

Community Christian Reformed Church  
Kitchener, Ontario  
December 2, 2018

# The Second Coming

Luke 21: 25 – 36

Marantha

**December 2, 2018**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Brian Bork**

*Elder-in-Charge: Nick B*

Pastor Brian Bork serves as the chaplain at both the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University. Many of us at Community CRC also know him as husband of our own Pastor Amanda. Welcome Pastor Brian!

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

Advent is a four-week season of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent means "coming." In the ancient church it was set aside as a time of fasting, prayer, and generosity as believers consciously prepared themselves for the *future* advent of Christ, even as they prepared to celebrate the *past* advent of Christ. This year, we will be taking some time during the four weeks of Advent to prepare ourselves for the future coming of Christ by reflecting on passages about the "End Times." The word "Maranatha" means "Come, Lord!" It is a short prayer used in a few places in the Bible, including I Corinthians and Revelation.

### **Gathering and Greeting**

Gathering Song: PsH #328 *"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

\*Songs of Praise: *"Cornerstone"*

*"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"*

### **Candle Lighting**

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 12: 10-13:1

Advent Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Song: *"Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending"*

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 #375 *"O Lord How Shall I Meet You"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 21: 25 - 36

Sermon: **"Reveling and Reckoning"**

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 #336 *"Saviour of the Nations, Come"*

Prayers of the People

Offering: 1) Ministries of Community Christian Reformed Church

2) Calvin College

Offertory Song: *"Immanuel"*

Song of Dedication: *"In Christ Alone"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #335 *"Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes"*

**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**  
**Pastor Carel Geleynse**  
Pianist: Irene G

[\* Please rise, in body or spirit]

**Praise and Prayer**

Welcome

Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: PsH #408 *"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 110

Song of Response: PsH #568 vs. 1, 3, 4 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

Prayer and Share

Offering: Calvin College

**Hearing the Word**

Song of Preparation: *"View the Present Through the Promise"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

Sermon: **"Who Can Endure the Day of His Coming?"**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Response: *"Song of the Prophets"*

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: PsH #354 vs. 1, 4, 5 *"Angels From the Realms of Glory"*

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

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

**Congratulations to Pastor John and Ashley M (8)** with the birth of a son. **John Ryan Edward** was born on Wednesday, November 28 and all is well. Praise God for this gift of new life!

We are so excited to welcome our third child, **Edmund Arthur (8)**, into our family and we praise God for this amazing opportunity. We thank those that have offered support, a listening ear and prayers during the paperwork process over the past few

months. It is an incredible feeling to finally have him with us.

### **The G's (8)**

Our condolences are extended to **Gord F (2)** with the passing away of his beloved wife of 69 years, **Shirley**. Shirley passed away at Parkwood Mennonite Home yesterday, November 28, 2018 in her 93<sup>rd</sup> year. Shirley was also a grandmother to **Sarah and Joel V (Jadon, Cohen, and Anna)**. A memorial service was held yesterday at our church.

Our condolences are extended to **Ashley and John M (8)** with the passing away of Ashley's grandfather, **Jelle (John) F** on Monday, November 26, 2018 in his 92nd year. A celebration of Jelle's life was held yesterday, December 1, 2018 at the Vineland Free Reformed Church.

**Lynda J (14)** continues to be a patient at Grand River Hospital. She is making slow and steady progress in her recovery. It is not known, at this point, as to when she will be able to return home. Pray for patience and a full recovery.

Please note the following correction from last week's bulletin: The name of **Heidi's V's Mom is Edith V.**

**John and Anne D (13)** are entering their final week in North Carolina volunteering with World Renew – Disaster Response Services. Pray for a productive week and a safe return.

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; **Arend S (11)** at Innisfree House
- 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

### **STAFF NEWS**

Now that baby M has arrived, **Pastor John** will be taking 5 weeks of leave meaning he will be back early in the new year.

After her maternity leave, **Pastor Amanda** is now returning to full-time ministry beginning tomorrow.

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 9	10 a.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Pastor Amanda Lord's Supper
	6 p.m.	Friendship Christmas Service - Pastor Carel
Dec 16	10 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Pastor Amanda
	6 p.m.	Pastor Amanda/Pastor Carel Blue Christmas Service
Dec 23	10 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
	6 p.m.	Candlelight Service
Dec 25	10 a.m.	Christmas Day Service
Dec 30	10 a.m.	Profession of Faith
	6 p.m.	Last service of 2018 Lord's Supper
Jan 6	10 a.m.	First service of 2019
	6 p.m.	Evening Service

**Next week (December 9) we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion in the morning service.** 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 November 25, 2018 including Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR)

	Actual Contributions Received	Targeted Contributions	Contributions (Shortfall)/ Surplus	
Nov 25	\$24,336	\$30,584	(\$6,248)	
YTD	\$696,360	\$795,722	(99,362)	
The Benevolence Fund			\$	3,133
The FACE Fund			\$	150
Waterloo Campus Ministry			\$	40

**Our offering today 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.

**Next week our offering is for The House of Friendship.** Originally, House of Friendship was a store-front mission on King Street in downtown Kitchener. It had a reading room, a dining room and provided food. The mission was a response of the local Christian community to the physical and spiritual needs of the area's most vulnerable residents – a tradition that continues to this day. Over the years, the work of House of Friendship has evolved into a charitable social service agency serving thousands, providing addiction treatment, food, housing, and community resources throughout Waterloo Region. Every year they walk with over 42,000 people who need food, housing, community resources or addiction treatment.

