



HOPE

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

November 30, 2025

10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering BY God's Grace

Advent Candle Lighting: Hope

*Song: **Hope of the Nations**

*Call to Worship:

*Opening Prayer and Greeting:

*Songs of Praise: LUYH #579 vs. 1,2,4 **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Growing through God's Grace

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon:

*Profession of Faith: Psalm 130:5-6

**I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.**

**I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

**Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.**

**He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

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

Prayer with the Children (*children ages 3 – grade 2 leave for Sunday School*)

Song of Preparation: LUYH #548 vs.1,2,5,6 **My God, How Wonderful You Are**

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1

Sermon: "Under the Stars of Bethlehem: Hope against Hope"

*Song of Response: LUYH #56 **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Offering: WCS Tuition Assistance

Going WITH God's Grace

Congregational Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song: LUYH #956 **To God Be the Glory**

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: **PRAYER:** If you would like someone to pray with you, Pastor Tim and/or the
: Officiating Elder will be at the front of the sanctuary after each service.
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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!

OFFICIATING ELDER:

November 30: Gary DePooter December 7: Jim Kraayenbrink
December 14: Wayne Vandendool December 21: Nick Dykema

OFFERINGS:

November 30: WCS Tuition Assistance
Deacons: Kaley Bergsma and Jeff DePooter
December 7: Salvation Army ~ Noisy Collection
Deacons: Judy Vandendool and Fred Kraayenbrink
December 14: Indwell Sarnia
Deacons: Wilf Allaer and Kaley Bergsma
December 21: Mission Montreal
Deacons: Jeff DePooter and Judy Vandendool

THIS WEEK'S OFFERING: Today, November 30th the offering will support our local Christian School. The monies collected will fund the school's Tuition Assistance program, which is a fund to help those struggling with meeting the annual tuition. Your support is appreciated.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: **Next week**, our offering will be for the "Salvation Army" – "Christ centered – Others Focused". We will be having our annual "Noisy Collection". There is a great need for food items and the food pantry here in Wallaceburg is very busy. Your donations are much needed.
Thank you for bringing non-perishable food items to church next week! They will be collected during the offering time. Any monies donated are always welcome as well. Any donations, whether food items or monies will remain in our own Wallaceburg community.

PICKLE BALL: WCRC Pickle Ball continues this Wednesday, December 3 at 7 pm. We have extra paddles if you want to come out and try it. Adults only.

PHOTOS: It is that time of year again. We are looking for any photos you might have from this past year of events that happened in our church. We would like to put them together for new Years Day. If you have any please send them to Karen or Lucia. Thank-you

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: All Committees and Ministries are asked to make their requests known to the Finance Committee for the 2026 Budget by Sunday, December 13th. The Finance Committee members are: Gary DePooter, Olga DePooter, Rob Kraayenbrink, and Denise Tessier.

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

Nile DePooter ~ December 4
Denise Tessier ~ December 6

THANK-YOU: Thank you all for your prayers but most of all thank God for being with me all the time and for renewed strength and healing. It is so good to belong to our Lord and Saviour. All praise and thanks to Him. God is so good all the time.
♥Tina Feddes



MIT'S BIT'S: Are you excited for Christmas? Some years are different than others when it comes to this question. Sometimes I can't wait for Christmas, for the get-togethers, for the decorations, for that special, warm feeling. I want to reminisce in my mind's eye of yesteryear. I want to be a kid again, thinking that this is the most special time of the year (it IS pretty

special!). Sometimes I just wish we could skip Christmas. Like Scrooge, I would rather see the entire season vanish into oblivion. It's so much work and you have to be cheerful and full of joy, especially when you don't want to be. In these times I don't want the presents, or the gatherings, or the well wishes. I just want to be left alone. This year is different, however. I am hoping for one thing for Christmas – to witness the peace the Christ gives. I want to see it. I want to experience it. I want to live it. What is that peace? It's peace even when I'm super busy. It's peace in the tumult. It's peace in all of life. God's peace is what we I hope for. For me. And for you. The world surrounding us is rife with trouble. We all could use a peace-filled Christmas.



A Program of Prison Fellowship

ANGEL TREE: This Christmas season, we will once again be a part of this Prison Fellowship program that provides Christmas gifts to children who have a parent in prison. To be a part of this program, you can choose a card from the tree that will be in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Please take that card, sign your name on the list beside the tree, purchase a gift with a value of up to \$40, wrap the gift and return it to the Church by Sunday, December 14. The card will contain information about the child as well as gift suggestions. I will replace that card with one containing a message from the parent before I deliver the gift. Thank you for your support of this program.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING: We are pleased to invite you to an evening filled with cheer and harmonious melodies as we "Worship the King" at our **Community Christmas Carol Sing!** Join us **Wednesday, December 16 at 7 pm** at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. The Ministerial's church choirs (all the various churches in town and surrounding area) will be gracing us with their angelic voices, spreading joy and the spirit of the season to all. Whether you're a choir member, a music lover, or someone who simply loves praising God, we welcome you to sing along and celebrate with us. Let's come together to fill the church with the joy of the coming of Christ!

New on the Library Shelf: Practicing Thankfulness, cultivating a grateful heart in all circumstances. Non-fiction.
What we believe about God is evident in how we exhibit thankfulness for all he has done. In this book Pastor Sam Crabtree encourages us to express glad hearted thankfulness for God's unending provision in all circumstances. Through the daily practises of expressing gratitude saying "thank you" to a neighbour, serving others, impractical ways, or simply thanking God for his many gifts we recognize the absolute and total Lordship of God and his sovereignty over all things.
Two more P.D. James, Adam Dalgleish British Detective Mysteries. Fiction:
A Taste for Death and Devices and Desires



Prayer Corner
Please continue to pray for:

- John Lubbers recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Jeff Tessier needing a kidney donor
- Mike Maguire for strength and healing
- Strength and healing for others with health concerns

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many different ways we can get ready for Christmas—such as listening to music, reading Christmas stories, and lighting Advent candles. How will you practice getting your heart ready? Check out the Advent page of Thrive’s Family Faith Formation toolkit for some ideas: crcna.org/advent-tools. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel” at www.kidscorner.net. God promises to be with us in every moment—when we’re sad, happy, or waiting for better days—and that gives us hope. This Advent, we can celebrate the hope of Jesus, who was born to be our Savior and will one day come again. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, bible stories, crafts, and activities.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	30– NOV	7– DEC	14– DEC	21-DEC
Sunday School Ages 3—5	Cassandra H	Cassandra H	Cassandra H	Tara F
Sunday School Grades 1-3	Alie P	Alie P	Alie P	Linda L
Sunday School Grades 4-8	Lucas D	Lucas D	Lucas D	Lucas D
Nursery	Jamie L Karlene K	Talia V Linda L	Paige K Judy F	Bernard K Carolyn B
Roamer	Matt F	Rob K	Bill D	Wayne D
Greeter	Bill & Olga	Ed & Trish	Irene K Tina F	Matt & Tara
Coffee Set-up/ Clean-up	Wayne & Joyce	Fred & Valerie	John & Erica	Bernard & Karlene
Scripture Readers	Ruth 1 Cori D	Ruth 2 Connor L	Ruth 3 Tonda G	Ruth 4 Rita H
VIDEO	Larissa	Colin	Kyle	Dan
CAMERA	Colin	Weston	Connor	Kyle
SOUND	Casey	Jim / Eli	Edmund	Casey

