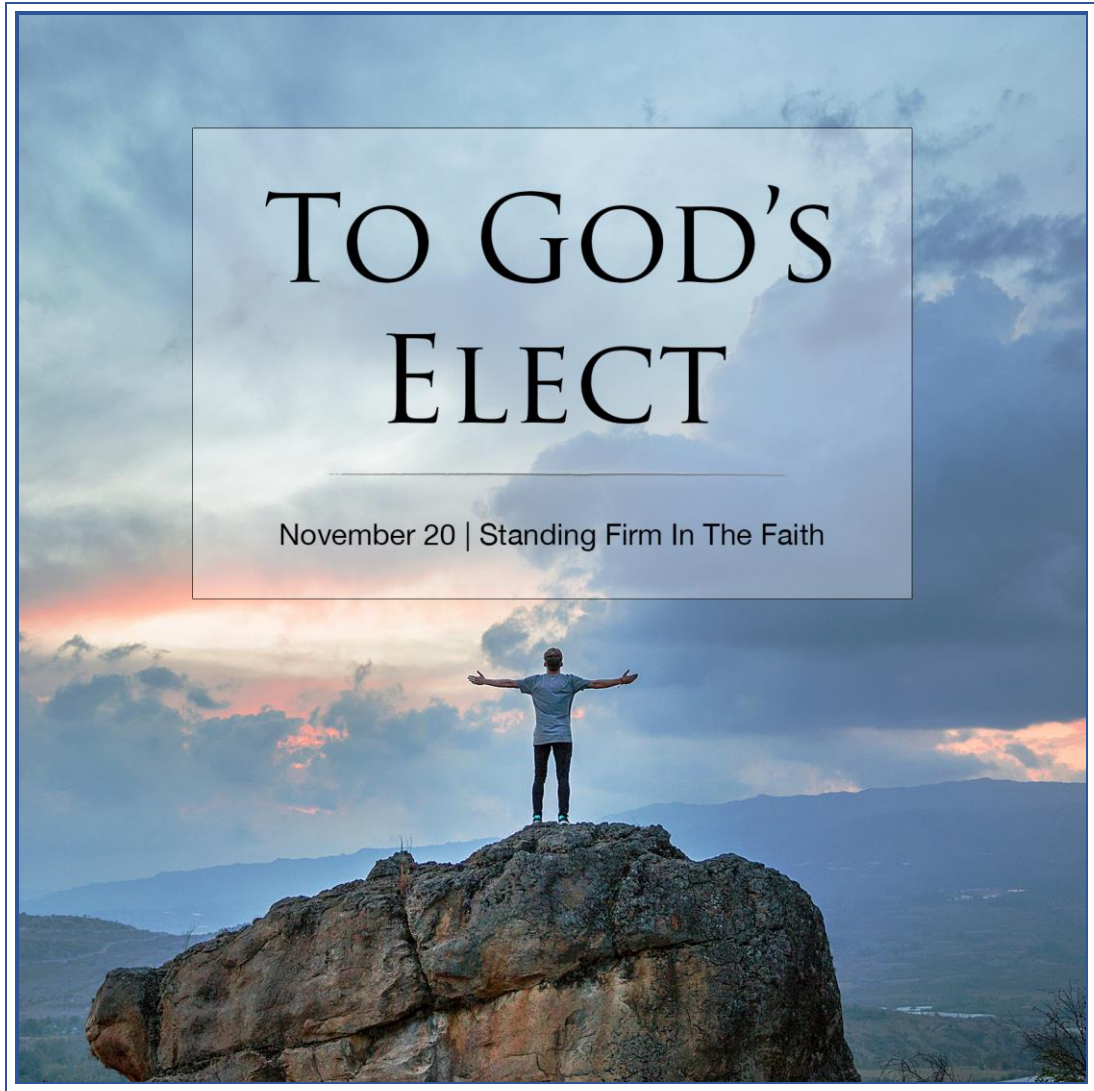


Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario



# TO GOD'S ELECT

November 20 | Standing Firm In The Faith

November 20, 2016

**November 20, 2016**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Amanda Bakale**

*Elder-in-Charge: Janet H*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: *"Yesterday, Today, and Forever"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise: *"I Am Not My Own"*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Response: *"The Stand"*

Kingdom Kids dismissed: Children ages 3 – Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday School. Children (ages 3-5) only need to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian. Peter Fish offering.

