

Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
May 26, 2019



**W A I T   F O R   T H E   L O R D**

**May 26, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Carel Geleyse**

*Elder-in-Charge: Andy d*

*This morning we welcome the **Woodland Christian High School Choir** under the direction of Jonathan H.*

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

## **Gathering and Greeting**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship: "*Jubilate Deo*" (Peter Anglea)

*Jubilate Deo, omnis terra;  
servite Domino in laetitia.  
Introite in conspectu ejus  
in exultatione.*

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands  
Serve the Lord with gladness  
Come before his presence  
with singing

*Quoniam suavis est Dominus:  
in aeternum misericordia ejus,  
et usque in generationem  
et generationem veritas ejus.*

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and from generation  
to generation his truth endures.

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Opening Hymn: PsH #253 "*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*"

## **Confession and Assurance**

Call to Confession: "*Psalm 86*" (Carl Nygard Jr.)

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray. Hear my prayer when I cry from the lowly place;  
In your mercy, Lord, let me stay; Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry. Hear my words when I call from the lowly place;  
I will pray, O Lord, lest I die; Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry.

From the grave's descent You have taken me, when the men of the world have forsaken me.  
In my day of need and my time of grief, Hear the prayer for my body and soul's relief.

In the morning, Lord, I will sing with a song that will rise from the holy place,  
And my praises, Lord, it will bring; In the morning, Lord, I will sing.  
Alleluia. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon: *"If Ye Love Me"* (Thomas Tallis)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.

### Song of Thanksgiving: *"Wondrous Love"* (arr. J.J. Niles and J.S. Sheppard)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul? What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

### 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: *"Wait for the Lord"*

Prayer for Illumination:

Scripture Reading: John 21: 18-23; Acts 1: 6-8

Sermon: **"It's None of Your Business"**

Prayer of Application

### Response to the Word

\*Song of Response: *"Soon and Very Soon"*

Presentation

Special Music: *"Depart in Peace"* (Ken Galbreath)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word:  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before all people;  
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Israel.  
A light to the nations and the glory of Thy children. Amen

### Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Woodland Christian High School

Offertory Song: *"The Blessed Hope"* (J.W. Peterson)

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.  
For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel  
and with the trump of God  
And the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up  
together with them in the clouds,  
To meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord!

Closing Song: *"He Has the Power"* (Leon C. Roberts)

Christ! He rose to tell the world. He has the power, almighty power in his hands.  
The grave could not hold the Son of Man. I'm so glad he lives today.  
He gave his life for me, he gave his life for you, and I'm so glad he has the power in his hands.  
The tomb is bare where he once laid.  
He ascended and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #637 *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**The congregation is asked to remain in their seats after the service to allow the Pastor,  
Woodland Choir, 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: Irene G

[\* *Please rise, in body or spirit*]

## **Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH #246 *"Come Thou Almighty King"*

\*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

\*Song of Response: PsH #504 *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Woodland Christian High School

### Hearing the Word

\*Song of Preparation: *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 14: 23-29

Sermon: **"The Paraclete"**

Prayer of Application

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

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #634 *"Glory Be to the Father"*

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

**Kor H** (14) has served as custodian of CCRC for the past 15 years. As of the end of this coming week (May 31) he will be officially retiring from his position. We are grateful for the years of service to Community and wish Kor and his wife, Grace, health and strength for the years to come.

Our condolences are extended **Greg L** (9) with the passing away of his father, **Mr. Cameron L**. Mr. L passed away this past Thursday, May 23, 2019 at University Hospital, London, in his 86th year. Friends are invited to join the family at the Brock and Visser Funeral Home, 845 Devonshire Ave., Woodstock, today May 26, 2019 from 2 - 4 pm. The funeral service will be held at Covenant Christian Reformed Church, 410 Lansdowne Ave., Woodstock tomorrow, Monday at 11:00 am. May the Lord be their

comfort and strength during this difficult time.

**Shannon B** (2) has had a small recurrence of cancer which will require surgery on Wednesday, May 29. We rejoice the prognosis looks positive. Please pray for a successful surgery, a smooth recovery, and grace and peace for the whole family as they walk this journey again.

**Frederika V** (13) experienced another fall this past week. Please pray for protection, strength and healing for her as she struggles with health concerns.

Earlier this month, **Dwayne T**, former missionary to the Philippines and brother-in-law to **John and Karen S** (14), had a heart attack and was hospitalized. Dwayne underwent by-pass surgery this past

Monday. Initial reports were that the surgery went well and if all goes well he may be discharged from the hospital soon. Pray for God's peace for the family and a full recovery.

With sadness we share the news of the passing away of **Pastor Vic V** this past Thursday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vic was a former member of Community CRC, former clerk of Classis Huron, and retired minister in CRCNA. We extend our condolences to his wife, Nancy and the rest of the family. Visitation is scheduled for today from 3-5 p.m. at Waterloo CRC (209 Bearinger Road). The funeral will be held tomorrow, Monday May 27 also at Waterloo CRC at 2:00 p.m. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

This coming weekend (May 31-June 2) the **GEMS and Cadets** will be going camping. The GEMS will be at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and the Cadets will be at Wildwood Scouts Camp. We pray for safety, good memories, and God's blessings on such opportunities.

