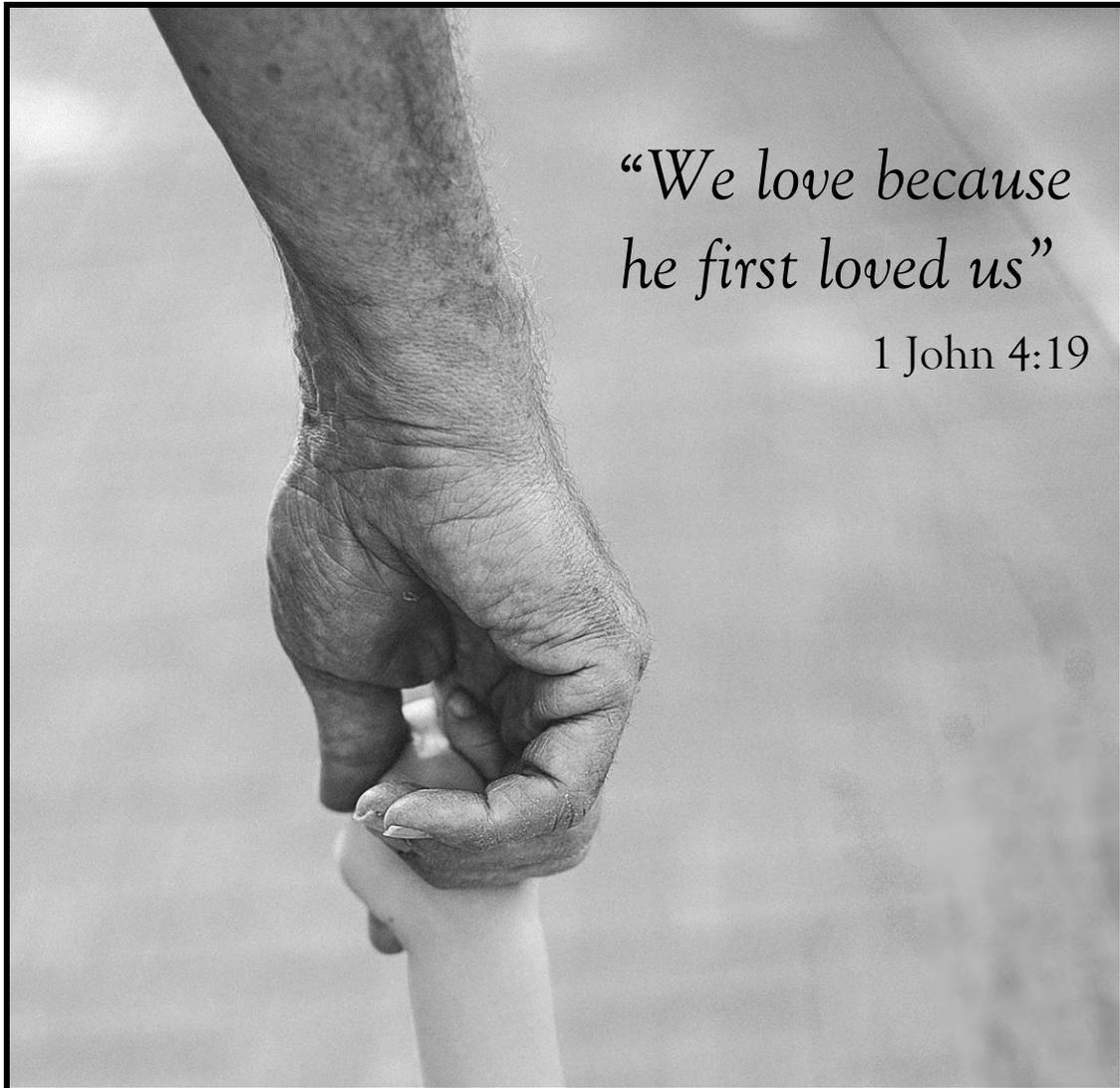


Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
January 6, 2019



God’s Love, Our Love

*Happy New Year!*

**January 6, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Carel Geleyse**

*Elder-in-Charge: Steve F*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

This Epiphany season, we will be looking at how God's love is made manifest in Christ, and is witnessed to the world through the Holy Spirit working in our lives. Our focus will be on the biblical claim that "we love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: PsH #198 *"Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 117

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Opening Song of Praise: *"Forever"*

2019 Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Song of Praise: *"You Are My All in All"*

### **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: PsH #260 *"Not What My Hands Have Done"*

Children's Blessing

Children ages 3 – Grade 3 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: PsH #557 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4: 7-21

Sermon: ***“We Love Because He First Loved Us!”***

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 #291 *“May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour”*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church  
2) Redeemer University College

Song: *“All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”*

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: *“All Hail the Lamb”*

**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  
Pastor Amanda Bakale**

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

### **Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 124

\*God’s Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH #465 *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Song of Response: PsH #463 vs. 1-3, 5-7 *“O Love of God, How Strong and True”*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Redeemer University College

### Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #276 vs. 1-3,5 *“Teach Me O Lord Your Way of Truth”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Judges 2: 6-23

Sermon: **“From Generation to Generation”**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: *“There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”*

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #641 *“Threefold Amen”*

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

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; **Lynda J** (14) at Doon Retirement Residence; **Mandy B** (7); **Gine K** (1); **Sandra K** (9); **Olga S** (9) at Lanark Heights Long Term Care; **Jenny W** (6); **Ralph W** (14);
- 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;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey;
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

### *Thank You*

The S family would like to thank everyone at CCRC for their love and support in this difficult time. Thanks as well to Pastor Carel and all the volunteers who helped with food and refreshments.

### STAFF INFORMATION

We welcome Pastor John back from paternity leave tomorrow!

The church office will resume regular office hours effective tomorrow. These hours are Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### UPCOMING SERVICES

Jan 13	10 a.m.	Pastor Andrew Zantingh Lord’s Supper
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

Jan 20	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda
	6 p.m.	Pastor John

Christian perspective. See [www.redeemer.ca](http://www.redeemer.ca) for more information.

**Next Sunday, during the morning service, we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion.** The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following a public profession of faith. If you desire to come to the table but have not made profession of faith, please let a pastor or elder know so we can begin the conversation.

**Next week our offering is for Youth Unlimited.** Youth Unlimited is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian ministry organization that focuses on assisting local congregations in their youth ministry through short-term mission trips and youth conferences. For more information go to [youthunlimited.org](http://youthunlimited.org).

<b>OFFERING SCHEDULE</b>
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**Budget Contributions  
For December 30, 2018**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Dec 30	\$31,943	\$12,758	\$19,185
YTD	\$832,395	\$877,338	(\$44,944)
Habitat for Humanity			\$ 1,915
Daystar Native Outreach			\$ 1,500
Diaconate			\$ 1,000
World Renew			\$ 600
Woodland Christian High School			\$ 220
GEMS			200
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$ 200
Cadets			\$ 200
Friendship Ministries			\$ 100
Monica Place			95

**Budget envelopes for 2019 have been placed in members mailboxes.** If you did not receive envelopes and would like some, please contact Karen V. Please **take your budget envelopes home with you**, do not leave them in your mail slot.

<b>COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS</b>
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**Congregational Assistance Plan:** As you can see from the posters hanging all over the church building, we are officially enrolled in the Congregational Assistance Plan (CAP) offered by the Shalem Mental Health Network. CAP is a means by which Christian counseling services are made available to members and regular attendees. If you need someone to talk to; if your relationships are not what they should be; if you are distressed in any way; if you are suffering from depression or some other mental illness please feel free to call toll-free: 866-347-0041. **All services are strictly confidential.** Those who have joined CCRC over the past year will find the necessary information in your mailboxes. Questions? Look for the brochures in the rack near the Information Centre or talk to Pastor Carel.

**Our offering today is for Redeemer University College.** Redeemer University College is a liberal arts and science university offering Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Education degrees from a distinctly

**Cadets** (a club for boys ages 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 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 #6 of *“David – A Man after God’s Own Heart”*. Lunch will be provided.

**Friendship News:** We meet again as friends and mentors this Tuesday at 7 pm.  Sandra S will be our story teller. Please remind your friend of our starting time.

**The Consistory and Diaconate** will meet this Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the church.

**Impact** will start the 2019 year on Wednesday, January 9 with a Big Group meeting night at 7:00 p.m. The following week (Jan. 14) will be a time for discipleship groups to meet.

**GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour a club for girls ages 7-13)** will meet this week on Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week we will be having a small group night as previously scheduled, but please check your emails for some changes to our schedule for the rest of the year.

**“Coat Check”** This past Sunday someone accidentally wore the wrong coat home. The coat left behind has a key fob for a Ford vehicle in the pocket. In addition, following

the visitation on Wednesday, a Danier jacket was taken in error leaving behind a similar Danier jacket. If you think you may be one of these people, please contact the church office.

**Freezer Contents:** There is a lot of food in the church freezers that has been dropped off by various ministries and individuals and left behind. If you have something in the freezer, please take it home with you this week. Contents left behind after next Sunday will be disposed of.

<b>DENOMINATIONAL NEWS</b>
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**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.**

**Family Faith Formation Tip** - It’s true that that faith is “caught” just as much as it’s “taught.” Kids will learn to value Bible reading more if you let them “catch” you reading God’s Word on your own—not just in church or during family devotions. Talk with them about what you’re reading and how it connects with your daily life. (Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

