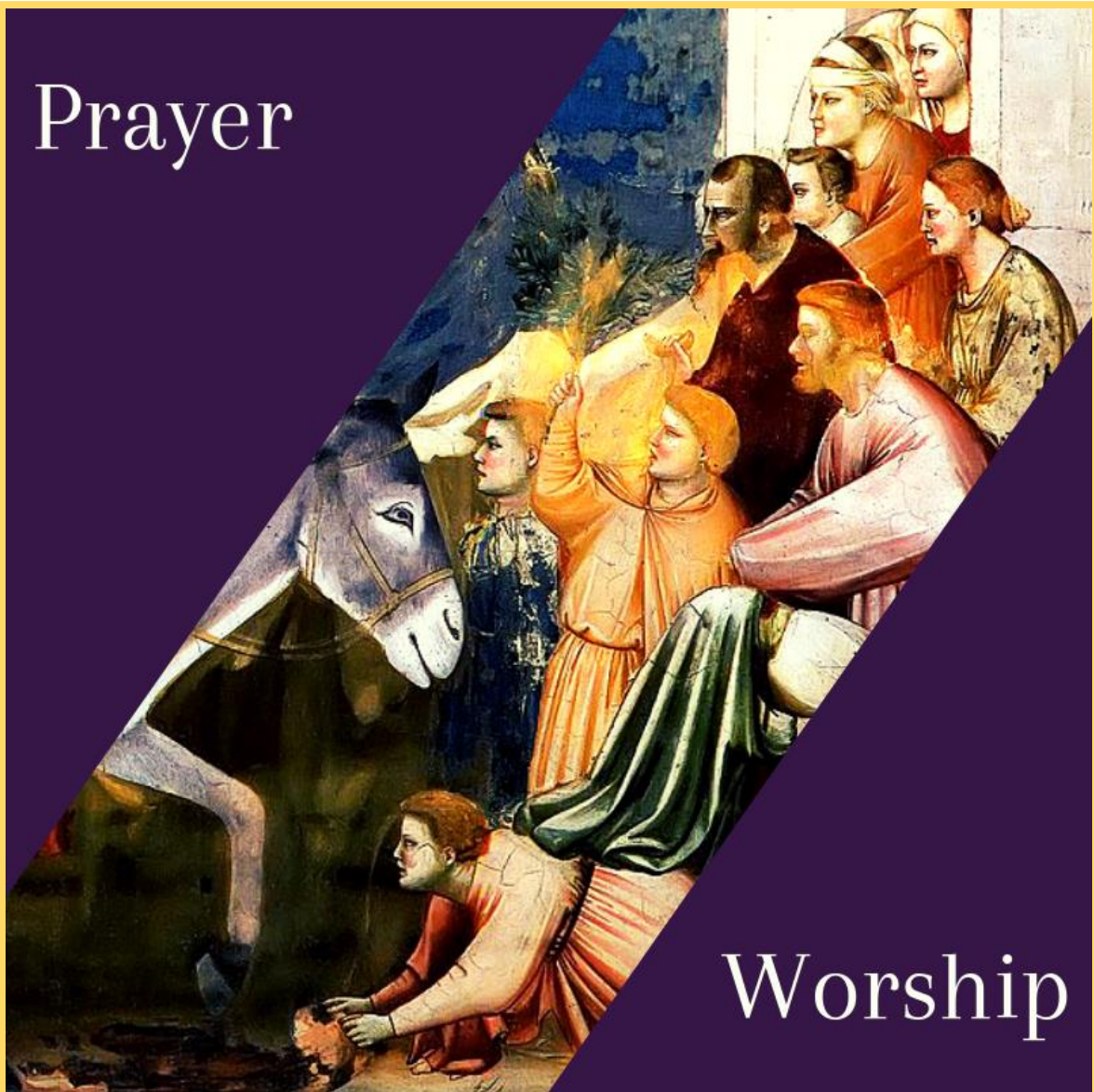


Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
April 14, 2019

Prayer



Worship

April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Pastor Carel Geleynse
Elder-in-Charge: Rob W

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Gathering and Greeting

Gathering Song: *"Maranatha"*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"How Great is Our God"*
"How Great Thou Art"

Scripture Reading: The Triumphant Entry

Children Sing: *"Oh How Good is Christ the Lord/Oh Que Bueno Es Jesus"*

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.

