



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 24, 2023

10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink

Rejoicing in the Lord

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Mini Movie—LOVE

Call to Worship

Song: LUYH #81 vs. 1,2,4,5 **Angels from the Realms of Glory**

God's Greeting

Song: LUYH #76 vs.1,2,3 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Confessing Our Sin to the Lord

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

Candle lighting

Song: **"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"**

Children's Message

Sunday School Presentation

Listening to the Lord

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Message: "The Sounds of Christmas"

Song: LUYH #82 vs.1,2,3 **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Offering: Rock Mission – Wallaceburg Drop-in Centre

Congregational Prayer

Leaving to Love and Serve the Lord

God's Parting Blessing

Song: LUYH #88 **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Postlude



A warm and special welcome to all those who are joining us in worship today.
We are so glad you are here!
May we have a blessed day as we praise our awesome God!

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**OFFICIATING ELDER:**

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| December 24: Wayne Vandendool | December 25: Casey DePooter  |
| December 31: Dave Foster      | January 1: Wayne Dykema      |
| January 7: Jim Kraayenbrink   | January 14: Wayne Vandendool |

**OFFERINGS:**

December 24: Rock Missions - Wallaceburg Drop-in Centre  
Deacons: Olga DePooter and Nicolina Benn  
December 25: NeighbourLink  
Deacons: Fred Kraayenbrink and Ed Van Gelder  
December 31: WCS Tuition Assistance  
Deacons: Linda Watson and Olga DePooter  
January 1: Open Doors  
Deacons: Nicolina Benn and Fred Kraayenbrink  
January 7: Therefore Go Ministries  
Deacons: Ed Van Gelder and Linda Watson

**THIS WEEKS OFFERING: This morning**, our offering is in support of **Rock Missions – Wallaceburg Drop In Centre**. This centre has moved from the Anglican Church downtown to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the 7 Generations Indigenous Cultural Friendship Centre Building next to No Frills on Dufferin Avenue. It is open daily from 1:00 pm to 5 pm. R.O.C.K. Mission provides (w)holistic street health and drop-in services while building partnerships and capacity. For more information can be found on their website: [reachoutck.com](http://reachoutck.com)

**CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING: Christmas Day**, our offering is in support of **NeighbourLink CK**. NeighbourLink draws volunteers from a network of churches in Chatham-Kent. We partner together to provide practical help to those in need by connecting them with individuals who can help and relevant existing services in the community. Chatham-Kent Christians have been working together through NeighbourLink since 2005. To learn more about what NeighbourLink CK is about, check out their website at: [neighbourlinkck.com](http://neighbourlinkck.com)

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: Next week, December 31**, our offering will be in support of the local Christian School. **Wallaceburg Christian School** has set up a **tuition assistance program** to financially assist those parents who believe it is best for their children to be taught in a Christ-based education system but have difficulty meeting the financial obligation to do so. All monies collected will go to this program specifically. Any enquiries about this program can be addressed by contacting: [admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com](mailto:admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com) or by calling 519-627-6013

**RECEIPTS:**

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Budget .....                                | \$5360.00 |
| Seafarers .....                             | \$971.60  |
| Salvation Army .....                        | \$100.00  |
| Rock Missions (W'burg Drop-In Centre) ..... | \$100.00  |
| NeighbourLink .....                         | \$100.00  |

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;  
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;  
THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.  
NUMBERS 6:4-26

Matt Feddes ~ December 25  
Everet Kraayenbrink ~ December 26  
John Vanderlaan ~ December 26  
Alexa Kraayenbrink ~ December 26  
Josh Hensel ~ December 27  
Dennis Kraayenbrink ~ December 27  
Glen Lubbers ~ December 28



