

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
March 17, 2019

Righteousness



Justice

March 17, 2019
2nd Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Carel Geleynse
Elder-in-Charge: Kim T

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

The season of Lent is traditionally a time of preparation, fasting, prayer, and meditation. This year, we will be focusing our preaching for this season on spiritual disciplines, from a particularly Reformed perspective. We might not think of our tradition as very spiritual when compared to the rituals of Catholicism or the passion of Pentecostalism, but traditional practices in the Reformed tradition like regular devotions, Bible study, tithing, bedtime prayers—even the collaborative work of making decisions by committee—have formed and shaped CRC members for generations.

We are all on a journey to grow deeper in our relationship with God in Christ, and God gives us different tools to help us on that journey. We hope you are blessed as we learn about the tools that God has blessed the Reformed tradition with as we prepare for Easter.

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *“The Power of the Cross”*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader	As the deer pants for streams of water
Congregation	so my soul pants for you, my God.
Leader	My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
Congregation	When can I go and meet with God?

moment of silent meditation

*Opening Song: *“As the Deer”*

*God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *“I See the Lord”*

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Confession and Assurance

- Leader Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
- Congregation Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.**
- Leader In silence, let us confess our sins to God.
(moment of silent confession)
- Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
- Congregation Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God.**
- Leader Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
- Congregation Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy!**
- Leader If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
- Congregation I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.**
- Leader I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,
- Congregation more than watchmen wait for the morning.**
- Leader Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love with the Lord there is full redemption! He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins!
- Congregation Thanks be to God!**

Song: *"Nothing but the Blood"*

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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: *"Knowing You"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 11

Sermon: **"Righteousness and the Face of God"**

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 #436 *"This is My Father's World"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) FACE (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) Fund

Offertory Song: *"Your Love Defends Me"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"We Will Glorify"*

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 John Medendorp

Pianist: Karen N

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 106: 1-5

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #164 *"O Lord You Are My Light"*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 24

Song of Response: PsH #408 *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: FACE (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) Fund

Hearing the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #424 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Judges 13-16

Sermon: **"Blind Justice"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response: *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #635 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Our condolences are extended to **Keith and Joanne O** (2) with the passing away of Joanne's father, **Mr. Bert S** on Friday, March 8 in his 93rd year. The funeral was held this past Wednesday at Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church in Bowmanville. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Joe C (2), along with the rest of Team Canada, is now at the Special Olympics World Games taking place in Abu Dhabi, UAE. **Heidi V** (2) is along as a caregiver. The games began with the opening ceremonies this past Thursday. Tomorrow Joe is involved in the 5000-meter run and on Tuesday he runs the 3000-meter race.

For further coverage see: <https://www.abudhabi2019.org/> Run, Joe, run!

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;
- 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

Congratulations to Art and Sharon T (2) as they celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary next Sunday, March 24, 2019. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come.

Dear Congregation:

We wish to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards and many expressions of care and concern during the recent passing away of our Mom and Grandma. We are thankful for her testimony and faith and rejoice in the knowledge that she now lives with the Lord.

The S and C families.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar 24	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda Baptism: Edmund Arthur G (8)
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet
Mar 31	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel Lord's Supper

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For March 10, 2019

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Mar 10	\$7,727	\$14,153	(\$6,426)	
YTD	\$127,901	\$173,533	(\$45,632)	
Centre for Public Dialogue			\$	1,501
Refugee Fund			\$	140
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	80
Missionary Support			\$	60
Cdn Foodgrains Bank			\$	50
Benevolence			\$	10

Our offering today is for the FACE Fund. As a congregation we have 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 Laurentian Hills Christian School. LHCS provides dynamic, excellent Christ-centered education, KG - 8, through unconstrained facilities, exceptional programs, and extensive resources that cultivate responsive disciples of Christ.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

NEW! Congregational Devotional: Lent Passport: *Looking for way to deepen your experience of Lent this year? Pick up a Lent Passport by the main entrance!* This passport, which started last week, is a 7-week devotional book for families and individuals. It explores a different spiritual practice each week to help create space for God's presence in daily life as we journey through Lent together. Each week's spiritual practice connects to our congregational worship, so that what we learn together on Sunday morning can be deepened and explored throughout the week. ***Did you memorize and pray Psalm 42:1-2? Make sure to visit the Passport Office (a.k.a. the Info Desk) to get your page stamped today!***

Save the date: The Spring congregational meeting is scheduled for April 14 following the morning worship service.

