

# Mount Hope Community Christian Reformed Church

## **Psalm 84**

For the director of music. According to gittith.  
Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,  
Lord Almighty!
- 2 My soul yearns, even faints,  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh cry out  
for the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young—  
a place near your altar,  
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- 9 Look on our shield, O God;  
look with favor on your anointed one.
- 10 Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere;  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
the Lord bestows favor and honor;  
no good thing does he withhold  
from those whose walk is blameless.
- 12 Lord Almighty,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**September 28, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor:** Joel Bootsma

**Music:** Joel Bootsma

( please stand if you are able)

***Psalm 84:1-5, 9-12***

Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Psalm 55:22 **Doug Dekker**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

- \* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer
- \* Call to Worship
- \* Song of Praise: **"Better Is One Day"**

**GROUNDED IN GRACE**

Time of Confession  
Song of Confession: **"Lord, I Need You"**  
Words of Assurance  
Children dismissed for Children's Ministry  
Prayer: Church Family and Community  
Song: **"Goodness of God"**

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8  
Sermon: "For King or Country"  
\* Apostle's Creed  
\* Song of Response: **LUYH #859 "Be Thou My Vision"**  
Prayer: Church Family and Community

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offering: Budget & Seafarer's Ministry  
\* Sending  
\* Benediction  
\* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #965 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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

We welcome all who join us this morning. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Seafarer's Ministry**. You are reminded that you can also donate through the "Give" function on the Bridge App, as well as e-transfer to **ac-counting.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: [mounthopecommunitycrc.org](http://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.



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 or instructions on how to connect to the hearing loop.

## 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

**Truus Voorberg** suffered a stroke on Wednesday. She is currently at the General Hospital, and they are waiting to see what kind of movement she will get back. She will require physiotherapy. Please pray for her and her family during this difficult time.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries this week:** We congratulate the following members who will celebrate their birthdays or anniversaries this week. May you be blessed and have a special day with your family and friends.

**October 1 - Angela & Jamie Liddicoat - 27th Wedding Anniversary**

**October 3 - Len Moelker, Joanne VanHuis**

**Open House:** You are invited to attend an Open House on **Saturday, October 4th** from **1 - 5 p.m.** at the church, for **Frank Buwalda's** 80th birthday which he will celebrate on October 8th.

## Announcements

**Mount Hope Alpha Program:** The first night of Alpha will be this **Wednesday October 1st** at **6:30 pm** and it will meet each Wednesday for 11 weeks. Mark and Christina Demik are helping to coordinate this series, if you have questions or want to participate, please reach out to them. We hope that you will join us!

**Prayer Gathering:** Mark your calendars! Our next Prayer Gathering will be on **Tuesday, October 7th** at **7:30 p.m.**, after a hiatus over the summer months. We hope that you will come out and join us as we lift up our church, our community and our world in prayer.

**Thanksgiving Day Service:** We will be having a food drive for N2N for our Thanksgiving Day Service on **Sunday, October 12th**. We would like to display the donations at the front of the church and there will be an opportunity during the service for our children to bring the food to there. If you will not be here for that Sunday, please take your donations here the Sunday before. Thank you so much!

**2026 Church Directory** - It is the time of year again when we have to submit our information for the area Church Directory. Please notify me at the church office if there is anything different in how you want your information printed from what it was last year. Otherwise it will remain as it was. Please let me know by October 2nd. Thanks, Marlene

**Bible Drive – Project Bible Runners:** Project Bible Runners is a ministry that collects Bibles and delivers them to people around the world who have never owned one. Today, over 300,000 requests are waiting to be filled! ***If you have extra Bibles at home—on your shelves, in storage, or tucked away***—please consider donating them. A collection box is set up in the fellowship hall. All translations and conditions are welcome. Let's join together in sharing the gift of God's Word with those who are longing for it. Any questions, please contact Emma Schuurman (emmaschuurman21@gmail.com).

