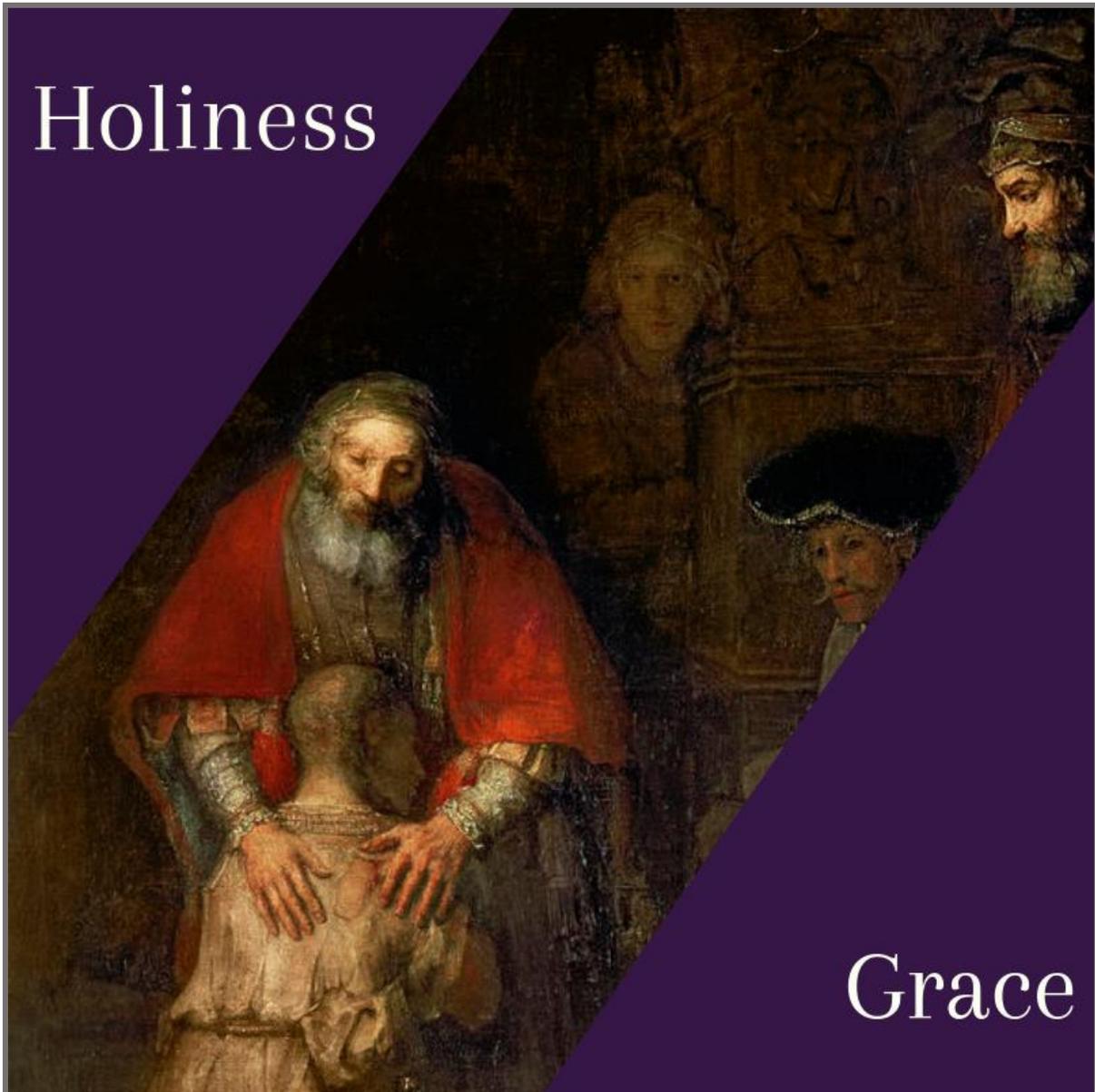


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
March 24, 2019

Holiness



Grace

March 24, 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Amanda Bakale
Elder-in-Charge: Julie V

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"The Lion and the Lamb"*

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: *"I Lift My Eyes Up"*

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"Behold Our God"*
"Great Are You Lord"

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Institution

The Teaching

Song: *"The River"*

The Vows

Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Baptism of Edmund Arthur

Baptismal Prayer

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: *“Living Hope”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 19: 1-10

Sermon: **“Trees, Grace, and Short Men”**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

Children in Grades 4-6 are invited to participate in their weekly sermon discussion.