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; **Hank and Rosario S** volunteering with

- Resonate Global Mission in Guatemala;
- the staff and leadership at the Journey
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

*Congratulations* to the following couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in the coming week:

**Derrick and Mary-Joyce G** (9) will celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 27, 2019.

**Herman and Holly F** (13) will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 28, 2019.

**Ralph and Alice V** (11) will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 4, 2019. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

May the Lord continue to bless and strengthen these marriages for many years to come!

#### STAFF INFORMATION

**Pastor Amanda** is on vacation this week and will be returning on Monday, June 3, 2019.

Our bookkeeper, **Diana W**, will be away from the office starting Thursday, June 6 and will be back in the office on Tuesday, June 25.

**Next week, June 3-5**, the pastors will gather at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre for the **annual Pastors' Retreat**. At this meeting, we will be evaluating our goals for the past year, and setting goals and priorities for the year to come. Part of this important work of evaluation and planning is sketching the

broad outlines of the preaching schedule for the coming year. While we already receive input from the Worship Committee and Administrative Council, it is important for us to hear from the congregation as well. If you have any suggestions on books of the Bible, scripture passages, sermon series, themes or topics that you would like us to consider as we plan for the coming year, please email or text your suggestions to Pastor John so that we can consider them in our planning.

**Our offering today is for Woodland Christian High School (WCHS).** *“Woodland Christian High School is a vibrant Christian community of learning where the love of God is evident and where students will be equipped to serve in our society as followers of Christ.”*

**Next week our offering is for Back to God Ministries International.** *“For nearly 80 years, Back to God Ministries International has claimed media to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission to preach the Gospel and disciple believers. As the media ministry of the Christian Reformed Church of North America, Back to God Ministries International partners with other churches in North America and around the world to announce God’s good news.”*

**UPCOMING SERVICES**

Jun 2	10 a.m.	Pastor John Baptism: Owen Rhys F
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel
Jun 9	10 a.m.	Pastor John Lord’s Supper
	6 p.m.	Pastor John

**MISSIONARY CORNER**

**OFFERING SCHEDULE**

**Next week (June 5-9),** 6 members of our congregation (all from Community 2) will be travelling to **Manitoulin Island** to visit with Anthony and Barbara P and Daystar Native Ministries. They will be joined by two staff from Resonate Global Mission. The purpose of the trip is to learn about what is happening on the Island in terms of indigenous ministry, but also to discover or discern what our relationship or involvement with Daystar may look like for the future. This week Thursday the team will be meeting for some final preparations and prayer. Watch for further details next week and pray for God’s guidance and wisdom as the team prepares to travel north.

**Budget Contributions  
For May 19 including  
Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)**

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
May 19	\$26,393	\$30,153	(\$3,760)	
YTD	\$297,415	\$363,065	(\$65,650)	
The Benevolence Fund			\$	5,573
World Renew – Disaster Response Services			\$	100
Laurentian Hills Christian School			\$	80
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	40
CCRC Mission Fund			\$	30

## COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

**Upcoming events** involving members from CCRC (watch for further details about each):

June 3-5	Pastor's Retreat
June 6-9	CRC Chaplain Conference
June 5-9	Manitoulin Island learning trip
June 13-21	Synod 2019
July 10-14	Montreal learning trip
July 13-19	SERVE Trip to Muskegon, Mi.
July 15-19	Vacation Bible School
July 26-28	GEMS Conference, Grand Rapids, Mi
Aug 5-10	All Ontario Camporee, Dunnville, ON

This week is the **LAFF/Seniors' trip** to the Brantford area is on **Thursday, May 30**. Just a reminder that we leave from the church parking lot at no later than **8:15 A.M.** If there are any questions, see, phone or e-mail Rinze V.

**The Administrative Council** meets this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

**Dive Into Doctrine: LAST WEEK!** This Wednesday night is our last week of Dive Into Doctrine focused on the Contemporary Testimony: *Our World Belongs to God*. We're wrapping up our exploration of contemporary issues with a storytelling circle on singleness in the church (Article 46) and an equipping session on creation care (Article 51). If you haven't joined us yet, you're still more than welcome! Come for snacks at 7pm and stay for engaging discussion at 7:30pm. There's a seat waiting for you!

**Impact:** Our year end social will be on Friday June 7th at the church. 6:30-11pm. We will be having a meal together (Chinese food) and playing lots of games. We will have gluten free and vegetarian options available. If there are other dietary restrictions, let us know and we will do our best to have alternatives. Please RSVP to Gerald and Kathy R to let us know that you are coming. Hope to see you all there!

**Friday Night Dinner: June 7 @ 6-8 p.m.:** Are you a young adult looking for a place to connect over a good meal? Join other young adults from Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, and Waterloo Campus Ministry at Pastor Amanda and Brian's home every first Friday of the month for dinner and conversation. Message Pastor Amanda to RSVP!

## 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.**