Confession and Assurance

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song: *"Be Still My Soul"*

*Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Proclamation of the Word

Song of Preparation: PsH #378 *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118

Sermon: **"Worship and Prayer"**

Prayer of Application

Response to the Word

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

*Song of Response: *"How Can I Keep from Singing"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) Missionary Support

Offertory Song: *"Your Love Defends Me"*

*Song: PsH #410 vs. 1,2 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #410 vs. 3 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

The Congregational Meeting will start immediately following the morning service



Following the meeting, everyone is invited to come together for fellowship and coffee/tea/juice in the gymnasium. Coffee for seniors is served in the new multipurpose room

6:00 pm

Pastor John Medendorp

Pianist: Joyce D

[* Please rise, in body or spirit]

Praise and Prayer

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 106:1-5

Silent Prayer of Preparation

*God's Greeting

*Song: "PsH #244 *"God Himself is with Us"*

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1-2

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

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading: Judges 19

Song: PsH #22: 1, 5-7 *"My God! O My God!"*

Scripture Reading: Judges 20

Song: *"Love Have Mercy"*

Scripture Reading: Judges 21

Silent Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: **"Broken Bodies"**

Response

Silent Prayer of Application

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

Prayer of Lament

Offering: Missionary Support

*God's Parting Blessing

*Doxology: PsH #621: 1,2,5 *"The God of Abraham Praise"*

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The bracketed numbers indicate the Community to which these individuals belong

Please keep **Frederika V** (13) in your prayers as she continues to recover from a fall she suffered a short time ago.

Consistory met this past Tuesday evening, April 9, and transferred the membership of **Nick and Taylor V** (8) to Calvary CRC in Chatham. Nick and Taylor have been worshipping with us the past 2 years and are moving back to Chatham this week for new employment opportunities. The membership of **David and Bethany N** (7) was transferred to First CRC of Toronto. We pray that the **Vs** and the **Ns** may feel welcomed

and enfolded in their new communities soon.

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 **Phil and Annette N** (13) and to **Dick and Marg O** (2) as both couples celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary tomorrow, April 15, 2019. May God continue to bless and strengthen these marriages for many years to come!

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 19	10 a.m.	Good Friday Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper
April 21	10 a.m.	Easter Sunday Pastor John
	6 p.m.	No evening service
April 28	10 a.m.	Pastor Amanda GEMS Participate
	6 p.m.	Communities meet

On Good Friday we will be celebrating the sacrament of Lord's Supper. The Council of Community CRC invites believers of all ages to the table, following an age and ability appropriate 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 April 7, 2019**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Apr 7	\$10,346	\$14,153	(\$3,807)	
YTD	\$183,513	\$231,993	(\$48,479)	
World Renew – Refugee			\$	3,732
Missionary Support			\$	100
New Ground (formerly Operation Manna)			\$	75
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	40
Benevolence Fund			\$	20

Our offering today is for “Missionary Support”. Our past practice has been to take a single offering for each missionary. However, this year our aim is to raise \$14,000 in quarterly offerings for missionary support (\$10,000 for the Ts and \$4,000 for the Ps). So far we have reached our goal of \$3,500 for the first quarter and look forward to continuing that challenge in the second quarter. We will be getting an update from the Ps this morning at the Congregational Meeting. Making “missionary support” intentional helps each of us to become more prayerfully engaged in the mission of God. When giving, please indicate **“Missionary Support”** on weekly offering envelopes.

The offering on Good Friday is for Ray of Hope. *“The people Ray of Hope serves struggle with crime, addiction, and poverty. Their goal is to treat each person the way Jesus would: with compassion and without judgement.”*

The offering for Easter Sunday is for Resonate Global Missions. *“Formed by the joining of Christian Reformed Home Missions and Christian Reformed World Missions, Resonate Global Mission trains missional leaders, guides new churches, and forges partnerships to proclaim and live out the good news of Jesus Christ worldwide.”*

MISSIONARY CORNER

Anthony and Barbara P, who work with Daystar Native Outreach on Manitoulin Island, sent a spring newsletter this past week that provides details on their housing updates. Please help yourself to a copy at the information Centre.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

Dive Into Doctrine: Sign Up Now! This year, for Dive into Doctrine, we'll be exploring a contemporary testimony of the Christian Reformed Church: **Our World Belongs to God**. Join us as we dive into and wrestle with our Reformed faith and what it means for how we live and think and believe today! **Sign up at the Information Centre or visit ccrc.on.ca to sign-up online.**

SAVE THE DATE! The SERVE team is organizing a chili dinner to raise funds for their mission trip to Muskegon, Michigan this summer. Mark your calendar for Friday, May 10. More details are coming!!

