

**Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
March 25, 2018**



The Gospel of Mark

Palm Sunday
The Triumphal Entry

March 25, 2018
Palm Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Amanda Bakale
Elder-in-Charge: Harry O

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Hallelujah (Praise is Rising)"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Palm Sunday Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: PsH #375 *"All Glory, Laud, and Honour"*
"Magnify the Lord"

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Institution

The Teaching

The Vows

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

The Baptism of Logan Kennedy V

The 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: PsH #253 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118: 1-4; 15-29

Sermon: **"Hosanna!"**

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 #620 *"By the Sea of Crystal"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Woodland Christian High School

Offertory Song: *"Hosanna"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *"Amen (Threefold Amen)"*

**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 - No Service at Church

Communities/Community Care Groups Meet

Materials can be found on the church website (www.ccrcc.on.ca)

Under the "Communities" Tab or hard copies are available at the Information Centre

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Congratulations to **David and Darragh D** (4) who were united in marriage yesterday. Blessings on their marriage!

Our condolences are extended to **Reina and Gord H** (5) and their children **Matt and Christina (Logan, Emma)** (4), **Luke** (5), **Ian**, and **Leah and Symon M**, with the passing away of Reina's father, **Mr. Dennis D**. Mr. D passed away on Friday, March 16, 2018 at the age of 86. The funeral was held at Grace Free Reformed Church in Brantford this past Tuesday March 20, 2018. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

Jim & Barb R will be volunteering with World Renew Disaster Response Services on a Needs Assessment team in Victoria County, Texas from **March 31 – April 14** due to Hurricane Harvey – Fall 2017. They will be interviewing vulnerable residents (the elderly, disabled, low-income, etc.) to make their needs known to case workers, ensuring their needs are met and that they do not fall through the cracks.

Pray for safety, good health, a meaningful experience with opportunities to touch and give hope to hurting people in this relief ministry.

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: **Shannon B** (7);
- **Olga S** (11) who remains at St. Mary's until alternative housing can be arranged;
- those dealing with broken relationships;
- those who are unemployed or underemployed;
- **Anthony and Barbara P** with Daystar Ministries on Manitoulin Island; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Thank You **Clarence and I** (Jane) want to express our sincerest thanks to so many of you at CCRC for all the support we received during my illness. Words cannot express how thankful we are to belong to such a loving and caring community. The drives for Clarence to London, your prayers, cards, meals, visits and so much more. We don't know what the future holds for us, but we do know who holds the future. We truly belong to a community of the saints.

Clarence and Jane D (14)

UPCOMING SERVICES

Mar 30	10 a.m.	Good Friday Service Pastor John Lord's Supper
Apr 1	10 a.m.	Easter Sunday Pastor Carel
	6 p.m.	No service
Apr 8	10 a.m.	Pastor John Profession of Faith: Thomas R (3)
	6 p.m.	Communities meet

On Good Friday 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.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For March 18, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Mar 18	\$8,570	\$12,758	(\$4,188)	
YTD	\$160,701	\$175,992	(\$15,291)	
FACE Fund (Financial Assistance for Christian Education)			\$	1,645
Calvin Seminary – Dig Program			\$	125
World Renew – Cdn Foodgrains Bank			\$	100
World Renew			\$	50
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	20
Woodland Christian High School				50

This week our offering is for Woodland Christian High School. Woodland is a Christian community of learning dedicated to serving God in all that they do, as they enfold, engage and equip students for lives of Christian faith and service. Students are encouraged to discover their God given gifts and challenged to develop those gifts in a way that serves God.

The offering on Good Friday is for Ray of Hope. Ray of Hope is a local organization that provides hope for those struggling with crime, addiction, poverty or homelessness in the Waterloo Region since 1967. Their mission is to demonstrate the love of Christ with those who are disadvantaged, marginalized, or troubled.

The offering on Easter Sunday is for Resonate Global Mission. *“Resonate Global Mission, through several name changes, has led the Christian Reformed Church in obedience to the Great Commission for more than 125 years. The work of missionaries has grown the global church in amazing ways. Yet despite the Church's exponential growth, more than 1.5 billion people still have not heard the Gospel. There are more than seven thousand unreached people groups, and cross-cultural missions remains absolutely essential. Resonate continues to do its part both in North America and around the world by sending missionaries, planting churches, developing missional leaders, and changing lives.”*

From Back to God Ministries International:

Dear Congregation: Thank you for your support and prayers for the work of sharing the Gospel through your gifts of ministry shares this past year. Together we seek opportunities to share the redemption story of Jesus Christ to our neighbourhoods, our country, and all over the globe.

Thank you for partnering with BTGMI as an extension of your work. To see how you are impacting lives for Jesus, in 10 global languages, check out www.backtogod.net and explore the world!

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Lent Devotional Activity | Share Your Experience... Have you followed along with the Lent-in-a-bag devotional activity? If you have, we'd love to hear about your experience or your family's experience. Share your feedback, thoughts, photos, and stories with us. Your feedback and comments will help us determine if we pursue this kind of activity in the future here at CCRC. Email or call Pastor Amanda to share your experience!

Church Use: Community CRC is a very active church both on Sundays and during the week. Since there are many activities happening at the church for both ministry use and community rentals, **Please be sure to check with the church office before booking a meeting.** This is a courtesy to the other groups meeting at the church that are counting on a particular room or space and to ensure that the church is locked up properly at the end of the evening. It is also helpful to know who is in the building for

emergency preparedness and for clean-up for the next day.

