



***Good Christian Friends,
Rejoice***

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:

Jesus Christ is born today.

Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today!

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**December 2, 2018
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10:00 am: Pastor Josh Tuininga

*(*please stand if able)*

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering BY God's Grace

Opening Solo: ***Good Christian Friends Rejoice*** v1

*God Calls Us Into Worship

Leader: Shout for Joy, you heavens;

Men: Rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains

Women: For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

All: Praise the Lord!

- Based on Isaiah 49:13

*Opening Prayer and Greeting

*Praising Our God

LUYH 93 **Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

LUYH 105 st. 1-4 **As With Gladness Men of Old**

Growing IN God's Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Assurance: **Holy Is Your Name**

Advent Reading

Advent Song: LUYH 98 **Good Christian Friends Rejoice**

Prayer with the Children

Song of Preparation: LUYH 95 **What Child Is This?**

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4

Message: Word of Life

*Song of Response: LUYH 101 **How Bright Appears the Morning Star**

Going WITH God's Grace

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Salvation Army

*Blessing

*Closing Song: LUYH 965 **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**



FAMILY CIRCLE: Our Christian condolences are extended to **Nick and Marianne Dykema** with the passing of Marianne's sister **Elizabeth Hummel**. May God's loving and comforting arms uphold you at this time. Congratulations to **Dennis and Lynn Kraayenbrink** with the birth of a new grandson to love **Kace Timothy Kraayenbrink**. Proud parents are **Bryan and Brittany Kraayenbrink**. We give thanks to God for the beautiful and precious gift of new life.

CALL TO WILLIAMSBURG: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have declined the call to Williamsburg CRC. Thank you so much for all the ways that you blessed us through the process with words, prayers, phone calls, and much more. We look forward to continuing ministry together with you in Wallaceburg.
Josh and April

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice this week Monday, December 3rd begins at 8pm.

YOUTH GROUP: Young People's meets this Tuesday, December 4th from 7 – 9 pm for a regular meeting. All those in grade 9 and higher are welcome!! See you Tuesday!!!



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: Congratulations to **Kurtis Lubbers, Nile DePooter, Marlene Allaer, Denise Tessier, Robin Pelozo, and Jeanne Vandendool** who will be celebrating their birthdays in the coming week. May God bless your celebrations.

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE MOVIE NIGHT: Ministry Team A is hosting 'I Can Only Imagine' Movie Night on **Monday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm**. Join us to watch the I Can Only Imagine Movie together with a time for questions and discussion after. Drinks and snacks will be provided. All are welcome!!



SALVATION ARMY: We have been asked by the Salvation Army to provide volunteers to help man the Christmas Kettles in Wallaceburg. We have 2 dates. Both of the dates are at the **Dollarama Store** in Wallaceburg on **Tuesday, December 4th** and **Saturday, December 15th**. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside of the office with 2 hour shifts available for each day. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank-you so much!!



ANGEL TREE
A Program of Prison Fellowship®

ANGEL TREE: Our Church will be taking part in the Angel Tree program again this year. Cards containing the names of children whose parents will be in prison this Christmas will be placed on a tree in the hallway outside the sanctuary. The parent has requested that their child receive a Christmas gift from them. The card will contain information about the child as well as gift suggestions. You can take that card, sign your name on the list beside the tree, purchase a gift with a value of up to \$30, wrap the gift and return it to the Church by Sunday, December 16. Thank you for continuing to show God's love to these innocent victims of crime.

