

Mount Hope
Community CRC

Advent

December 3, 2023



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
December 3, 2023 **Pastor Joel Bootsma** **10:00 a.m.**
Music: Emma Schuurman

* (please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Doug Nagtegaal

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Call to Worship & God's Greeting

* Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #567 "Here I Am to Worship"**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE

Entering Advent

Prayer

Song: **LUYH #559 "Ten Thousand Reasons"**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Nagtegaals

Song: **LUYH #56 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

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

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25

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

*Song of Response: **LUYH #60:1,3,4 "Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Henk Van Tuyl

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Christmas Hampers**

* 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 **Emma Schuurman**. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Christmas Hampers**. 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

We are thankful that **Christina** has been transferred to the transplant ward where she is receiving physiotherapy and rehabilitation. Pray for this family as she continues her recovery.

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 4 - Maryke Flokstra Dec 1- Willy Van Geel

Announcements

Attention Congregation: It is the time of the year again when we think of our "Mitten" Tree. This year we will be donating to **Mission Services**. Not only do they need hats, mittens and scarves, but they are also in need of non-perishable food, hygiene products like shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes, etc. , socks and even \$5 Tim's Gift Cards. You can donate **until Sunday, December 10th**. Please prayerfully consider helping with this worthy cause.

Seniors Christmas Tea: The Christmas Seniors Tea will be held this **Wednesday, December 6th** from **2 - 4 p.m.** We look forward to watching the special video presentation from Casey Flokstra. Please bring a non-perishable food item for Mission Services or something for under the tree, which will also go to Mission Services. Thank you.

Christmas Candlelight Service - Mark Your Calendars: 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!

"Canada's Kitchen Table Conversations" – there are a growing number of laypeople and pastors in our denomination that are vocalizing their hopes and dreams of a Canadian CRC, that would share resources and ministries with, yet be distinct from, her counterpart in the US. For more information about this conversation, and to find opportunities to join in that conversation, see <https://sites.google.com/meadcrc.com/toward-crc-canada>.

Community Announcements

START YOUR ADVENT ON A NOTE OF PRAISE! Come to Bethel CRC, 616 Dundas Str. E., Waterdown for an Advent Hymn and Carol Sing, Sunday night **Dec. 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** Lift your hearts and your voices; start the Christmas season on a joyful "note"! A thank you-offering for the Burlington Foodbank will be received. "

Annual Dutch Advent/Christmas Service: **Sunday, December 3rd at 2:30 pm** at Emmanuel Reformed Church, 170 Clarke Street North, Woodstock, ON. Preaching of the word by Rev. Ralph Koops. Entire service is in the Dutch language. Refreshments after the service.

Christmas Concert - with the 100 voices of the Hosanna Choir, directed by Herman den Hollander, at Grace Community Christian Reformed Church, 70 Garner Road East. (formerly Ancaster CRC) **Monday, December 4 at 7:45pm.** Participating will be the Bell and Recorder Choirs of CCS-Hamilton. This annual event is a Benefit Concert for the Music Program at Calvin Christian School. Admission is FREE with a collection during the program. Bring a friend or neighbour. For info contact John VanderLaan at 905-648-3170

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

Thrive:

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Ponder this quote from Mother Teresa: “This Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own concern.” How might you and your family love and serve others during this season? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

World Renew:

The Light of the World is Jesus - At the darkest time of the year, Christmas is the light of hope. What will you do this Advent season to prepare the way for Jesus to be born into this world for you? Share God’s light of hope with those who live in poverty through World Renew’s Gift Catalogue. Spread the good news of hope for the future at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-975-3769 to give.

ReFrame Ministries:

Kids Corner: The Prophet’s Message of Hope - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion at www.kidscorner.net. The devotion is all about how the prophet Isaiah talked about how light shining in the darkness gave people comfort. We know Isaiah 9:2 is about Jesus coming to earth and dying on the cross for our sins. How amazing is that! The hope we have is a person! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the Bible story podcast “The Story of the Prophets.”

Devotions for a Blue Christmas - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you’re not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas

Groundwork: Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor - The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a ‘Wonderful Counselor.’ Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, and Colossians 1:15-19 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Other:

Curious about the Institute for Christian Studies? - Want to know more about what it's like to be a student at ICS? Join us for our online MA/PhD Open House, this Thursday, December 7 at 6pm ET! Learn about the ICS program structure and how Reformational Philosophy forms our scholarship; hear from one of our faculty about their time as a student and how it formed their career; and listen to a conversation between two of our current students on their experiences as online ICS students - and bring any questions you have! To join us, RSVP to recruitment-coordinator@icscanada.edu and get the Zoom info. You can also learn more about our programs by visiting icscanada.edu/academics. We hope to see you there!

Zechariah & Elizabeth

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Prayer
Old
Incense
Holy Spirt

Luke
Son
Angel
Temple

Elizabeth
Priest
Gabriel
Zechariah

Volunteer Schedule

Date	December 3	December 10	December 17
Welcome	Doug Nagtegaal	Rien Bassie	Len Moelker
Music Congregational Prayer	Emma Schuurman Henk Van Tuyl	John, Ellen & Alyssa	New Shoots
Open / Close Coffee Duty	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal Bob & Trudy de Haan	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl John & Ellen Hunse	Shae-Lynn Knevel Greg & Lisa Schuurman
Sound	Ryan Flokstra	Frank Buwalda	Josh Knevel
Streaming Overhead	Justin Knevel Rebecca Bootsma	Rebecca Bootsma Louise Dekker	Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma
Library	Sandi Buwalda	CLOSED	Margaret Kool
Nursery	Kristen Roth Sandi Buwalda	Eileen Nagtegaal Emma Schuurman	Maegan Demik Marlene Knevel

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

Church Calendar

Wednesday, December 6

2:00-4:00 p.m. - Seniors Christmas Tea

Thursday, December 7

Noon - Bulletin announcements

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Missionaries

UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS

December 17 -Budget & Dr. Bob Kemp Hospice

December 24 - Budget & World Renew

December 25 - Reframe Ministry

December 31 - Budget & tbd

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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 ***