Lost and Found: The Lost and Found is on display in the church gym this morning. Please take a minute to see if you or your children have left anything behind and take it home with you. There are also several dishes in the kitchen. If you have prepared a meal for someone recently, please check to see if your dishes were returned.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, March 28!

Home Grown Faith: A Family Faith Formation Workshop - 9a.m.-12:30p.m., April 7 @ CCRC: Join us on Saturday, April 7 at Community CRC for a morning workshop focused on equipping families to grow faith in the home. Rev. Lesli van Milligen and Karen DeBoer, members of the CRCNA Faith Formation Team, will facilitate this interactive workshop. Parents, families, and ministry leaders from Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, and the Journey are invited to come! **Register online at ccrc.on.ca by Wednesday, March 28.** For questions please contact Pastor Amanda Bakale. **Note: Childcare is provided for those who register before the deadline.*

Free Public Lecture @ Community CRC on April 6, at 7:30 p.m.! Waterloo Campus Ministry cordially invites you to hear Cardus' Social Cities Project director Milton Friesen deliver a talk called "***The Church as Institutional Citizen***". The talk will explore questions such as: *What does it mean to think about our local church as an institutional citizen? What can we learn from current research and practice? What*

are the possibilities, dangers and challenges of this kind of institutional citizenship? No special expertise necessary! This is a talk for anyone interested in how the church can be salt & light in the modern secular city. For more details, email Rev. Bork at bbork@wlu.ca www.cardus.ca/contributors/mfriesen/

Vision/Mission/Discovery Trip: An exciting opportunity has arisen to travel to Guatemala to explore the work of World Renew and Resonate Global Mission. Hank S and his colleagues in Guatemala have been busy putting together some ideas and itinerary for up to 15 people, *of all ages*, to come for a visit. Opportunity may also be made to visit former “HANDS” sites in Guatemala. The time frame for such a trip is either July, September or October of this year. This trip fits in well with the mission strategy of CCRC and you are encouraged to give it some thought as to whether this would be something for you to participate in. Even though it may be during school days, the trip to Guatemala offers opportunities for wonderful cultural, historical, and spiritual education. Guatemala – 2018! Consider it – yes, even those of you who are in high school! Further details will follow. If this is something that you would like to participate in please send a note to the church office.

Cadets (boys 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 27 at 9:30 a.m. for another morning of caring through crafting. Visitors are always welcome. This week we will be packing up the projects we have been working on over the past few months.



Friendship meets this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week we will be using session three: “We Remember Jesus’ Death”, with Pastor Bernie as the storyteller. Please note that we are not using session two.



Council meets this Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday, at 9:30 am at the church. Women of all ages and stages of life are encouraged to join us for a morning of prayer, fellowship and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca.



GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Saviour – Girls 7-13) will meet this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the church.



Student Impact (Gr. 9 – 12)

We had a great night this past Wednesday playing volleyball, eating all the green stuff, and getting to know our Youth Elders better! A special thank you to the Youth Elders for sharing their stories with us! We have one more regular season Student

Impact night left. And we plan on going out with a bang! It's **Friday** April 13 from 7-9 at the church. We have some fun stuff planned including games, yummy food and indoor Gaga ball! Mark your calendars. We are also working on some fun summer events so stay tuned for all the details.

Thanks also to all the parents who came out for the High School Ministry brainstorming session with Pastor Amanda. If you were not able to come Wednesday night, and have questions or comments, please contact Pastor Amanda.

The following ministries are looking for volunteers:

- The Worship Committee
 - Musicians
- The Worship Committee
 - Congregational Representative
- The Safe Church Team

Please check out the "Connect, Participate, Serve" bulletin board for more details. Prayerfully consider if you are able to give of your time and talents to become involved in one of these ministries.

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.

Support for Training in Ministry: *Classis Huron* invites students from this Classis who are considering full time ministry within the CRC to apply for a forgivable loan. These students must be planning to attend

seminary in the school year 2018-2019. For applications and further information, please contact Rev. Brian Bork by email. Current recipients must also make clear their intentions. Applications and further information is available at www.classishuron.ca under Forms and Mandates for the Classical Ministerial Leadership Team. The deadline for applications is **April 30, 2018**. As churches in Classis Huron, let us pray for God to raise up workers in His kingdom from our congregations. *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* Luke 10:2

Calling all Friendship Leaders and Mentors!

Please consider joining Friendship Ministries for an evening of learning and refreshing your skills as a leader and mentor. There are two opportunities to join us: April 18 in Guelph (New Life CRC) or April 19 in Hamilton (First CRC). Time is 5-9 pm for both evenings. This event is free and dinner is included. To RSVP, contact Heather D at canada@friendship.org. Want more details? Go to friendship.org/events

Worship as Journey: A Day of Learning and Renewal - is a conference for everyone interested in worship and music, sponsored by Worship Ministries of the Christian Reformed Church, the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, and Interlude. Featured presenters are Steve Bell (stevebell.com) and Ken Medema (Kenmedema.com) with many additional workshop leaders and an opportunity to join the choir for the evening concert. This event is April 28, 2018, 9 a.m. -

5 p.m. conference (CA \$35) and 7 p.m. Concert (free will offering) at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 26 Delisle Avenue, Toronto, ON.

See tinyurl.com/WorshipAsJourney for more event details and registration.

Share Your Photos - Do you enjoy taking pictures and have an eye for a great photo? Each Friday, we post a photo with Bible text on the CRCNA Facebook page (**Denominational page**). We'd love to feature your photos! Landscapes and nature close-ups are especially welcome. We can only use photos that you took, or to which you own the rights, and you need to have the permission of anyone who appears in the photo. Send photos, along with your name and your church name, to communications@crcna.org. Thanks!