

Mount Hope Community CRC

December 31, 2023



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
December 31, 2023 **Pastor Joel Bootsma** **10:00 a.m.**
Music: New Shoots

* (please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements **Alex Demik**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Call to Worship & God's Greeting

* Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #82 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #88 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

Words of Assurance

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

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

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-23

Message: "Away From the Manger"

Special Music - "**Away From the Manger**" (Liz Vice) Video

Prayer: Church Family and Community

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

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Shalom Manor**

* Sending

* Benediction

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

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 **Shalom Manor**. 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

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.

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

Church Family

We are thankful that **Christina** was able to spend a few days home over the Christmas holiday. What a blessing for her and her family! She continues with her rehabilitation at the Parkwood Hospital in London.

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.

January 3 - Eileen Nagtegaal January 7 - Jack Demik

Announcements

This Morning's Special Music Video: Below are the lyrics for "Away From the Manger" the video you will be seeing this morning during the service.

Away from the manger they ran for their lives
The crying boy Jesus, a son they must hide
A dream came to Joseph, they fled in the night
And they ran and they ran and they ran

No stars in the sky but the Spirit of God
Led down into Egypt from Herod to hide
No place for his parents no country or tribe
And they ran and they ran and they ran

Stay near me LORD Jesus when danger is nigh
And keep us from herods and all of their lies
I love the LORD Jesus, the Refugee King
And we sing and we sing and we sing

New Year's Day Service: Please join us tomorrow, at **10:00 a.m.** for our New Year's Day Service. Busing will be available for Wellingstone Residents. If you have some baked goods or Oliebollen that you would like to share with the congregation, please take it along and leave it in the kitchen before the service. Thank you!

In Your Mailbox: This morning please find a copy of the new Today booklet in your mailslot. Also be reminded you have access to this devotional as well as many others on the Bridge App. Please remember to empty your mailboxes this morning as next week the 2024 Directories will be going in and they will not fit if budget envelopes are still there. Thank you.

Men's breakfast is meeting next on **Wednesday, January 3 - 8:00 am** at Cora's on Upper James. We'd love to see you come out, no prerequisites involved.

Community Announcements

Join us on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** for a comprehensive update on Calvin Christian School's Unity Campus. Unity has been operating on 32 Unity Side Road in Caledonia for three years now, and we are getting closer to outgrowing our current building. Find out the latest regarding Unity, including Unity's importance to the community, Current enrollment, Future enrollment, New building plans and Fundraising to date. **Where:** Unity Campus, 32 Unity Side Road, Caledonia

CRC Announcements

World Renew

Giving Thanks at Christmas - Thank you for sharing God's love through the World Renew Gift Catalogue during Advent. Your donation of a chicken, water filter, or goat can be a miracle for people who are facing poverty, hunger, and injustice today. It's not too late if you want to give in the New Year! Go to worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-975-3769. Thank you!

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: Big Plans - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Do you like to make plans? By making plans, you can be excited about what's coming and anticipate what you may need to prepare. But did you know God has made even bigger plans for you? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Your Questions about Scripture and Hope - Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we'll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight." Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and "gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Christmas Nativity Set

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

gold

shepherds

jesus

myrrh

star

stable

joseph

frankincense

three wise men

manger

mary

Volunteer Schedule

Date	December 31	January 1	January 7
Welcome	Alex Demik	Louise Dekker	Ryan Flokstra
Music Congregational Prayer	New Shoots	Anne te Grotenhuis	Mt. Hope Praise Team Bob de Haan
Open / Close Coffee Duty	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal Len & Anita Moelker	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl John & Trish Demik	Shae Knevel Ryan & Joy-Hannah Flokstra
Sound	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Ryan Flokstra
Streaming Overhead	Justin Knevel Louise Dekker	Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma	Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl
Library	Louise Dekker	CLOSED	Sandi Buwalda
Nursery	Marlene Knevel Sandi Buwalda	Emma Schuurman Anita Moelker	Shae Knevel Maegan Demik

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

Church Calendar

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day Service

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offering: Thrive / Chaplaincy Care Ministries

Wednesday, January 3

8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast - Cora's Restaurant

Thursday, January 4

12:00 noon - church announcements due for the bulletin

Sunday, January 7

10:00 a.m. - Rev. Ted Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & ThereforeGo Ministries

UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS

Jan 14 - Budget & Benevolence

Jan 21 - Budget & Redeemer University (Student Financial Aid)

Jan 28 - Budget & City Kidz

Feb 4 - Budget & SoCo Beach Project

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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 ****