## MISSIONARY CORNER

This past week we received the **Fall Newsletter from the Guelph Campus Ministry**. **Campus Ministers Sara D, Neil and Virginia L** provide an update on the events and happenings at the University of Guelph including some prayer requests. Please help yourself to a copy at the Information Centre.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

### Highlights from Administrative Council

#### Meeting of November 27, 2018

- All Council members were present and Pastor Amanda was welcomed back to her role.
- A representative from the LAFF (Life-After-Fifty-Five) Ministry (Martin O) visited to update Council by sharing some of the successes, joys, and concerns of the program.
- The Mission Strategy Team (Larry L) visited to explain the proposed level of missionary support for 2019 for the T and P families. The financial target for 2019 is \$14,000 to be raised through free-will offerings. Watch for more details.
- Various staff and ministry reports were received for information and discussed.
- The preaching schedule for December to May was approved.
- The Deacons offering schedule for 2019 was approved.
- Jane V has applied to be CCRC nominee for the CRCNA National Gathering in May 2019. Her name was forwarded to Classis Huron.

- CCRC's connection to some of the developments beyond our property brought forth some issues that Council needed to discuss. There will be many changes to this part of Kitchener in the next few years which requires that we remain aware of what is going on so that we will appropriately find our place in all of it.

**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 [backtogo.net/churches/downloads](http://backtogo.net/churches/downloads) for the pdf or pick up a printed copy at the Info Centre.***

**Advent Candle Readings:** We are looking for children to participate in advent candle readings for the Sundays of December 16 and 23. We have parts for 4-10 kids, at various reading levels. If you are interested please let Heidi R know.

**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.

**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 S if interested.

**Treasurer:** The Board of Stewards is looking for a member of the congregation to fill the position of Church Treasurer. An accounting designation is preferred for this position but the board will also consider candidates with a strong financial understanding and background. Please contact Chris d if you are interested in helping out in this capacity.

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

**Friendship News.** This Tuesday we will  rehearse our Christmas Friendship service. We will also have our gift exchange with our friends. Mentors, please purchase a \$5 gift item, (toque, mitts, socks, chocolate, etc.). We will have extra gifts in case you forget. You might want to call your friend to remind them to bring a gift along too. Treats will follow.

**The Deacons** meet this Tuesday evening at 7:30.

**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](mailto:coffeebreak@ccrc.on.ca)

**Impact (High School Youth):** Big Group meeting on Wednesday, December 5 - starting at 7 p.m. and ending 8:30 p.m. Pastor Amanda will be leading the group meeting.

**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.

**This Friday is the first Friday in December....and that means FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER!** If you're a young adult at Community CRC, Waterloo CRC, or Waterloo Campus Ministry, then come on out to Pastor Amanda and Brian's house this Friday night. Dinner is served at 6pm, and we aim to wrap up at 8ish so you can head out for your Friday night plans. Space is limited! Please RSVP to Pastor Brian by Thursday, November 1, so we know how much food to make.

**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 is you're coming please.

<b>DENOMINATIONAL NEWS</b>
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**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.**

**Is your Heart Ready? - Advent starts today.**

**Is your heart ready?** Celebrating Christmas isn't a day, it's a season. Orient your Christmas season with Advent devotions from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting tomorrow, Dec. 3. This year's devotional series titled Holy Impatience will explore doing justice in a world that belongs to God, a world where so many people are marginalized and oppressed, with a holy impatience both celebrating glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearning for what is to come. To sign up, go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent).

**Woodland Grade 8 Day:** All Grade eight students are invited to attend **Grade 8 Day** at Woodland Christian High School on **Thursday, December 6th, 2018** from 9:00 AM until 2:30 PM at the school. This is an opportunity to visit classes, meet students and teachers. The day is planned to be an introduction to the opportunities available in an excellent Christian high school program. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Transportation may be available. Please call the school ([519 648 2114](tel:5196482114)) for more information or visit our website: [www.woodland.on.ca](http://www.woodland.on.ca).

**Woodland Parent Information Night:** Please mark Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30 PM on your calendar for Woodland's Parent Information Night. Come learn about our school program, meet teachers, and learning about busing and tuition. Other information Open Houses will be held in the new year if you cannot attend in December. You can also call the school and arrange a

personal tour (519-648-2114 or [woodland.on.ca](http://woodland.on.ca))

**Woodland Christmas Concert:** You are invited to join the Woodland Christian High School community on **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm** for our annual Christmas concert. A variety of performances will be presented as we celebrate the Christmas season and the musical gifts of our students. Please come and enjoy this evening with us.

