



# Welcome

## Clinton Christian Reformed Church

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### Advent Worship

Hark the Glad Sound  
Welcome/Call to Worship/God's Greeting  
Come Thou Fount (Christmas)  
King of Kings  
Commitment & Dedication/Prayer  
Just As I Am/I Come Broken

### We Journey to Bethlehem

Children's Time (ages 3-Grade 6)  
Away in a Manger  
Prayers of the People  
Luke 1:39-45 (pg 1013, lp 1588)  
*Mary's Visit to Elizabeth*  
Send Me (Catechism: Grade 7-12 exits)

### Advent Blessings

Offering: Community Living Central Huron  
God's Parting Blessing  
Come Thou Fount (Christmas)

### How might you show your support?

- ♦ drop off a meal/snack
- ♦ support via church ministries
- ♦ visit/phone call/text
- ♦ Intentional prayer
- ♦ other:

### Birthdays this week:

15: Gienny Tiesma; Gerhardus Steenbeek  
18: Fred Mulder (75)

**Praying Through the Church Directory.** This week please pray for the households on page 11. As a guide you can pray for God to **BLESS** them: **B**ody, **L**abour, **E**moional wellbeing, **S**ocial relationships inside and outside their home, and **S**piritual health.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday December 20 at 8AM. All men welcome for a time of food and fellowship with speaker Jim Hess.

How will you apply today's message to your life?

Keeping in Prayer: Mary Guetter

**Walk to Bethlehem Advent Pilgrimage.** On this third Sunday of Advent the Clinton & Area Ministerial welcomes you experience joy on the journey of the 112km Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Walking any distance is worthwhile while reflecting on the themes of Advent and the Christmas story. **Next Saturday, Dec. 20, 10:00 am** anyone interested is welcome to meet in the parking lot of the Clinton United Church to walk 4km or so together.

Many members of our church community participated in setting up and/or being involved in the Clinton Christmas parade float. **A big thank you** to everyone who used their skills to build the float, as well as everyone who came to the parade full of Christmas cheer to help spread the message: **Jesus is the Reason for the Season!**

**You're invited to worship:** Over this Christmas/New Years season, you are invited to join us in worshipping our glorious God on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 at 10 am; Sunday, Dec 28 (A Christmas Prequel) at 10 am; New Years Eve, Dec 31 at 7 pm and New Years Day, Jan 1 at 10 am. Childcare is provided at all services. On January 1, we'll worship in our Fellowship Hall next to the childcare rooms, allowing parents to stay near their little ones while joining in worship. We are so very thankful for these opportunities to share the message of God's love and faithfulness during this season. We'd love to see you!

*Worship services begin at 10:00 am and are livestreamed*

**Pop-Up Advent Calendars – On the Road to Bethlehem**, are available for anyone to pick up in the literature rack between the library book shelves. A wonderful complement to our Advent worship services as we journey to Bethlehem.

**Men's Bible Study:** Thursdays @ 7:30PM starting January 8, 2026. We will be studying the Book of Job by Francis Chan from RightNowMedia. Anyone interested in joining or more information please reach out to Freddy Pot.

**Bill C-9 – Federal Combatting Hate Act** has sparked widespread concern in the Christian community and well beyond. The Pastoral Elders reviewed and discussed concerns noted from several sources. These concerns include lowering the threshold of the definition of hate, removing the need for attorney general approval of charges laid, and removing the clause on religious defence based on sincerely held beliefs. This can have ramifications now or in the future for reading and proclaiming God's Word and our sincerely held exclusive gospel claims and biblical stances on moral issues. Please consider joining in expressing concern with the online petition opportunity through 4 My Canada - <https://www.4mycanada.com> .

**An Invitation to Prayerful Giving:** As we continue to grow together in faith and ministry, we are grateful for the generosity that sustains our shared work. We also want to be open about our current needs as rising cost of our expenses have increased this year. To help us meet these needs, we are asking everyone to prayerfully consider their giving. We are deeply thankful for every gift. Please give as you are blessed, and as you feel called. Our hope is to also share in our commitment to support ministries locally in Classis Huron and globally through the CRC denomination. Thank you for your faithful commitment to our church and to the ministry we share in service to Him. The Administrative Team.