6:30 pm: Pastor Josh Tuininga

*(*please stand if able)*

- *Welcome
- *Call to Worship
- *Opening Song: PsH 452 st. 1, 2, 4 **He Leadeth Me**
- *Greeting

Congregational Prayer
 Offering: NeighbourLink

Prayer of Illumination
Scripture: 2 Kings 20:12-21
Sermon: Hezekiah's Sin
Series: Difficult Texts

- *Profession of Faith: **Belgic Confession 11**
- *Blessing
- *Parting Song: PsH 555 **Lead On, O King Eternal**

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**Caroling and Turkey Dinner:** All are invited to our **Annual Church Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. Join us for a turkey dinner with all the fixings. We will be going carolling in our neighbourhood before dinner. For all those who would like to go and bless our neighbours with Christmas caroling before the dinner please meet at the church at 4:45pm or join us at 5:30 pm for dinner. Join us for a great night of caroling and enjoying a time of fellowship and sharing a meal together celebrating our Savior's birth. All are welcome!!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Join us for a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. All are welcome.

**Christmas Day Service:** Our Christmas Day Service begins at 10 am on Christmas Day.

**FROM THE DEACONS:** The Deacons are looking for volunteers who are able to drive people to doctors appointments when needed. If able to help with this please speak with one of the Deacons.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Kevin and Janice Childs have moved. Their new address is 528 Molinari St. Sarnia, Ontario, N7W 0B3. We pray for God's blessing for Kevin and Janice as they settle into their new home.

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:** The Finance Committee asks all committees and groups to make their requests known to the Finance Committee for the 2019 budget by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Finance Committee are Denise Tessier, Olga DePooter, Gary DePooter, Lucas DePooter, and John Kraayenbrink.

**VENDOR SALE AT WCS:** You are invited to join us at our annual **Vendor Sale at the Wallaceburg Christian School** on Friday, December 7 between 6 and 9 pm. Entry fee is \$2, and you will receive a dessert and beverage to enjoy. There will be a bake sale, vendors, craft tables, and a silent auction. Look forward to seeing you there!

**Advent Family Faith Formation Tip** - Teach Us to Pray, published by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, is a wonderful resource for family worship. If you're looking for a meaningful way to celebrate Advent at home, the Advent section of this book is available as a free download at [tinyurl.com/CICWAdvent](http://tinyurl.com/CICWAdvent). Each day's page includes a Bible reading, questions to talk about, prayer ideas, and more. (Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** The Knights of Pythias invites you to Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 15 from 1 – 3 pm. They will be meeting at First Baptist Church at 12:30 pm. They will be riding the people mover from First Baptist to the retirement and nursing homes in Wallaceburg. Music sheets provided. Refreshments will be served at First Baptist Church after the caroling. Join us as we go out and spread some Christmas Cheer.

**Advent is Uzima! with World Renew** - Uzima is the Swahili word meaning, "fullness of life." You can help a person, family, and community begin to experience the fullness of life God intends for them through World Renew's 2018-2019 Gift Catalogue. Include a gift of enough food, better health, or literacy on your Christmas list this year. Give at [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) or call 800-730-3490. Give by December 2 to receive your acknowledgement cards before Christmas!

**Helping that Helps (at Christmas and beyond)** - During Advent, helping people in need is on our minds as church families. Helping that Helps (at Christmas and beyond) is a 1-hour webinar that explores alleviating poverty while helping, rather than unknowingly harming, people who struggle financially. Learn practical strategies to overcome local and global poverty and injustice. Join Wendy Hammond (World Renew) and Andrew Ryskamp (Diaconal Ministry Initiative) on Wed., Dec. 5, 2018, at 1 pm EST. To register, go to <http://bit.ly/helpingwr>.

**SCRIPTURE READERS:**

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| Dec 2: April Tuininga     | 1 John 1:1-4  |
| Dec 9: Lydia Kraayenbrink | Psalms 98     |
| Dec 16: Linda Lubbers     | Hebrews 1:1-6 |
| Dec 23: Henry Griffioen   | John 1:1-14   |

**USHERS: (Reminder, please help those in need of assistance to their seat)**

December 2: Jim Kraayenbrink, John Feddes  
December 9: Bernard Kraayenbrink, Glen Lubbers  
December 16: Bryan Watson, Gerald Lubbers  
December 23: Henry Griffioen, John Lubbers

