



This series brings us the gifts of Advent as found in the stories in Luke 1 leading up to the birth of Christ. The season of Advent is one of waiting, and so we wait in eager anticipation and expectation in hope. In each of the four weeks leading up to Christmas, we will discover a gift that God gives. Through the stories of Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Mary, we will find that God gives the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love. And as we ponder their stories, we will look at our own stories to find what gifts God might have for us. This will culminate with Christmas Day when we reflect on the gift of the birth of Jesus.

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**Welcome** | We're glad you could join us as we grow in relationship to God, each other, and our community. May the Lord bless your time of worship with us today! We would like to get to know you, so please fill out the Visitor Form on the back of the bulletin and put it in the offering plates or bring it to the Information Centre.

**Childcare & Sunday School** | Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no nursery available at this time. However, following the Children's Blessing, children ages 4 to Grade 3 are invited to participate in Sunday school in our gym. Children ages 4-5 need to be registered online and signed in and out by a parent or guardian.

**Fellowship** | You are invited for fellowship in the parking lot while maintaining physical distancing. Following the service, please be seated and the ushers will dismiss you from the pews.

**Accessibility** | A hearing loop system is installed in the sanctuary. To use, switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to the "T" (Telecoil or Telephone) position. Portable listening devices are available at the sound booth. The Information Centre has LARGE PRINT Bibles available.

## 10:00 AM Worship Service

Preacher: Pastor Tom Bomhof

### GATHERING AND GREETING

Gathering Song	“We Have A Saviour”
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship	
God’s Greeting	
Song of Praise	“King of Kings” “Immanuel (From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable”

### CANDLE LIGHTING

Lighting of the Advent Candle	
Advent Declaration	
Song	“Christ Be Our Light” (LUYH 908)
Children’s Blessing	Children ages 4 – Grade 3 are now invited to participate in Sunday School

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Illumination	“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (LUYH 061)
Prayer of Illumination	
Scripture Reading	Luke 1: 26-38
Sermon	The Gifts of Advent: The Gift of Peace
Prayer of Application	

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response	“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”
Offering Announcement	1) Ministries of Community CRC 2) Calvin University
Prayers of the People	
God’s Parting Blessing	
Doxology	“We Receive Your Blessing” (LUYH 947)

LUYH numbers refer to the Lift Up Your Hearts hymnals available at the back of the sanctuary.

**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.**

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## COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

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We are looking for 15 people to serve in the 8 elder and 7 deacon positions that will become vacant in June 2022. **Could God be calling you to serve this way?** Come to a meeting at the church on January 18, 2022 to find out more about being an elder or deacon and to begin the process of discernment. Contact Pastor Tom or Judy Hansma for more information.

**Pictures needed** | Did you take pictures during 2021 while at church or attending a church ministry or event? If so, we would love to have them. We would love to show them in a PowerPoint of 2021 highlights for the New Year's Eve service. These pictures will not be posted on social media. Please send them to the church office at [office@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:office@ccrc.on.ca).

**Cadets and GEMS** are meeting on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 with the following schedule going forward:

December 9 | Grades 5-8 meeting

December 16 | Outdoor Family Christmas Party

We are still looking for more volunteers! Please sign up at [gems@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:gems@ccrc.on.ca).

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

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Dec 12	10 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Pastor Amanda Bakale Lord's Supper C# 9, 11, 13, 14
Dec 19	10 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Pastor Tom Bomhof C# 5, 6, 7, 8
	6:30 pm	Pastor Amanda Bakale Candlelight Service All Communities
Dec 25	10 am	Pastor Tom Christmas Day Service All Communities

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## OFFERING SCHEDULE

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**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 go online to [www.ccrc.on.ca/giving](http://www.ccrc.on.ca/giving).**

**This week our offering is for Calvin University.** Calvin University is a Christian academic community dedicated to rigorous intellectual inquiry. Calvin students study the liberal arts and select from a broad range of majors and professional programs. The university fosters scholarship that creates new knowledge, that performs creative work, and that sustains natural and cultural resources.

**Next week our offering is for Missionary Support.** This fund is used by CCRC to provide financial support to our missionaries **Gary and Galya T** with Resonate Global Mission and **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island.