*Song of Response: *“This is Amazing Grace”*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Laurentian Hills Christian School

Offertory Song: *“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”*

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *“We Fall Down”*

**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.

There is no evening service today

Members have the opportunity to meet in their Communities or Small Groups today. Study material is available in hard copy at the Information Centre or on the church website at www.ccrcc.on.ca (click on the “Communities/Small Groups” tab). If you do not know what “Community” you belong to, please contact the church office or Pastor Carel.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **Josh and Amy F (11)** with the birth of a son. **Owen Rhys** was born on Monday, March 18, 2019 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life.

Congratulations to **Joe C (2)** who ran in both the 3,000 and 5,000 meter races at the Special Olympics World Games in held over the last couple of weeks in Abu Dhabi. Joe won a bronze medal in the 3,000-meter race!

Our condolences are extended to **Arie L (11)** with the passing away of his mother, **Mrs. Jane L.** Mrs. L passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 19 in her 74th year following a short battle with brain cancer. She was a grandmother to **Olivia, Aric, Zander, Jonas, and Adele.** A service of was held this past Friday at Maranatha CRC, York.

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 today, March 24, 2019. May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

**Budget Contributions
For March 17, 2019**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Mar 17	\$9,039	\$14,153	(\$5,114)	
YTD	\$137,205	\$187,686	(\$50,481)	
FACE (Financial Assistance for Christian Education) Fund			\$	1,871
Refugee Fund			\$	80
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	80
Centre for Public Dialogue			\$	75
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$	40
Missionary Support			\$	20
Benevolence Fund			\$	20
Sunday School				
World Renew – (Pig)			\$	180
Food Bank			\$	158

Our offering today 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.

Next week our offering is NewGround (formerly Operation Manna). *“As of March 1st Operation Manna is now called NewGround! God is always at work. He calls churches to follow Him into their communities to share Christ’s transformational love with each and every person. Cities and neighbourhoods should be impacted and blessed through the social action and thoughtful, cultural engagement of local Christians.”*

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar 31	10 a.m.	Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel Lord’s Supper
Apr 7	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda
	6 p.m.	Communities Meet

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Congregational Devotional: Lent Passport

Did you pray for your MP this past week? Did you choose an advocacy issue to act on? If you did, remember to bring your passport to the Passport Office (a.k.a. the Info Desk) to get your page stamped "APPROVED". And if you forgot to bring your passport with you, bring it next week!

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.

Abuse Prevention Training: Attention all volunteers who have not yet had the Abuse Prevention Training in the fall or are looking ahead to VBS or other summer programs. Did you know that this training is mandatory in order to serve? The Safe Church Team has recognized that many still have yet to do the training. Therefore, we are offering a training night: **April 24th at 7:30pm in the Church Sanctuary.** Questions? Contact Paula L.

Church Library News: The mini-mobile library will be open for the last time this Sunday March 24, 2019 and then the library will be closed for several weeks. We will be setting up the new library and hopefully will be announcing our grand opening soon. Stay tuned! Also, we are looking for any interested library helpers, young or old, and even students who might be looking to complete their community involvement hours. If you are interested or have questions about what is involved, please contact Irene F.

Impact Parents' Discussion Opportunity - Wed, March 27 @ 7:30 p.m.: Impact's Big Group Learning in April will focus on the Bible and LGBTQ Christians. Join Pastor Amanda for a 45-minute discussion on what will be covered, how the pastors will lead the two evenings, and a chance to ask questions and provide feedback as parents!

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Knifty Knitters: If you love to knit and/or crochet, please join us at the church on Tuesday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. **Everyone should bring all their completed items as well as large boxes for packing.**



The **Administrative Council** meets this Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Friendship News: meet this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Put on your dancing boots, partner! We're having a square dance with our Friendship friends and mentors this Tuesday. Marijke V from Guelph will call out the do-si-do, the Promenade, etc. Come for a fun time. Don't forget your cowboy hat.



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



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.

Classis Huron invites applications for a part-time two-day a week Mission Catalyzer position. If you are a mission minded, motivated, visionary person who is excited to engage in equipping, encouraging and empowering congregations with the resources and training to further develop mission-shaped ministries both locally and globally, this may be your opportunity. For full job description see position posting at <https://network.crcna.org/church-positions> Resumes will be received at churonmissioncatalzyer@gmail.com until April 18/2019.

Groundwork: Gideon and God's Unconventional Ways - When God chooses Gideon as Israel's next deliverer, he upends human logic and expectation. Study Judges 6-7 with Groundwork to see why Gideon's story reminds us that God is in control and he can win mighty victories in unconventional ways. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.