

LENT

Mount Hope Community CRC  
Sunday, February 18



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
**February 18, 2024**      **Pastor Joel Bootsma**      **10:00 a.m.**  
**Music: New Shoots**

\* (please stand if you are able)

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Colossians 3:16 (ESV) **Alex Demik**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* Call to Worship & God's Greeting (Litany - Alex/Meagan Demik)

\* Opening Prayer

\* Songs of Praise: **"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"**

**GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE**

Time of Confession - Prayer (Alex/Maegan Demik)

Song of Confession: **LUYH #746 "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"**

Words of Assurance

Song of Praise: **"O Come to the Altar"**

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

Prayer: Church Family and Community

**Greg Schuurman**

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Message: "We're All Influencers Now!"

Song of Response: **"By Faith"**

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offering: **Budget & Neighbour to Neighbour**

\* Sending

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **PsH #634 "Father, We Love You (Glorify Your Name)"**

**Thank you for joining us this morning!**

We welcome all who join us this morning. We are being led in worship by **Pastor Kevin De Raaf**, who is the director of Resonate Global Mission and in music by **New Shoots**. This morning Pastor Joel is preaching at Jarvis CRC to fulfill a Classis appointment. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Neighbour to Neighbour**. 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](http://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

**Christina Demik** has now been able to move back home permanently. What a journey she and her family have been through and we are very grateful for God's healing power and grace.

**New Address:** Please note the new address of **Henk & Ann De Groot:** Shalom Manor, Terraceview, 12 Bartlett Ave. Grimsby ON L3M 4N5 **Henk** Rm. 319 **Ann** Rm. 312 **Phone # (905) 309-2437**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries 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.

**February 19 - Ryan Flokstra**

**February 23 - Justin Knevel**

## Announcements

**In Your Mailboxes:** This morning you will find a copy of the latest edition of **The Banner** in your mailslots.

**Young Adults** (after high-school, before age 30) - you're invited for lunch at the Bootsma household **TODAY** after the worship service. Food, fellowship, and faith; feel free to bring a friend.

**KFC Dinner** - The Deacons and the Fellowship Committee will host the annual KFC Dinner on **Friday, March 8th** at **6:00 p.m.** There will be a bus available for those from Wellingstone Christian Homes. If anyone else needs a ride, please call the church office so that one can be arranged. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall at the Welcome Station. We hope to see you there!

**Council Report:** Council met this past Tuesday evening, with a very full agenda before us.

1. A few dates we are preparing for: on **Tuesday April 9** we are welcoming our Classis church visitors; on **Sunday March 3** we are welcoming Karen and Moses Lubbers-Odel; and we started the initial preparations for our worship-gathering on Maundy Thursday.
2. We heard reports from the consistory, the pastor, the Community Service Team, and the Committee of Administration.
3. Council is starting to look at each of the "Core 4" commitments of the church (from Acts 2): prayer, Lord's Supper and worship, teaching, and fellowship. We began an initial conversation about our worship, and will continue that conversation next Tuesday evening.

## Community Announcements

**LAUNCH YOUR LENT WITH PRAISE!** Worship with us at Bethel CRC's Lent and Easter Hymn Sing, **TODAY** (Feb 18) at **7 p.m.**, 606 Dundas E, at Kerns Rd. A social hour follows. Hot chocolate! Freewill offering.

**NORTH OF SIXTY** is hosting the Calvin Christian School choir for a morning of singing at our next event at **10:00 a.m.** on **February 22** at Immanuel CRC. Please join us. All are welcome!

**Check Us Out! - Calvin Christian School Unity Campus:** Please join us on **Monday, February 26th** to hear what CCS Unity campus has to offer. If you have been considering Christian education for your child, we would be happy to share with you how we equip our students to shine. Drop by between **1:00 pm and 3:00 pm** to tour our campus, meet the staff, hear about our curriculum and programming, and learn more about registration. Feel free to take your children along and to invite your friends and neighbours. Become part of our growing community here at CCS Unity Campus! Unity Campus will be offering JK to Grade 5 for the 2024/2025 school year.

**Calvin Christian School (West 5th Campus) Information Evening:** Please join us on **Wednesday, March 6** to discover what Calvin Christian School has to offer. If you have been considering Christian education for your child, we would be happy to share with you how we equip our students to shine. The evening begins at 7:00 pm and our staff is excited to share what equipping to shine at Calvin

looks like. Included will be a tour of the school, a summary of the programs that we offer and registration information. Feel free to take your children along and to invite your friends and neighbours.