Coming Soon – Dive Into Doctrine: This year we will be exploring “Our World Belongs to God” A Contemporary Testimony of the Christian Reformed Church approved by Synod in 2008. It is a document that is meant to give a hymn-like expression of our faith within the heritage of the Reformed confessions, especially addressing issues that confront the church today. Classes are scheduled for the **5 Wednesday evenings of May**. Watch for further details.

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) meets this Tuesday, March 19, at the church. Pastor Bernie will be leading the group in lesson 8 of David. Coffee and Fellowship is at 10:15 a.m. with the meeting to start at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be Potluck. If you haven't signed up to bring anything, please check the “Gold and Sliver” board for items that are needed.

Friendship News: Friendship will meet this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Women of all ages and stages of life are encouraged to join us for a morning of prayer, inter-generational fellowship and spiritual accountability and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact Jen F.



GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour a club for girls ages 7-13) will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church

Faith and Hops - Thursday, March 21 @ 6-8pm: If you're a 20ish to 30-something looking for a place to connect and deepen your faith, come on out to Faith + Hops **now at the Malt + Barley Public House - same location as Williamsburg Arms**, just revamped with a new name! (Here's hoping they still have the waffle fries!) The third Thursday of every month we get together for engaging discussion, fried food, and a beverage of your choice. Check out CCRC's Facebook page closer to the date for the discussion topic!

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 Deacons bulletin board across from the washrooms for information.

Lent Family Faith Formation Tip - Lent is a time of self-examination. In your family time, ask some of these questions: Did I love people today like Jesus would love them? Did I do things I wish I hadn't done, or were there things I should have done that I didn't? Pray together about those things. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation).

Groundwork: Deborah and God's Unlikely Heroes - Women did not commonly hold leadership positions in the Old Testament, yet here in Judges, we find Deborah. Explore Judges 4-5 with Groundwork to discover why her leadership was God's answer to Israel's cry for help and see how God continually makes heroes out of unlikely people. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Coffee Break and Small Group Workshop - Mon., March 25 - 9:30am-3:00pm, at Bethel CRC (Listowel). Marian Lensink of Global Coffee Break (CRCNA) will lead a workshop on engaging scripture, leading a small group, praying in and for our groups, and having an evangelistic perspective. If you're involved in a small group, you're invited. Register at listowelworkshop.eventbrite.com. Cost is \$35. Lunch and refreshments provided. Register by Wed. March 20, 2019.

Aging: The Final Frontier is a one-day conference held on Saturday, March 30 at the Gibson Center in Toronto, 5 minutes east of HWY 404 and Steeles Ave. Co-sponsored by CRC Faith Formation Ministries and CRC Disability Concerns, the workshops will address issues faced by the elderly, those who ministry to and with the elderly in our churches, those who have elderly parents, and those who are pondering what life may be like as one ages. There is a 25% discount for those who come with 5 or more from one church. For more information and to register, google "Aging Final Frontier."

Inspirational Women's Conference - Join us Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Meeting House in Oakville, ON. With demands of work and family, women often juggle many responsibilities and struggle to be 'enough'. The good news is that Jesus is enough! All women are invited for a day of inspiration, worship, and fellowship, with the theme of In You. I Am. Enough. My grace is sufficient. 2 Cor. 12:9. Speaker: Megan Fate Marshman; Worship Leader: Brooke Nicholls; Storyteller: Sara Weber; Improv: Lea Wilkening and Natasha Bromfield. Come and be refreshed and renewed; bring your friends; invite someone who is seeking! For more information, and to register online, go to www.inspirationalwomen.ca or contact Marian at mlensink@crcna.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Win a free legal Will and Power of Attorney preparation package! Laurentian Hills Christian School is hosting a complimentary Estate Planning Seminar for all ages on Wednesday April 10th, 7pm at the school. This event is co-sponsored by the Christian School Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services and will feature a walk-through of the basic questions people have about Will preparation and introduce some things you may not have thought about. Whether you're considering a first-time Will or updating your existing Will, this event is for you. Two free Will and Power of Attorney preparation packages will be available to be won. Dessert will be provided. Phone (519-576-6700) Mrs. G. to RSVP.

