



**Wallaceburg Christian Reformed Church**

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**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink**

Prelude

**Praise the Lord, O My Soul**

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1

\*Hymn: LUYH #571 **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

\*God's Greeting

**Forget Not All His Benefits**

Bible Reading: Psalm 103:2-5

Reflection: The Blessings of the Past Year

Song: **Goodness of God**

**He Does Not Treat Us as Our Sins Deserve**

Prayer of Confession

Bible Reading: Psalm 103:8-12

Reflection: The Lord's Gracious Response to Our Sinfulness

Hymn of Praise LUYH #624 **Not What My Hands Have Done**

**As for Us, Our Days Are Like Grass**

Bible Reading: Psalm 103:13-16

Reflection: God's Compassion on Us as Frail Mortals

Song: **All We Sinners**

**From Everlasting to Everlasting, God's Love Is with Us**

Reflection: God's Everlasting Love—Psalm 103:17

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: PH #169 **I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord**

**His Love Is with Those Who Keep His Covenant**

Reflection: On Keeping Covenant with the Lord - Psalm 103:17-18

Offering: WCS Tuition Assistance

Congregational Prayer

\*Rededication of our lives

People of God, do you believe that Jesus Christ  
is the Son of God sent to redeem the world, do you love and trust him as the one who  
saves you from your sin,  
and do you with repentance and joy embrace him as Lord of your life?

***We do.***

Do you dedicate your life to God at the beginning of this new year,  
do you seek to develop a closer walk with him, and to live a life of love, obedience, and  
service as our Lord commands?

***We do.***


May God grant us all the strength to fulfill our commitment through the power of the  
Holy Spirit.

\*Hymn of Dedication: LUYH #352 **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

Prayer

**The Lord Has Established His Throne in Heaven**  
Bible Reading: Psalm 103:19-22  
\*Hymn of Praise: LUYH #953 **Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God**  
God's Blessing  
Postlude

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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:**  
December 31: Dave Foster  
January 7: Jim Kraayenbrink  
January 1: Wayne Dykema  
January 14: Wayne Vandendool

**OFFERINGS:**  
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  
January 14: ReFrame Ministries  
Deacons: Olga DePooter and Nicolina Benn  
January 21: Refuge Chatham Kent (Right to Life)  
Deacons: Fred Kraayenbrink and Ed Van Gelder

**THIS WEEK'S OFFERING:** This morning, 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


**New Year's Day Offering:** Tomorrow, our offering will be in support of **OPEN DOORS CANADA. More than 360 million Christians face high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith in Jesus. With your help, Open Doors is strengthening Christians** in more than 70 countries. Because of your support, they are able to provide Bibles, Christian resources, church training, emergency aid, and more. In Canada, we work to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilizing prayer support and action among Christians. Find out more at [opendoorsca.org](http://opendoorsca.org)

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING:** Next week, our offering is in support of **Therefore Go Ministries.** Therefore Go Ministries helps churches challenge youth and emerging adults to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and transform this world for Him. ThereforeGo Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian ministry organization that focuses on assisting local congregations in their youth ministry through short-term mission trips and training. Find out more at [thereforego.com](http://thereforego.com).

**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

Darlene Kraayenbrink ~ January 1  
Kade DePooter ~ January 3

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**MIT'S BITS:** New Year's Eve! The year is closing down. Time has slipped by, quickly, I might add! What a blessing this year has been to us. Of-course we tend to look back over the past year to remind ourselves of the events that took place. Some are great. Some, not so great. But the one constant that continues through every year is the fact that God is with His people. God's promise is to remain with us through all time. And we see it every day!  
If the sun comes up in the morning, God's promise remains true. Genesis 8 tells us: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." (Genesis 8:22)  
God keeps a watchful eye over His people always. He cares for you and for me, regardless of hour, day or year. God is in control! Let's remember this truth as we forge into the New Year. God's blessings to you all!

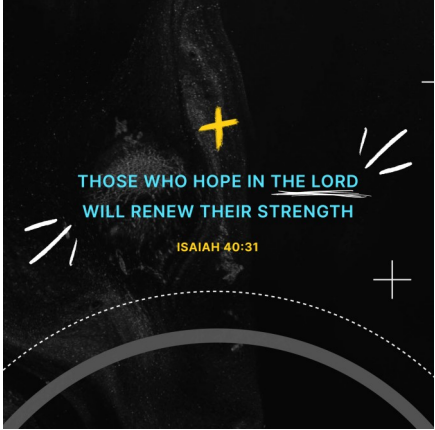
**FAMILY CIRCLE:** Continue to pray for all of our seniors, those who suffer illnesses, and those who are lonely or shut-in. May they feel God's presence in their lives and may He bring healing.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE:** Join us for our New Year's Day Service tomorrow at 10 am. All are welcome.

**Giving Thanks at Christmas** - Thank you for sharing God's love through the World Renew Gift Catalogue during Advent. Your donation of a chicken, water filter, or goat can be a miracle for people who are facing poverty, hunger, and injustice today. It's not too late if you want to give in the New Year! Go to [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts) or call 1-888-975-3769. Thank you!

**Kids Corner: Big Plans** - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Do you like to make plans? By making plans, you can be excited about what's coming and anticipate what you may need to prepare. But did you know God has made even bigger plans for you? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork: Your Questions about Scripture and Hope** - Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we'll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.



**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

| DATE                        | 31—DEC                        | 01— JAN          | 07 - JAN                  | 14-JAN                    | 21-JAN                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sunday School<br>Ages 3—5   | Tara Feddes                   | No Sunday School | Dick & Carolyn            | Dick & Carolyn            | Dick & Carolyn           |
| Sunday School<br>Grades 3—6 | cancelled                     | No Sunday School | Lucas DePooter            | Lucas DePooter            | Lucas D                  |
| Nursery                     | Beth Lubbers<br>Jamie Lubbers | Nursery Unlocked | Megan D<br>Denise T       | Bertha K<br>Erica Lubbers | Lucia K<br>Ashley H      |
| Roamer                      | Bryan Watson                  | Matt Feddes      | Rob K                     | Bill DePooter             | Wayne D                  |
| Greeters                    | Irene K<br>Tina Feddes        | Bryan & Linda    | Rob K                     | Bernard & Karlene         | Dick & Carolyn           |
| Coffee Set-up/Clean-up      | Dick & Carolyn                | Jeff & Denise    | Henry & Tonda             | John & Erica              | Jim & Lucia              |
| Scripture Readers           | N/A                           | N/A              | Matt. 13:44-46<br>Diane M | Barry Wright              | Ezekiel 38-39<br>Linda L |
| VIDEO                       | Dan                           | Lucia            | Russell                   | Connor                    | Colin                    |
| CAMERA                      | Russell                       | Nick             | Kyle                      | Dan                       | Connor                   |
| SOUND                       | Ed                            | Jim K            | Edmund                    | Jeff                      | Casey                    |

