling Committee | The Calling Committee has advertised on our church website at www.ccrc.on.ca/careers and on the denominational (CRCNA.org). They welcome your suggestions for potential candidates by e-mailing careers@ccrc.on.ca.

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.

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.ccrc.on.ca/volunteers>

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! The link to the Google Form is in the emailed copy of the bulletin. 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

Groundwork: You Shall Not Covet | The desire to possess what God gave someone else reveals insufficient trust that God provides enough. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Exodus 20:17 so that we understand the spiritual and relational implications of coveting and learn how we can combat covetousness and enhance gratitude in our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Lord's Prayer | Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. This week's devotion looks at what Jesus taught them. Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net.

Faith Practices | Faith Formation Ministries | Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Gratitude: Read Luke 17:11-19 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How have you experienced healing in your life, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual? How did you, or how might you, express your gratitude to God? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

The Restore Conference | The pandemic has taken a toll on the church and its leaders, no doubt. What better time to get together again in person to worship together, to be inspired, to pray and heal together, than right now? Join us for The Restore Conference (restoreconference.ca) on November 18-20th in Abbotsford, B.C., at New Life Church. Couples welcomed. Special room rates are available. Only \$169/person, which includes meals, transportation to and from the airport and conference, and a chance to refill your spiritual tank. It's time to revision and resend. Register online. Hurry; space is limited.

Holland Christian Homes | Has taking care of a house on your own become too much work for you? Would you love to live in a community with people with common values and beliefs, where you can enjoy fellowship, friendship, and convenience in a Christian environment? Holland Christian Homes in Brampton may be the place for you! We have 1-bedroom independent living apartments available for immediate occupancy. For a 2-bedroom, there is only a short wait list. Please reach out if you think that being a part of this loving, Christian community is for you. We would love to talk with you about our available housing options. Contact Kelly at 905-459-3333, extension 5250.

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 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.