

Mount Hope
Community CRC

Advent

December 10, 2023



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
December 10, 2023 Pastor Joel Bootsma 10:00 a.m.
Music: John & Ellen Hunse, Alyssa Tisch

* (please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements **Rien Bassie**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Call to Worship & God's Greeting

* Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #61:1,6,7 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE

Words of Confession

Prayer

Song: **LUYH #67 "Blessed Be the God of Israel"**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Van Tuyls

Song: **LUYH #477 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

Children's Ministry (Children ages 3-5, grades 1-4)

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

- Solo -

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25

Message: "Angels of Advent - From the Realms of Glory"

*Song of Response: **LUYH #81:1,4,5 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"**

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Missionaries**

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **Advent Doxology** (tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning! We are being led in worship by **Pastor Joel Bootsma** and in music by **John & Ellen Hunse**, and **Alyssa Tisch**. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Missionaries (The Odels)**. You are reminded that you can also donate through the "Give" function on the Bridge App, as well as e-transfer to treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com. We hope that you will join us following the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

To view this service from home, you can do so by watching via livestream on our website: www.mounthopecommunitycrc.org, or from our YouTube Channel: [Mount Hope Community Church](#). Those members who have the Bridge App, can view the service directly on the app, by using the "**YouTube**" icon on the main page. Those who watch on DVD will continue to receive their copy following the service.



We are accessible for those with hearing impairment. If you are hard of hearing, please go to the back sound booth and speak to an attendant for an assistive device.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School is available weekly for children ages 3 years to 9 years old. Students will be dismissed to their classes during the service.

Nursery is available for children ages 0 - 3. Please sign your children in before the service. The nursery is located as soon as you enter the Fellowship Hall, on the left.

Church Family

Joan Elzinga is continuing to recover at St. Joseph's Hospital from her fall and a biopsy will be done soon to gather more information about her cancer. If anyone would like to send her a card, they can still be sent to her Wellingstone address. (or her church mailslot)

New Email Address: Please note the new email address of **Bill & Effie Visser**:
vissereling1@gmail.com

Birthdays/Anniversaries this week: We congratulate the following members who celebrate their birthdays & anniversaries this week. We pray for a special day for them as they celebrate with their families and friends.

Dec 10 - Willy Van Geel Dec 12 - Mark & Christina Demik - 25th Wedding Anniversary Dec 14 - Irene Van Ommeren Dec 15 - Ann De Groot

Announcements

Prayer Walk: We will be having a Prayer Walk after the service this morning and we encourage you to join the CST! Please meet in the Council Room following the service to receive instructions and get a map. We hope that you can join us!

GEMS - Mother/Daughter Christmas Craft Dessert Social: We will meet on **Monday, December 11th** from **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** for our Annual Mother/Daughter Christmas Craft Dessert Social. If you have a fun Christmas sweater or outfit, please feel free to wear it! If you are unable to attend, please let Marlene know. Thanks so much.

Christmas Candlelight Service: Our church will be hosting our Christmas Candlelight Service on **Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.** It will be a night of music, reflection and candlelight! Tell your friends and family, we hope you will be able to join us! The bus has been arranged for those living at Wellingstone Christian Home. First pick up will be at 6:15 p.m.

Thank you! A big thank you to the Fellowship Committee and Casey Flokstra for the wonderful Seniors Tea that was enjoyed this past Wednesday. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the video very much!

From the Treasurer:

1. The new 2024 Budget envelopes are in your mail slot today. Your 2024 envelope number may be different than the number you had for 2023. As well, the printing on the envelopes is **BLUE** so that it is easier to distinguish the next year. Please ensure that you do not start using them until January, 2024 and then only for donations for the calendar year of 2024. Please disregard any "Initial Offering" envelope as the cost of the envelopes is included in our annual budget calculations and is paid for from your regular budget giving.
2. The absolute last day for any 2023 budget giving is **Sunday, December 31, 2023!** Yes, there are 53 Sundays in 2023! All donations **MUST** be in the hands of the Treasurer by that date or they will be recorded in 2024 – no exceptions. You **MUST** date any/all cheques on or before December 31, 2023 and place them in your **BLACK** 2023 envelopes - **DO NOT USE** your new 2024 **BLUE** envelopes. If you have no **BLACK** 2023 envelopes left, please place the donation in a regular mail envelope and indicate your name and/or your 2023 envelope number on the outside. Donation receipts for 2023 should be distributed by the end of January, 2024. The deadline for final 2023 expense submissions from groups and individuals is Friday, December 29, 2023 - no exceptions.

Community Announcements

Blue Christmas Service Dec. 10th : Have you suffered the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job? Is there something that makes facing Christmas difficult for you? If so, please join us for a service of remembrance, reflection and hope. **December 10th @ 5:00pm.** Grace Community/Ancaster CRC. 70 Garner Rd E, Ancaster . For more information contact Dr. Michael D. Fallon fallonm@mcmaster.ca.

Kerstzangmiddag: A Dutch Christmas Hymn Sing – 3pm **Sunday, December 17** there will be a Dutch Christmas Hymn Sing held at Immanuel CRC of Hamilton! Put it in your calendar, and plan to join! For more information, you may contact Femke Visser-Elenbaas at visser.elenbaas@gmail.com.

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Promises and Peace - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. During Advent, we remember the story of Mary, a teenager, called by God to be Jesus' mother. "How could this be?" she wondered at first. But the angel Gabriel assured Mary. "God's favor is on you," he said. "Anything is possible with God." Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast "The Birth of Jesus."

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Mighty God - The prophet Isaiah next calls the coming Messiah "Mighty God." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8, and Revelation 5:6,11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - In the Bible, the Greek term that is usually translated as "hospitality" means "love of strangers." How might your home (whether it's a house, an apartment, a dorm room, or another place) become a space to practice the love of strangers? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

CRC Communications

Stories & Strategies: Strengthening the CRC in Canada - Are you interested in learning more about church planting and renewal in the CRC? Join the Canadian Ministry Board for stories (and best practice learnings from those experiences) and how they might be applicable to your local church context. We look forward to discussing these ideas with you alongside other church members & leaders. More at crcna.org/Canada

Zachariah

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PEACE
REDEMPTION
ZACHARIAH

ELIZABETH
HOLY SPIRIT
KNOWLEDGE
MESSIAH
PHOPHETS
SALVATION

Volunteer Schedule

| Date | December 10 | December 17 | December 24 |
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| Welcome | Rien Bassie | Len Moelker | Neil Roth |
| Music Congregational Prayer | John, Ellen & Alyssa | New Shoots | John, Ellen & Alyssa |
| Open / Close Coffee Duty | Henk & Rita Van Tuyl John & Ellen Hunse | Shae-Lynn Knevel Greg & Lisa Schuurman | Marlene Knevel Neil & Kristen Roth |
| Sound | Frank Buwalda | Josh Knevel | Rebecca Bootsma |
| Streaming Overhead | Rebecca Bootsma Louise Dekker | Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma | Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl |
| Library | CLOSED | Margaret Kool | CLOSED |
| Nursery | Eileen Nagtegaal Emma Schuurman | Maegan Demik Marlene Knevel | Shae Knevel Trish Demik |

If you are unable to fulfill one of your scheduled duties, it is your responsibility to find someone else.

Church Calendar

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| <p>Monday, December 11 6:30 p.m. - GEMS Mother/Daughter Christmas Craft Dessert Social</p> | <p>7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service (Wellington Bus Service available)</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, December 12 7:30 p.m. - Council Meeting</p> | <p><u>UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS</u></p> |
| <p>Thursday, December 14 Noon - Bulletin announcements</p> | <p>December 24 - Budget & World Renew December 25 - Reframe Ministry December 31 - Budget & Shalom</p> |
| <p>Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent Pastor Joel Bootsma Offerings: Budget & Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice</p> | |

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Our Mission Statement

"To glorify God as a vibrant community of disciples that actively and joyfully serve one another and our community."

Vision: Grounded, Growing, Going

Grounded: Through our Reformed tradition, we are rooted in the nourishing soil of God's Word and the saving grace of Christ

Growing: We are becoming more Christ like and Spirit filled as God works in our hearts and minds to grow closer to Him

Going: Out of gratitude to God for his work in us, we seek to bear fruit by being the hands and feet of Christ to each other and our community

****see paintings made by Petra Zantingh in Fellowship Hall ****