

Community Christian Reformed Church
Kitchener, Ontario
November 25, 2018



I saw heaven standing open
and there before me was a white horse,
whose rider is called

FAITHFUL AND TRUE.

... He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood,
and his name is

THE WORD OF GOD.

—Revelation 19:11,13

November 25, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Betsy DeVries/Pastor Carel Geleynse

Elder-in-Charge: Gary B

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

Gathering and Greeting

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

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Songs of Praise: *"O Praise the Name"*

PsH #471 vs. 1, 3, 4 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Institution

Prayer of Confession

The Promises of God

Song: *"Before the Throne of God Above"*

The Teaching

The Vows

The Baptism of Eden Joy F and Zara Kathryn S

Baptismal Prayer

*Song: *"Salvation Belongs to our God"*

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: PsH #328 vs. 1,2,6,7 *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Revelation 19: 11-21

Sermon: **“Christ is King”**

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 #329 *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church
2) The Benevolence Fund

Offertory Song: *“Hosanna”*

Presentation by Council

Prayers of the People

Farewell to Pastor Betsy

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *“Go, Now in Peace”*

**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

Lynda J (14) continues to make steady progress in her recovery. She has finally been able to leave the ICU for a different unit at Grand River Hospital. Please continue to remember Lynda in your prayers. May the Lord be gracious and grant her a complete recovery.

This past week **Arend S** (11) moved from his home to Innisfree House, a hospice located here in Kitchener on Homer Watson Blvd. For some time already Arend has been declining in his health, but over the last few weeks it became apparent that he could not be home anymore. Pray for Arend and his wife **Olga** as they are apart from one another (Olga is living in a nursing facility in Cambridge) and as Arend is in the last days of his life. May the Lord be gracious and grant His peace to the entire family as they continue to walk this journey together.


Our condolences are extended to **Heidi and Rob V and their family** (2) with the passing away Heidi's mother, **Edith K** this past Thursday, November 22, 2018. Heidi left for B.C. to be with her family during this difficult time. At the time of writing, the funeral arrangements were not yet known. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

John and Anne D (13) are currently in North Carolina volunteering with World Renew – Disaster Response Services. 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;
- 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**, a CRC church plant meeting in Kitchener;
- the persecuted Church;
- the Ministries and the Leadership of our congregation

Congratulations to **Ben and Cristina K**

 (6) as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. May God continue to bless and strengthen their marriage for many years to come!

STAFF INFORMATION

Dear Church Family, Today marks the end of my 6-month interim work at CCRC. I have greatly enjoyed my time with you all. Over the last six months I have been glad to preach on different themes ranging from trees to sacraments to surprising stories from Scripture. I have also had the opportunity to work with youth leaders and youth elders as a newly revamped Impact program launched this fall. This included an exciting new chance for some of our students to get involved with discipleship groups. I also enjoyed my time with the young adults at Faith + Hops where we had some meandering, yet engaging, discussions! Regular attendance at meetings, like Administrative Council and Consistory, gave me new insights into how a church like CCRC operates, and I am grateful for the learning that I received in those settings. I have also learned a great deal from CCRC's exceptional pastoral team and staff in our weekly meetings; I will miss the regular interactions and friendships that we have built. My time with CCRC has been a time of growth and learning, but it has also been a time of great encouragement for me. I am grateful for all the encouraging words and affirmations spoken to me by so many people. Your kind words have reenergized me for my studies and future work in ministry. You have been a blessing to me. With much gratitude and love,
Pastor Betsy DeVries

A Note from the Ms: As we look forward to welcoming our son sometime in the next few weeks, we thank you for your prayers. I (Pastor John) will be taking 5 weeks of leave following the birth and we are looking forward to spending some time together as family and adapting to new rhythms. We appreciate the offer of meals, however please be aware that I have some serious food allergies. Jodi V will be coordinating meals on behalf of our Community. If you are planning to bring a dinner please talk to her about which foods are safe. Thanks again for your kindness and community at this exciting time in our lives. Pastor John & Ashley

Our Office Administrator, **Donna V** has some remaining vacation and will be taking Mondays off for the remainder of the calendar year. The church building will be open and other staff will be present on those days.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec 2	10 a.m.	1 st Sunday of Advent Pastor John
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel
Dec 9	10 a.m.	2 nd Sunday of Advent Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Pastor Carel Friendship Christmas Service

OFFERING SCHEDULE

Budget Contributions For November 18, 2018

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus
Nov 18	\$42,525	\$12,758	\$29,767
YTD	\$672,024	\$765,138	(\$93,113)
FACE Fund			\$ 2,410
Benevolence			\$ 100
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$ 40
World Renew - World Hunger			\$ 20

Our offering today is for the Benevolence Fund. This fund is used by the deacons to financially assist those within our church and the community when a need arises or help is requested.

Next week our offering is for Calvin College. Calvin College is a liberal arts college located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Founded in 1876, Calvin College is an educational institution of the Christian Reformed Church and stands in the Reformed tradition of Protestantism.

Vouchers: Current vouchers are valid until Dec 31, 2018. Please keep this date in mind when ordering voucher purchases. Vouchers purchased AFTER Sunday December 2 will have 2019 expiry date.

Purchases can be made in the usual way using your budget envelope. At year end, if you still have 2018 vouchers, they can be exchanged for 2019 vouchers. If you have any questions, please contact Karen V.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

The Fall Congregational meeting is scheduled for **this Friday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m.** at the church. Agendas were distributed by church mailbox last Sunday. Extra copies are available at the Information Centre. The 2019 Budget will be presented along with ministry updates. Come out and hear the latest updates from CCRC.