### **Proclamation of the Word**

Song of Preparation: *"Your Name"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5: 8-14

Sermon: **"Standing Firm in the Faith"**

### **Response to the Word**

Children in Grades 4-6 are dismissed for weekly sermon discussion

Song of Response: PsH #500 *"How Firm a Foundation"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) FACE (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) Fund

Offertory Song: *"By Faith"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #638 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Immediately following the service, the congregation is asked to remain in their seats for a short Congregational meeting. There will be a five minutes break for those needing to pick up their children from nursery or Sunday School before the meeting will start.*



**Following the meeting, 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: Karen N**

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

### **Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH 237 *"We Praise You, O God"*

Confession of Faith: Belhar Confession, Article 3

Song Response: *"The City is Alive, O God"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: The FACE (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) Fund

### **Hearing the Word**

Song of Preparation: PsH #601 *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: II Corinthians 5: 16-21

Sermon: **"Seeing People Differently"**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: PsH #540 *"In Christ There is No East or West"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #631 *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

#### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

**Update on Sarah B (8)** - In the last month Sarah received some news from her CT scan, which showed a large mass near her right adrenal gland. She then underwent a biopsy. It has been a very scary time for the family. However, this past week Sarah & Ivan got the best news possible - the mass is not cancer but rather just benign vascular tissue and nothing to be concerned about. Hallelujah! Sarah will continue with her present treatment plan for early stage breast cancer with a good prognosis. The Bruulsema family is giving thanks for a measure of grace this week and continues to be extremely humbled and thankful for the support of the church community.

Today we say farewell to **Jamie, Rhonda and Matilda A (1)** who will be moving to Barbados to allow Jamie to take up a work position there. They are leaving early this week. Jamie and Rhonda have expressed their appreciation for the warm welcome they have received at CCRC over the past year. We wish them God's blessings in their move and in their life in a new country.

Little **Jordan S (7)**, newborn son of **Zach and Stephanie S**, continues to do well at Grand River Hospital. The next step: home!

**Pat D (11)** was admitted to St. Mary's hospital to have an obstruction removed from her esophagus. She remains at the hospital under observation.

**John and Tina B (8)** are volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services in Century, Florida due to tornados in the spring of 2016. They will be there until November 26 at which time **Joanne O (2)** will be joining the team until December 10. Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience with opportunities for them to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry.

After a journey with cancer, Pastor **Adrian Van G** passed away at the Freeport Campus of Grand River Hospital on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the age of 57. Pastor Adrian was the first Pastor serving at the Journey (our church plant) in Kitchener. Our condolences are extended to his

Adrian's wife, **Barb** and their children **Tony and Emily, Ellen, and Eric** and grandson **Calvin**. A memorial service was held this past Friday at our church to celebrate Adrian's life and faith.

**Pastor Amanda** will be on vacation this week from Wednesday through Saturday. She will be back on Sunday for the morning service.

**Pastor John** continues his vacation and will be back in the office on November 29. We pray that he may have a relaxing time away and will come back rested and excited for Advent!

Please continue to pray for:

- those dealing with various illness among members of their extended family;
- those dealing with depression and other forms of mental illness;
- those dealing with cancer;
- those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis because of various health issues;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **John and Jane H** with Samaritan Foundation in the Dominican Republic; **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **David and Jessica O** with World Renew in Senegal; **Kim H** with CRWM in Guatemala, **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with CRWM in Guatemala;
- **persecuted Christians**
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation.