**Huron Christian School:** We are thrilled to share that the online and live auctions, along with purchased advertising space and generous financial donations, raised over \$72,000! What a fantastic evening we had with our school community on November 22. A heartfelt thank you to all our donors, bidders, volunteers, and attendees for making the 38th Annual Auction a huge success! Above all, we give thanks to God for His continued blessings on HCS, both in the past and this year. *The HCS Auction Committee*

**Trinity Church invites YOU** to join us on Sunday, December 21st as we celebrate the Christmas season. The Candlelight Service is always a highlight as we gather together for Christmas songs and readings. We look forward to sharing the story of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love through Christ's birth. He is the true light of the world! All are welcome, so invite your friends and family and share in this experience. Doors open at 6:30pm. Service will be 7:00pm-8:00pm. There is a light shining in the darkness, a light which shines through the word, and the word is light and the light is the light of the world!

**Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: Joy to the World** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: Joy to the World" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). This week of Advent is all about joy! Maybe light the hope, peace, and joy candles with your family, sing a favorite Christmas song, like Joy to the World, and remember that Jesus is the best reason to celebrate. Explore all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

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## Giving & Supporting

**TODAY:** Community Living Central Huron  
**NEXT WEEK:** Friends of the Community Food Bank

e-transfer to [clintoncrctreasurer@tcc.on.ca](mailto:clintoncrctreasurer@tcc.on.ca) (cause in memo);  
cheque in offering or by mail;  
PAR (pre-authorized remittance is for the budget only)

**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
& Friday  
8:30AM-4:00PM

Join Classis Huron as Our Youth Ministry Leader! Are you passionate about **equipping and inspiring youth ministry leaders**? Classis Huron is looking for a **Youth Ministry Consultant (YMC)** — a pastoral role (30 hrs/ week) focused on **supporting, training, and encouraging youth leaders** in our congregations and Campus Ministries. This is your chance to **shape vibrant discipleship pathways for youth and young adults**, build strong leader networks, and make a lasting impact in our churches.

**What we're looking for:**

- 3–5 years of youth ministry leadership experience
- Bachelor's in theology, ministry, or youth ministry (Master's preferred)
- Ordination/commissioning **preferred but not required**
- Strong relational, leadership, and organizational skills

**Deadline for applications:** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early applications are strongly encouraged. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

**Start date:** September 01, 2026

Applications or requests for further information may be sent to: [jbrady@crcna.org](mailto:jbrady@crcna.org). A full job description can be found on the [Youth Ministry](#) page on the Classis Huron website. Be the **catalyst that strengthens youth ministry across Classis Huron!**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Around the world a lot of people are thinking about giving and receiving gifts for Christmas. Did you know that Christmas is, in some way, God's gift to God? It marks that important moment when God entered our earthly life in order to restore God's broken world through the cross of Christ and the empty tomb. A restored world had been a desire of God's heart for a long time, so now is a good time to write God a Christmas card, praising the Lord that salvation is possible through the birth of the Christ-child in Bethlehem. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**The Gift of Christmas** - Next week, we celebrate the gift of Jesus, who left his heavenly throne to be born on earth and offer us the hope of redemption. By giving a gift for World Renew this season, you can help share the hope of Christ with families facing poverty, disaster, or crisis worldwide. Please give generously during the upcoming offering for World Renew or online at [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts)

**SOCO Beach Project Update:** Calling all young adults - ages 18 (one year post highschool) to 29. Recruitment for this summer's SOCO 2026 has begun - and **Jan 12, 2026** is the deadline for first consideration. Join in the fun of the year end **Polar Bear Plunge Campaign** - all proceeds strengthen SOCO's mission, opening the door for young adults to say "yes" to an enriching summer experience.

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-dec-11-8572843>

**Young Adult Winter Retreat** - The Young Adult Winter Retreat (YAWR) is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18-30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Harry Frielink from Covenant CRC in Barrie will be leading us in a series of discussions on the importance of Christian friendships. The retreat will take place from January 23 to 25, 2026, with the theme "The Gift of Friendship." Early bird registration is \$60. Registration opens December 1st, 2025. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram ([yawinterretreat](#)), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at [ya.retreat.team@gmail.com](mailto:ya.retreat.team@gmail.com).