Do you love to play your instrument and want an opportunity to play with others? Come join the ensemble on Christmas Day or play for one of the other special services in December. All musicians are welcome, including students learning their instrument in band class. Talk to Heidi R if you'd like to join or for more information.

Advent Candle Readings: We are looking for children to participate in advent candle readings for the Sundays in December. We have parts for 4-10 kids, at various reading levels. If you are interested please let Heidi R know.

Looking for an Advent Devotional? Then check out Back to God's Jesse Tree devotional for Advent! The Jesse Tree is a way of exploring the whole scope of the God's love for us through different symbols and stories. Back to God's devotional includes an ornament template and devotional for each day. Colour the ornament, cut it out, hang it on your tree, and deepen your understanding of the meaning of Jesus' birth and God's love for us. **Go to backtogod.net/download for the pdf or pick up a printed copy at the Info Centre.**

The Visual Arts Team is looking for help with decorating and the setting up of Christmas trees **tomorrow morning starting at 9:30 a.m.** If you have some time available your help would be greatly appreciated. Come for as long as you are able.

The GEMS and Cadets would like to thank all who came out to support them at the pancake breakfast. They couldn't have been more excited to see a full gym and to share in fellowship with the families of the church and of our programs. The money raised will be used to send some cadets to the All Ontario Camporee, as well as help the GEMS lower their registration fee.

The nurseries need you! Volunteers are still needed for the nurseries. Whether you would prefer to snuggle some adorable babies, or play toys with and dole out snacks to some terrific toddlers and two-year olds, there's a spot for everyone! Time commitment is minimal; you would only be needed once every 5-6 weeks. Please contact Stephanie Sparling if interested.

Cadets (a club for boys ages 7 – 13) will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

L.A.F.F. (Life After Fifty Five) Tuesday November 27: Our session this Tuesday will address Elder Care with the topic "Lonely No More". Megan F, who is involved with this program as a university co-op student, will be our guest speaker. The "Lonely No More" project of the Home and Community Care department of the LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) is an attempt to address issues around seniors living alone and potentially at risk. There may well be

some local suggestions to implement in our Communities. It promises to be an informative session. Visitors are encouraged to come and join us. Coffee and fellowship starts at 10:15 a.m. with the presentation to start at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Contact Richard D for more information.

The Administrative Council meets this Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Friendship meets this Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the church. This week will be doing Lesson #2 – Noah and the Flood.



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, fellowship and renewal. Childcare is provided. Any questions, please contact coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca

Impact - this Wednesday, let's take a break and spend an evening together having some carefree fun. We are going to Skyzone! 150 Gateway Park Drive, Kitchener. You will need to have a parent sign a waiver, either online, or in person. And if you have the socks...bring em! Also bring \$10 to help cover costs. Drop off at 7:00 at Skyzone. Pick up at 9:00.

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.



Teen Club: This Friday, November 30th, we'll be having our first Teen Talk for the year! Come on out and meet the leaders at the church at 7:00 – 9:00 (note the end time is ½ hour later than the Event Hub). Some of the leaders will be sharing their testimonies with you that evening. You may have your own wonderings about how people understand Jesus as a personal friend and Saviour – we'll also have time to listen and participate in a question time. Have an open mind and discover ways that God has reached out to many – including our own leaders – to follow Him! Could He be speaking to you in a similar way? Come on out with a listening ear and an open heart. Oh, and an appetite. We'll bring some snacks.

Friday Night Bible Study: Our next gathering will be Dec 7, at 7:30pm, at the home of Bernie and Linda D. If anyone needs a copy of the study material please contact either Bernie or Linda. RSVP if you're coming please.

CRC Canadian National Gathering May 24 – 26, 2019 in Edmonton, Alberta: The CRCNA in Canada is hosting a national gathering workshop at King's University in Edmonton, Alberta from May 24 – 26, 2019 for a time of celebration, discerning, and envisioning the bold next steps of the CRC in Canada over the next 5 – 10 years locally, regionally, and nationally. Any member of Community CRC who can represent the ministry, outreach, and culture of CCRC, and feels inclined to be nominated to represent us at this gathering, should forward their name to Harry O (clerk@ccrc.on.ca) as soon as possible. Potential nominees should be involved in local or regional ministry and reflect the

diversity of the people and ministries of CCRC. Final selection of the 12 attendees from Classis Huron will be made by representatives from Classis. If this exciting opportunity interests you, please let me know as soon as possible.

Volunteers Needed: Please check out the "Connect, Participate, Serve" bulletin board for more details on the various ministries that are looking for volunteers. 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.

Family Faith Formation Tip - Does helping your child grow in faith feel overwhelming? Great resources are key! Check out tinyurl.com/FamilyFaithResources for a list of family devotions ideas, Bible storybooks and picture books, music, and helpful books and websites. (Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)

I Belong: So I Live for Him - What does belonging to Jesus mean for how I live my life? Do I have to change? Study Romans 8:12-17 and Galatians 5:13-25 with Groundwork to gain a better understanding about why belonging to Jesus means, with the Holy Spirit's help, we'll be willing and ready to live for him. Listen now at

GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Parent Information Night and Grade 8 Day!

Do you have a student in grade 8? Do you know a grade 8 student who would like to experience high school for a day? On December 6th at 9:00 am Woodland is holding their annual Grade 8 Day. Students can come and join other grade 8 students and spend a day in high school. Student will make new friends, talk to teachers, meet current students and participate in mini - classes in a variety of subjects. Lunch will be provided for students and transportation can be arranged by calling the school. Register online to join us for this great event.