Vacation Bible School: Registration is now open for ROAR VBS 2019! You




can go online to ccrc.on.ca to find the registration page. VBS is for children entering JK-Grade 6.

Please also consider being a volunteer this year. The work is easy and the atmosphere is fun. We do have childcare for volunteers who are bringing young children. For any questions or to sign up to volunteer please speak to Melodie S or Kristin G.

Abuse Prevention Training: Attention all volunteers who have not yet had the Abuse Prevention Training in the fall or are looking ahead to Vacation Bible School 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.

L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty-Five) meets this Tuesday, April 16 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 #10 of “David”. Lunch will be provided.

Friendship News: Great pizza and lasagna  this past Tuesday. This coming Tuesday we will have a practice for our Friendship service coming upon May 5. We'll have prayer and share time as well. We'll also be watching a video of our club's people and activities we enjoyed throughout our year.

Come Celebrate with Us! Waterloo Friendship Club is 30 years old! Come join us on Sunday, **April 14 (TODAY!) at 2 p.m.** at the Waterloo Christian Reformed Church (209 Bearinger Road, Waterloo) to help us celebrate! We have invited the Crescendo Choir (the Special Education Choir of the Waterloo Region District School Board - WRDSB) as our special guests.

Crescendo Choir is comprised of Special Education students and alumni from across the Region of Waterloo. The choir is led by Jim P, Nancy T, and Heather A. The choir has been a part of the WRDSB for over 30 years in various forms and sings locally at schools, seniors homes and a variety of special events. Refreshments will be served after the program. We hope to see you there!

The Deacons will meet this Tuesday at 7:30 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, April 18 @ 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! 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!

AOYC 2019 – The All Ontario Youth Convention is an opportunity for highschool-age youth to connect, worship and serve with other youth from across Ontario. This annual event is a highlight for many, and will be held at Wilfrid Laurier University May 17-20. More info is available at allontario.com.

If you register online by April 15, CCRC will contribute \$50 towards your registration. To receive the \$50 bursary, **do not pay online at the AOYC site.** Instead, select the option to pay by cheque when registering, print out the confirmation form, and submit it with your cheque payable to CCRC for the total amount minus \$50 to Steve or Michelle F. When registering online, consider the options to buy a T-shirt and donate \$5.

We are also looking for a couple of additional small group leaders to join our youth at AOYC. If you are 18 years or older, are available May 17-20 and are interested in spending an amazing weekend with our youth, please let Steve F know. We would like to have all leaders registered by April 15.

If you have any questions, please talk to a Student Impact leader or contact Steve F.

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.

Seeking News Writers from Your Region - Every week and every month Christian Reformed congregations are celebrating milestones, launching new programs, recognizing amazing members, and finding solutions to struggles of doing ministry in our 21-century context. The Banner aims to communicate those stories and we need writers. Are you one? Our news editor would love to work with you to find and tell the stories from your region to the wider church. Inquire at news@thebanner.org today!

Walking Alongside - Youth and Mental Health conference - Join us Saturday, April 27 (8:15 am – 3:30 pm) at Westdale Reformed Church in Hamilton, ON. Keynote speaker Stephen Doucet Campbell will address mental health challenges faced by youth and give practical ideas to walk alongside them so they can not only endure but thrive. Workshops will address youth and addiction, social media, suicide, and depression. Regular registration fee is \$50. Student rate is \$25. Register before April 17. Get details and register at bit.ly/walkingalongside.

Ready To Be Inspired? - The early-bird rate for Inspire 2019 is just \$80 and ends Monday, April 15 (that's tomorrow)! Join Christian Reformed people from across North America in Windsor, Ontario from August 1-3, for amazing worship, exciting plenary speakers, and inspiring workshops. You'll discover new resources for your church, connect with people doing similar ministry, and re-imagine what the future of ministry could look like. You won't want to miss it! Register today at www.crcna.org/Inspire

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary! Countryside Camp & Camp Shalom will be celebrating 50 years of God's faithfulness on May 25th at 6:00 pm at First Reformed Church in St. Catharines. Celebrate with us over dinner as remember the last 50 years of games, songs, friends and most importantly changed lives. We are pleased to have special guests Reverend Calvin and Jane Ver Mulm. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased online at www.countrysidecamp.com.

