



Welcome

Advent Worship

Welcome/Call to Worship/God's Greeting
Ancient Words
Good Good Father
Commitment & Dedication/Prayer
What Child Is This

We Journey to Bethlehem

Children's Time (ages 3-Grade 6)
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Prayers of the People
Matthew 1:18-24 (pg 956, lp 1496)
Joseph of Bethlehem
Once in Royal David's City (Grade 7-12 exits)

Advent Blessings

Offering: Room2Grow
God's Parting Blessing
God The Father of Your People
Christus Victor (Amen)

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:

9: Thomas Kaptein
10: James Rylaarsdam
11: Jake Rylaarsdam
12: Melody Van Dorp; Peter VanDriel (80);
Hannah Kroes
13: Helen Steenstra (73)

Praying Through the Church Directory. This week please pray for the households on page 10. As a guide you can pray for God to **BLESS** them: **B**ody, **L**abour, **E**mootional wellbeing, **S**ocial relationships inside and outside their home, and **S**piritual health.

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December 7, 2025

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

Keeping in Prayer: Mary Guetter

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

Walk to Bethlehem Advent Pilgrimage. On this second Sunday of Advent the Clinton & Area Ministerial welcomes you to start or continue 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. **This Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:00 am** anyone interested is welcome to meet in the parking lot of the Clinton Christian Reformed Church to walk 4km together (next one will be on Dec. 20 at the Clinton United Church). You're also welcome to Join the **"Walk to Bethlehem" group on StepUp,** <https://join.thestepupapp.com/PTMtok>.

Bible Study: The last of our series on Hope and Hospitality had to be postponed because of weather, and has been rescheduled for tonight at 7:00 here at the church. If you haven't joined us yet, no problem, come on out anyway. Each lesson stands alone. Tonight it's about Hospitality and Discipleship. And we'll be sharing some food together! The study guide is attached to the weekly email and the video can be found [here](#). See you tonight.

Worship services begin at 10:00 am and are livestreamed

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.

Focus on the Family magazine is in the mail folders of families with children in Grade 8 or younger. This is provided by the Pastoral Elders to support you in the joys and challenges of raising a family.

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.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday December 20, 2025, 8AM, here at the church. All men welcome for a time of food and fellowship with speaker Jim Hess.

Old Scrabble Tiles Wanted: Do you have an old scrabble game lying around that you no longer use? Consider donating the tiles to the GEMS for a future craft project. Pieces can be dropped off to the church office anytime. Thank you.

Huron Christian School invites you and your family to join us for this year's Christmas program, *Handel's Messiah for Young Voices*. Come celebrate the joy of Christmas as our students share the story of Jesus' birth through beautiful music and praise. Performances will take place on: **Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 PM, Friday, December 12 at 1:00 PM and Friday, December 12 at 7:00 PM.** We look forward to worshipping and celebrating the Christmas season with you! Follow the link to reserve your spot at one of the performances: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/handels-messiah-for-young-voices>

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!

3rd Annual Central Huron Community Christmas Dinner: Thursday, December 25, 2025 at the Libro Hall, Central Huron Community Complex. **Social:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Dinner:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. All are warmly invited to join. The dinner is free of charge, however advance tickets are required. *(No takeout available.)* Tickets available until December 5 by calling 519-482-5270 or email: mmaloney@clintonraceway.com. Donations of cash, cheque, or e-transfer (to *Clinton Raceway*) are gratefully accepted. All proceeds will benefit school nutrition programs within Central Huron. Come and share in the joy of community and the spirit of Christmas.

Giving & Supporting

TODAY: Room2Grow

NEXT WEEK: Community Living Central Huron

e-transfer to clintoncrctreasurer@tcc.on.ca (cause in memo);

cheque in offering or by mail;

PAR (pre-authorized remittance is for the budget only)

Office Hours this Week:

Monday & Tuesday,
8:30AM-4:00PM

Wednesday & Friday
8:30AM-12:00PM

OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER: Birthday Fund \$288.95; Community Living \$45; Deacons \$345; Friends of the Community \$45; General Operating Fund \$23,175; Guelph Campus Ministry \$1,612.70; HCS Bursary \$3,109.30; Huron Women's Shelter \$150; ReFrame Ministries \$1,624.65; Resonate Global Mission \$1,209.85; Room2Grow \$45; Soup & More \$35; Sunday School \$15.10; Thrive \$100; World Renew—Canadian FoodGrains Bank \$100; World Renew—World Hunger \$3,418.15.

SAVE THE DATE! If you are between 18 and 30, this is for you! On Friday, January 2, 2026, the Young Adults of Stratford CRC are hosting a New Year's Banquet. Doors open at 7 pm. All Young Adults are called on to **"dress-your-best"** for a dinner, followed by a game show, and door prizes. Reserve your seat by e-transferring 15\$ to: treasurer@stratfordcrc.org Include your first and last name with this transfer. For further questions, you can reach out to: estherlucille99@gmail.com It will be an evening to remember! https://www.instagram.com/youngadults.stratfordcrc?igsh=MXZwcTQ4eG1ybnQxOA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

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.

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: Silent Night - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: Silent Night" at www.kidscorner.net. Do your worries ever feel really loud? You can tell them, "Shhhhhh! Jesus is here," and remember that He loves you and gives you peace. Explore all the great content at kidscorner.net, including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

Groundwork: Preparing for the Light of the World - Jesus Christ is the ultimate light of the world. During Advent, we celebrate his birth and anticipate his second coming. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 40:1-5, Matthew 3:1-3, John 1:1-14, and Matthew 25:35-40 to learn what it means to live in the light of Christ with expectation and to explore what it means to prepare our souls for the hope and illumination that Jesus brings. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Advent is a season of waiting for Jesus. This week bring awareness to moments in your daily life when you are waiting. Instead of pulling out your phone or passing time with another distraction, use that time to connect with God in prayer. For example, if you're in a doctor's office waiting room, try praying with your eyes open, talking to God about the people who work there and those who come for care. If you have children, invite them to point out things you can pray for as you are waiting and then pray for them together. Whether you are in the school pick-up line, sitting in traffic, or waiting for vegetables to roast, embrace the opportunity to spend time with God. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive