

Mount Hope
Community CRC

Advent

December 17, 2023



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
December 17, 2023 **Pastor Joel Bootsma** **10:00 a.m.**
Music: New Shoots

* (please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements **Len Moelker**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Call to Worship & God's Greeting

* Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **"Your Name" (Christmas Version)**

GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE

The 4 Last Things: Heaven

Prayer

Song: **"Immanuel" (From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable)**

Lighting of the Advent Candle **Shae Knevel**

Song: **"Joy Has Dawned"**

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

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Message: "Angels of Advent - Angels We Have Heard on Earth"

*Song of Response: **LUYH #80 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice**

* 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 **New Shoots**. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice**. 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 returned home from the hospital and is continuing her recovery there. We are thankful for this news and we pray for her as she awaits the results of her biopsy. **Christina Demik** was moved into Parkwood Hospital in London on Tuesday this past week. This is good news, as the doctors are comfortable with her being out of the transplant unit and now she will receive better treatment for her stroke symptoms. We pray for her as she continues with her rehabilitation.

From the Postumas: Once again we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, who is our King of kings and our Prince of Peace. May your Christmas celebrations and the coming new year be blessed by Him who is worthy of all our praise! Thank you, Family of God, for your love, encouragement and especially your prayers for us and for our son and his family as we face difficult health challenges. Our daily prayer for ourselves and also for you is Romans 15:13 "May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Grace and peace, John and Marge Postuma

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

Dec 19 - Joel Bootsma Dec 22 - Gertie Wielhouwer

Announcements

In Your Mailbox: Please find a copy of the December issue of The Banner in your mailboxes this morning. For those who do not receive a digital copy of the treasurer's statement, you will find a paper copy in your mailbox this morning as well. There are extra copies at the Welcome Station if anyone would like one.

Christmas Candlelight Service: Our church will be hosting our Christmas Candlelight Service **tonight at 7:00 p.m.** It will be a night of music, reflection and a candlelight nativity. 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.

From the Treasurer:

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

Providence Christian School warmly invites you to our Christmas Program performances of "*Carrying Hope*" on **Tues., Dec. 19 at 2PM and Wed., Dec. 20 at 7PM**. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate with friends and relatives as we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour, the good news proclaimed for the entire world! These exciting performances will take place at our school, 542 Ofield Road N., Dundas. For further information, please contact the school at [905-627-1411](tel:905-627-1411).

CRC Announcements

World Renew

Great Christmas Joy - God gave us his Best Gift at Christmas, Jesus, and in gratitude, we give as we have so abundantly received. Your donation to the World Renew Gift Catalogue can bring deep joy to a family who is struggling to survive. A chicken, a latrine, or a nutrition kit is a life-changing gift. Donate today at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-975-3769 to give.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - “. . . and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.” In what ways might you make more space for Jesus in your everyday life? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Shepherds' Joy - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. At the beginning of Luke 2, the shepherds were kind of like the last ones to be picked. They got the long and boring night shift job that nobody wanted to do: watch the stinky sheep. But God picked them for a special task the night Jesus was born. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible story podcast “The Shepherds.”

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Everlasting Father - Isaiah continued to reveal the nature of the Messiah when he called him the “Everlasting Father.” Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 63:15-16, John 14:6-14, 1 John 1:1-4, and 1 John 3:1-3 to better understand how this revolutionary title reveals the nature of Jesus and discover the comfort and belonging offered to us in Jesus, our Everlasting Father. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Banner

Christmas Greeting Video from The Banner - Watch a warm year-end video message where Banner editor Shiao Chong explains the impact The Banner has with its journalistic ministry that reaches thousands of people. He shares Christmas greetings to all readers. View it now! ti.nyurl.com/BannerChristmas23

The Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

C Y V A T A F C H T E B A Z I L E
I G K O R I H E Z L D U W W O W Q
G A R B H A I R A H C E Z S G R R
U B X I P Y T B L E G N A K U D A
H R J Q G J N C S R L L S O T E M
L I W Y O O F M O F P U I O Y S O
M E J S S T Y E C N W V I R S S N
S L E L O T P H B F A N A A I E S
V P D O L E R E S S P M Q Y F L X
H D L Y L I U L W U T Y D O R B D
R J J A S V P H Q J S B I H B O B
Z V L T Q W A T M E I E G Y G Y S
O Y M G T L L E A C I F J F J B S
K A O L O C Q B T X B Y O J E X U
S Q O S J H J K X N J N W E C K G
J E W K P G M M O Q O I S R A E L
R H T E R A Z A N S Q F M F E E L

ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BLESSED	CHRISTMAS
ELIZABETH	GABRIEL	ISRAEL	JESUS
JOSEPH	MARY	NAZARETH	SAVIOUR
SON	SON OF GOD	ZECHARIAH	

Volunteer Schedule

Date	December 17	December 24	December 25
Welcome	Len Moelker	Neil Roth	Ryan Flokstra
Music Congregational Prayer	New Shoots	John, Ellen & Alyssa	New Shoots
Open / Close Coffee Duty	Shae Knevel Greg & Lisa Schuurman	Marlene Knevel Neil & Kristen Roth	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl Alex & Meagan Demik
Sound	Josh Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma	Ryan Flokstra
Streaming Overhead	Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma	Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl	Rebecca Bootsma Marlene Knevel
Library	Margaret Kool	CLOSED	CLOSED
Nursery	Maegan Demik Marlene Knevel	Eileen Nagtegaal Trish Demik	Marlene Knevel Lisa Schuurman

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

Church Calendar

Monday, December 18

6:30 p.m. - GEMS' Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 19

7:30 p.m. - Elder's Meeting

Thursday, December 21

Noon - Bulletin announcements

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & World Renew

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offering: Reframe Ministry

UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS

December 31 - Budget & Shalom Manor

Contact Us:

P.O. Box 269, 3076 Homestead Drive
Mount Hope, ON LOR 1W0

Phone: 289-759-3076

Website: mounthopecommunitycrc.org

Facebook: Mount Hope Community CRC

Instagram: @mt.hopeccrc

YouTube: Mount Hope Community Church



Minister: Pastor Joel Bootsma

Email: pastor.mhccrc@rogers.com

Cell: (text/call) 289-689-9620

**Administrative Assistant/
Custodial Staff Member** Marlene Knevel
Hours:

Email: office.mhccrc@rogers.com

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
(approximate hours)

Treasurer: Henk Van Tuyl

Email: treasurer.mhccrc@rogers.com

E-Transfer Donations:
can be made to treasurer's email.

Home: 905-388-7748

Cell: 289-684-4112

Chairman of Council: Len Moelker
Clerk of Council: Neil Roth
Chairman of Deacons: Louise Dekker

289-680-2431

289-808-4115

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 ****