*Congratulations* to **Hank S** who celebrates his birthday on November 22 in Guatemala. May he experience God's richest blessings in the coming year and as she celebrates her birthday!



#### OFFERING INFORMATION

#### Budget Contributions For Nov 13, 2016

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Accumulated (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Nov 13	\$11,126	\$12,845	(\$1,719)	
YTD	\$648,211	\$723,921	(\$75,711)	
Back to God Ministries Int'l			\$	1.595.32
World Renew – World Hunger			\$	150.00
Laurentian Christian High School			\$	100.00
Woodland Christian High School			\$	100.00

**This week our offering is for the FACE fund.** As a congregation we have supported a **FACE Fund (Financial Assistance for Christian Education)** to assist with tuition costs for those wishing to send their children to a Christ-based school. The fund is available for any approved elementary or secondary school. Please contact either the deacons or the church office in order to receive an application.

**Next week our offering is for Kim H.** Kim and her husband Kevin and son Noah live just outside Guatemala City. Kevin works in marketing at a radio station in Guatemala City. Kim serves at Kairos Christian School and Alcance Community Association. Both are passionate about spreading the Gospel in Guatemala through community transformation, and serving grassroots leaders

working in the hard places. Hank and Rosario Stronks volunteer at the same institution as Kim. A video will be shown during the offering next week with more information on the mission work Kim is involved with.

**Vouchers:** Current vouchers will expire Dec 31, 2016. Please keep this date in mind when ordering voucher purchases. Vouchers purchased in December will have 2017 expiry date. Purchases can be made in the usual way using your budget envelope. At year end, if you still have 2016 vouchers, they can be exchanged for 2017 vouchers. If you have any questions, please contact Karen V.

#### UPCOMING SERVICES

Nov 27	10 a.m.	Pastor Carel Baptism: William B Profession of Faith: Alex B Steven W
	6 p.m.	Community Care Groups Meet
Dec 4	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Amanda

#### COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**BoBs (Bureau of Beautification): Christmas Decorating!** The BoBs are looking for an additional 10 volunteers to help with Christmas decorating. We are meeting at the church on Thursday, Nov. 24th at 7pm. We have the plans, the ideas, and the banners all ready to go. We simply need help putting the trees up, the decorations up and whipping the church into the Advent

spirit! If you are available, please contact either Kyle R or Annette S. Thank you!

**The Christmas Choir:** Have you been wondering when the Christmas Choir will be starting up? Well, wait no longer! We are beginning rehearsals on Wednesday, Nov. 23! With Ulrike R as our director, we will be rehearsing on Wednesday evenings, starting at 7:15 pm and finishing around 8:30 pm. Our pieces will be performed during the Candlelight and Christmas Day services. All are welcome to join the choir. If you have any questions please contact Kyle. Thanks!

**ATTENTION YOUNG PARENTS from your friendly TEEN CLUB:** As a



Teen Club, we've had an amazing start to our year and we have already made some great connections with others in

Teen Club through various events. Now it's OUR turn to give back. As a **Teen Club we will be offering our services to all parents with young children who need a night off!** On Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:30-9:30, the Teen Club and leaders will be at the church to offer FREE babysitting for the evening. Drop off your littles at the church anytime between 6:30-9:30, go enjoy a nice quiet dinner and possibly get some Christmas shopping done! All ages welcome – babies, toddlers, children; we are here to help you out. If you plan on using our free services that night, please email [youth@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:youth@ccrc.on.ca) or let Jen C know so that we can be sure to plan ahead regarding numbers, etc.



**All Nursery Volunteers:** There will be a short meeting after the service on December 4, 2016 to review the new nursery procedures and sign-in forms. Please meet in the sanctuary following the service.

**Cadets** (boys 7-13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



**L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five)** will meet this Tuesday, November 22 at the church. Coffee and fellowship is at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting to start at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Bernie will be leading the group in lesson#4 on Joseph. Lunch will be provided.

**Council** will meet this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

**Friendship:** This week Pastor Bernie will lead us in the storytelling of lesson 3, "The Woman at the Well".



**Volleyball:** All are welcome to join in this Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m. (for fun and non-competitive volleyball. If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Adom P or check out our Facebook Page "Volleyball at CCRC".

**Ladies: all ages are welcome to join us for Coffee Break Wednesday mornings at 9.30 a.m. here in the multipurpose room.** Nursery and preschool classes (up to age SK) are provided. Join in one of our current studies: The Parables of Jesus, Ephesians, and Origins: Christian Perspectives on Creation,



Evolution, and Intelligent Design. For more info, contact [coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca)

**The Pastor's Class** will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour – girls ages 7–13)** will NOT meet this week. Instead there will be a Counselor meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



**Operation Christmas Child** is a program organized through Samaritan's Purse Canada that provides gifts to children that are in need around the world. These gifts are made possible through support from donations of items and money to cover shipping costs. Again this year, we are organized to support this cause at CCRC. This is an opportunity for members of all ages to participate or even as a Community to do together.



**What do you do?** Fill a shoebox provided with toys and small items; school supplies; hygiene items etc. There are some items that should not be included, please see the list in the information sheet. Each box requires \$7 to accompany it to cover delivery expenses and tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$15 or greater. Most importantly, please pray for the child who will receive your gift. A few boxes are still available in the gym. **All boxes should be returned by next week, November 27.** For more info, please visit [samaritanspurse.ca/OCC](http://samaritanspurse.ca/OCC) or contact Peter and Minnie H.

## 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 bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.**

**Baptism** - Water is ordinary, so why do Christians think touching a person's body with water in baptism can do such extraordinary things? Join Groundwork in studying Matthew 28 and Colossians 2 to discover what happens in baptism, who it's for, and the hope it gives to faithful believers. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Special Advent Devotional Series** - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at [ReFrameMedia.com/Advent](http://ReFrameMedia.com/Advent).

**Sign Up for 2016 Advent Devotions!** - Starting November 28, World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice will share a devotional series for Advent 2016 called The Things that Make for Peace, to orient your Christmas season. To sign up, go to: [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent).

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Come And Enjoy A Christmas Theme Benefit Concert** - Crescendo, Men of Note and Men of Praise are performing together and hosting a Benefit Concert at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock, on Saturday **November 26, 2016 at 7:30 pm**. Come and enjoy an evening of music with us. There will be a free-will offering to support the work of The Lighthouse. For more information contact Rob D.

**Colour Me Christmas** is a choir concert by Grand River Voices that will be held at Community CRC on November 26 at 7:30pm. Grand River Voices is an adult community choir that will be singing a combination of both sacred and secular pieces. Tickets (Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$15) can be purchased at [grandrivervoices.ca](http://grandrivervoices.ca) or at the door.

**Woodland Grade 8 Day & Parent Information Night:** All Grade eight students are invited to attend **Grade 8 Day** at Woodland Christian High School on **Thursday, December 1st, 2016** from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM at the school. This is an opportunity to visit classes, meet students and teachers. The day is planned to be an introduction to the opportunities available in an excellent Christian high school program. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Transportation may be available. Please call the school ([519 648 2114](tel:5196482114)) for more information or visit our website: [www.woodland.on.ca](http://www.woodland.on.ca). Parents, please mark Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM on your



calendar for Woodland's Parent Information Night.

**Woodland Christian High School Presents:**  
**Our Town, Breslau Edition:** You're invited to attend this year's drama production at Woodland Christian High School as students present OUR TOWN, Breslau Edition. A nostalgic, humorous and profound play about the "Journey of Life". Under the direction of Mr. Wes W the works of Thornton Wilder will be brought to life with the thread of Redemption woven throughout. **December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 PM.** Tickets are being sold at the door: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for seniors and students.