**Eat, Give & Be Merry at HDCH April 13, 8am-2pm** Mark your calendar for this spring fundraiser at Hamilton District Christian High. We invite artisans, crafters and consultants to rent a vendor space in our gym. (<https://hdch.org/event/vendor-application-hdch-eat-give-be-merry-market/>). There are sponsorship opportunities for businesses and we are inviting donations to the online auction and pre-sale. Save the date to shop, enjoy coffee, breakfast, lunch, kid's activities, plant sale and more. All proceeds go to the CARE Campaign. For more info contact Tina VanDyk [tvandyk@hdch.org](mailto:tvandyk@hdch.org), 905-648-6655x110

This summer at Camp Shalom our theme is going to be "Something New", based on Isaiah 43. Campers and staff will learn all about how God wants to give them something that they'll never have without Him. If you're interested in learning more about this new thing, and you're excited about sharing that great news with kids and adults who have special needs, then we have a position for you! We're hiring 50 young adults for a variety of positions including counselors, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, lifeguards, and more. For more information or to apply please visit [www.countrysidecamp.com/apply](http://www.countrysidecamp.com/apply).

## CRC Announcements

### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner:** Names of God: The Lord Is My Peace - Check out this week's kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Can you think of a time when you did not feel worthy enough to do something? Maybe you thought, "Why did they pick me?" or "There's someone else better than me." If so, you know exactly how Gideon felt in Judges 6:11- 24. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's Lent and Easter Collection.

**Groundwork:** Why Jesus Had To Die On A Cross - We begin the season of Lent by slowing down and remembering why Jesus Christ's awful death was necessary. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 3:14-15, Romans 5:12-17, Isaiah 10:1-3, Habakkuk 1:2-4, and Jeremiah 31:31-34 to reflect on scriptures that answer the question: "Why did Jesus have to die on a cross?" Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**Thrive** **Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - Wendell Berry wrote, "Rats and roaches live by competition under the laws of supply and demand; it is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy." Which laws in your community promote justice, mercy, and human flourishing? Which do not? Learn more at [crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject](http://crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject)

**World Renew** **You can Help Change the Story of Global Hunger** - God has blessed this planet with more than enough resources so no one should have to go hungry. Sadly, an estimated 783 million people around the world suffer from chronic hunger. Next week, on Canadian Foodgrains Bank Sunday, let us join World Renew to learn how through our gifts we can help change the story of global hunger. Through World Renew's unique partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, your gifts will be matched up to 4X. For more information go to: [worldrenew.ca/food](http://worldrenew.ca/food)

## A New Loyalty - 1st Thessalonians 1: 1-10

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| peace     | wrath    | delivered | raised    | prayers    |
| joy       | God      | Macedonia | Achaia    | affliction |
| followers | patience | Jesus     | idols     | Holy Ghost |
| brethren  | love     | Silvanus  | Timotheus | epistle    |
| loyalty   |          |           |           |            |

## Volunteer Schedule

| Date                                   | February 18                           | February 25                                  | March 3                                |
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| <b>Welcome</b>                         | Alex Demik                            | Louise Dekker                                | Rien Bassie                            |
| <b>Music<br/>Congregational Prayer</b> | New Shoots<br>Greg Schuurman          | John & Ellen, Alyssa                         | Mt. Hope Praise Team<br>Henk Van Tuyl  |
| <b>Open / Close<br/>Coffee Duty</b>    | Marlene Knevel<br>Neil & Kristen Roth | Frank & Sandi Buwalda<br>Len & Anita Moelker | Shae-Lynn Knevel<br>John & Trish Demik |
| <b>Sound</b>                           | Josh Knevel                           | Frank Buwalda                                | Ryan Flokstra                          |
| <b>Streaming<br/>Overhead</b>          | Rebecca Bootsma<br>Rebecca Bootsma    | Justin Knevel<br>Marlene Knevel              | Henk Van Tuyl<br>Henk Van Tuyl         |
| <b>Library</b>                         | Sandi Buwalda                         | CLOSED                                       | Margaret Kool                          |
| <b>Nursery</b>                         | Lisa Schuurman<br>Eileen Nagtegaal    | Kristen Roth<br>Shae Knevel                  | Trish Demik<br>Sandi Buwalda           |

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><b>Monday, February 19 Family Day</b><br/>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p><b>Tuesday, February 20</b><br/>7:30 p.m. - Council Meeting</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 21</b><br/>7:30 p.m. - COA Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday, February 22</b><br/>12:00 noon - church announcements due for the bulletin</p> <p><b>Sunday, February 25</b><br/>10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma<br/>Offerings: Budget &amp; Canadian Food Grains</p> | <p>Bank (World Renew)</p> <p><b><u>UPCOMING OFFERING COLLECTIONS</u></b></p> <p>March 3 - Budget &amp; Living Rock Ministry<br/>March 10 - Budget &amp; Benevolence<br/>March 17 - Budget &amp; Thrive - Faith Formation<br/>March 24 - Budget &amp; Calvin Seminary</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 \*\***