**MIT'S BITS:** Tomorrow is Christmas Day! It's the day we've been anticipating for about a month, within the church anyway. The decorations are out. The songs are sung. The gifts are given. And the celebrations are ongoing. Wherever you are this Christmas, my prayer is that you will get some quiet time to ponder. Many of us have grown used to being engaged in something all the time. We are a distracted people, it seems. We want to be busy with anything, be it online, or on TV. For many of us, our desire is to be immersed in some type of entertainment, or some type of hobby. I know it won't be easy for some of us, but I encourage us all just to spend some waking moments in solitude this Christmas. Take an hour. Put the devices away. Ponder what the birth of Jesus means to you. Ask Him to reveal Himself in your life and to touch your heart. That one hour will seem so long to you. But if you stick with it, you'll hear the still, small voice. Listen to it. And thank God for His Son, Immanuel (God with us)!

**FAMILY CIRCLE:** Continue to pray for all of our seniors, those who suffer illnesses, and those who are lonely or shut-in. May they feel God's presence in their lives and may He bring healing.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:** Join us tomorrow at 10 AM for our Christmas Day Service.

**FREE SKATE:** First CRC has booked Memorial Arena in Chatham on Thursday, December 28 from 1:00-2:30pm for a time of skating together. All are welcome to attend, and feel free to bring a friend.

**Jesus is The Reason** - As we give and receive gifts at Christmas, we celebrate Jesus, God's gift to us! Will you add someone who lives in poverty to your Christmas giving? Change a life with an item like a goat, a bicycle, or a handwashing station from World Renew's Gift Catalogue. Give online at [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts) or call 1-888-975-3769 to give.

**Kids Corner: Christmas Love for God's Global Family** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Just like the wise men, we can choose to follow Jesus. By accepting the gift of his love, we give him a big gift: our hearts. God's family is together by the love of Jesus, which was shown on the first Christmas. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Bible story podcast "The Wise Men."



**FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** Please bring baked goods to share if you are able, on Christmas Day and New Year’s Day for our time of fellowship after the services. Thanks so much!

**Groundwork: Jesus: Our Prince of Peace** - As we celebrate Christmas, join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 137, Isaiah 49:6, Isaiah 53:4-12, Ephesians 2:14-19, and Luke 2:1-21 to discover the deep and meaningful shalom Jesus brought to us in his birth, that he promises to establish permanently when he returns, and how we can be his agents of peace in our world here and now. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

| DATE                        | 24—DEC                     | 25— DEC                     | 31 - DEC                      | 01-JAN              | 07-JAN              |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday School<br>Ages 3—5   | Tara Feddes                | Tara Feddes                 | Tara Feddes                   | Dick & Carolyn      | Dick & Carolyn      |
| Sunday School<br>Grades 3—6 | cancelled                  | cancelled                   | cancelled                     | Lucas DePooter      | Lucas D             |
| Nursery                     | Alie Peters<br>Cass Hensel | Pete Hensel<br>Cyril Peters | Beth Lubbers<br>Jamie Lubbers | Nursery<br>Unlocked | Megan D<br>Denise T |
| Roamer                      | Jim K                      | Fred K                      | Bryan Watson                  | Matt Feddes         | Rob K               |
| Greeters                    | Lucas &<br>Nicole          | Ed & Trish                  | Irene K<br>Tina Feddes        | Bryan &<br>Linda    | Rob K               |
| Coffee Set-<br>up/Clean-up  | Edmund &<br>Alyssa         | Jim & Lucia                 | Dick & Carolyn                | Jeff & Denise       | Henry &<br>Tona     |
| Scripture<br>Readers        | Henry G<br>Luke 2:1-20     | Joyce/Wayne<br>Matt 2:1-12  | No Readers<br>Needed          | TBA                 | TBA                 |
| VIDEO                       | Celia                      | Kyle                        | Dan                           | Lucia               | Russell             |
| CAMERA                      | Emma                       | Connor                      | Russell                       | Nick                | Kyle                |
| SOUND                       | Jeff                       | Casey                       | Ed                            | Jim K               | Edmund              |