**Flood Relief - British Columbia** | In response to the flood damage in British Columbia, our church has been in touch with World Renew, who has directed us to Gateway CRC whose Deacons are dealing with the flood impacts on a personal and community level. Gateway is working to address the long-term impacts of this disaster. Our Deacons will hold a special offering today, to help the overall recovery needs. There will be a third offering "bucket" together with the 2 normal ones in the main lobby. If paying by cheque please make payable directly to Community CRC.

Thank you ...The Deacons.

## Upcoming Offerings:

Dec 19 | House of Friendship

Dec 25 | World Renew

## Offerings received as at November 28, 2021:

November 28, 2021	\$	7,870
Year to Date	\$	711,579
Budgeted 2021 Total Contributions	\$	923,460
<b>Second Offerings</b>		
Chaplaincy and Care Ministry	\$	50
Missionary Support	\$	50
Benevolence	\$	1225
World Renew – World Hunger	\$	250
Woodland Christian High School	\$	250
Laurentian Hills Christian School	\$	250
CRC Mission	\$	25
Habitat	\$	30
Ray of Hope	\$	50
B.C Flood relief	\$	2,705

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

## COMMUNITY CRC CHURCH FAMILY

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

**Give thanks to God that Pastor Laura accepted our call to be the Interim Pastor – Preaching and Pastoral Care!** If you would like to contact her, here is her contact information:

2020 Sheldon Rd,

Grand Haven, MI, 49417

616-482-7636

[Lmdj021@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:Lmdj021@calvinseminary.edu)

Please keep Pastor Laura in prayers over the next few weeks as she transitions from Second CRC in Grand Haven to CCRC.

**Bill H (14)** is at Freeport Hospital and is awaiting a transfer to long term care. Pray for Bill as he deals with this change and for **Geralee** and the family as they care for him.

**Jake V (6)** is at Freeport Hospital in palliative care. Please keep Jake and family in prayer.

**Jim S (11)** will have hip surgery on December 10. Please pray for healing and recovery.

We continue to pray for **Don F (8)** for strength and patience as he manages pain and ongoing treatments for cancer. Because this leaves him mostly home-bound, Don would welcome phone calls for connection and conversation.

## MATTERS FOR PRAYER

- Pray for those affected by the flooding in BC and for churches who are helping with the response.
- Pray that God would raise up leaders for our Youth and Children's ministries.
- Pray that our members will provide names for potential candidates for the position of Pastor – Preaching and Pastoral Care and pass them on to the Search Committee.
- 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.

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## STAFF INFORMATION

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**Pastor Tom** will be on vacation this week and will return to the office on December 13. Please contact Pastor Amanda at 519-497-8654 or [amanda@ccrc.on.ca](mailto:amanda@ccrc.on.ca) should a need or concern arise during this time.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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**Love My Hood |** Kitchener's guide to great neighbourhoods. Looking for ways to be involved in your neighbourhood? Check out this website for cool ideas to connect you to your neighbours.

<https://www.lovemyhood.ca/en/index.aspx>

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## DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

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**Children's Devotions | A Time of Hope |** Waiting for something can be hard. Looking forward means that something special hasn't arrived yet. Have you given your life to Jesus yet? So, what are you waiting for? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and check out all the new content, including The Gifts of Kindness Advent Calendar and the KC parent blog too.

**Groundwork | Christmas Hope: Tamar |** If you feel far from God this Christmas, or if you just need a reminder that nothing can separate you from his love, then join Groundwork as we study Matthew 1:1-3, Genesis 38, and Romans 8:35-39. Together we'll be reminded of the real meaning of Christmas and find hope in the story of Tamar. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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## CHURCH RESOURCES

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**CAP, or Congregational Assistance Plan,** is a



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Mental Health Network

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. For more information go our website at [www.ccrc.on.ca](http://www.ccrc.on.ca) and click "Counseling Services" under the "Ministries" tab



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**Visitor Form – Community Christian Reformed Church**  
(Please drop the form in the offering plate or bring it to the Information Centre)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group:     13-18     19-25     26-35     36-45     46-55     56-65     65+

I am visiting today       I am new in the community       I am looking for a home church

I would like a personal visit       I am transferring my membership to Community CRC