**A message from the Deacons:** We are looking to hear from members who may need a regular ride to church on Sundays as well as congregational meetings. We are hoping to put together a regular schedule for those who need to be picked up. Please reach out to Doug, Eric, or Shae if you need a ride. We are also looking for people who are willing to help with giving rides to certain members. If you are able to help, please also reach out and we will pass along more information to you. Thanks! **Shae Knevel, Eric Tisch, and Doug Nagtegaal.**

## Community Announcements

**"A Concert of Thanksgiving"** An evening with the Meadowlands Community Choir, directed by Rabekah Wiseman, the Meadowlands Salvation Army Corps Band directed by Ron Heintzman along with John VanderLaan at the organ. **Saturday, October 18** at **7:00 pm** at Grace (Ancaster)

Community CRC, 70 Garner Rd East, Ancaster . A wonderful musical evening for choir, organ and brass and as well as audience participation. Tickets are only \$10 , available from John Vanderlaan or at the door. You can also reserve them by calling **905-648-3170**.

## CRC Announcements

**ReFrame Ministries Kids Corner Devotions:** Living God's Story - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Living God's Story" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Proverbs 13:20 encourages us to find wise friends. Who do you think is wise? Who can teach you about God and the Bible? Talk to your parents. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the classic "Liz and Friends" podcast!

**Groundwork:** When Discipleship Growth Stalls - Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ's disciples today. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### Thrive

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - God's family is beautifully diverse. Revelation 7:9 gives us a glimpse of heaven as a great multitude "from every nation, tribe, people, and language" worshiping together (Rev. 7:9). As you celebrate All Nations Heritage Week this week, ask a Christian from another nation or culture to share with you one meaningful way in which people in their tradition worship God. Or look online for stories about Christians in other cultures and how they worship God. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

**All Nations Heritage Sunday** - October 5 - Next week, Thrive invites congregations to celebrate the diverse and multicultural church of Christ. Did you know that a rapidly growing number of CRCs (30%) are multicultural or multilingual? Consider giving to Thrive's translation efforts and discover resources for All Nations Heritage Sunday now at: [crcna.org/AllNations](http://crcna.org/AllNations)

### Diaconal Ministries Canada, Resonate Global Mission

**Moving Forward in Faith Conference** - Registration is now open! Join us November 14-15 at Kings Christian Collegiate in Oakville, Ont., for dynamic workshops and plenary sessions by keynote speaker Danielle Strickland ([daniellestrickland.com](http://daniellestrickland.com)). This conference will equip you with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your neighbours and local community. Special rates for Early Bird registrations, Youth/Young Adults, AND for groups! Visit the event website for the weekend's schedule, workshop descriptions, and how to register: <https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-faith>. Contact Conference Organizer, Joan Brady, at [jbrady@crcna.org](mailto:jbrady@crcna.org) with any questions you may have. We can't wait to see you there!

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 - 13, 2026):** Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

# Samuel

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

servant	Hannah	Samuel	blind
child	heart	judge	lord
pray	sad	God	Eli

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	September 28	October 5	October 12
<b>Welcome</b>	Doug Dekker	Frank Buwalda	Anita Moelker
<b>Music</b>	Joel Bootsma	Praise Team	Anne te Grotenhuis
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>		Mark Demik	
<b>Open / Close</b>	Frank & Sandi Buwalda	Shae Knevel	Henk & Rita VanTuyl
<b>Coffee Duty</b>	Mark & Christina Demik	John & Trish Demik	Len & Anita Moelker
<b>Sound</b>	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel
<b>Streaming</b>	Meagan Demik	Henk Van Tuyl	Mark Demik
<b>Overhead</b>	Louise Dekker	Henk Van Tuyl	Marlene Knevel
<b>Nursery</b>	Rebecca Bootsma Kristen Roth	Kathy Turkstra Sandi Buwalda	Maegan Demik Shae Knevel

If you are unable to fulfill one of your scheduled duties, we ask that you please find your own replacement. Thank you.

## Church Calendar

### **Wednesday, October 1**

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

(Egg & I - Upper James)

6:30 p.m. - Alpha Course

### **Thursday, October 2**

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due at the church office

### **Saturday, October 4**

1-5 p.m. - Open House

Re: Frank Buwalda's 80th Birthday

### **Sunday, October 5**

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Diaconal Ministries

### **SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS**

October 12 - Budget & World Renew / Free a Family

October 19 - Budget & Indwell

October 26 - Budget & CCS Unity Campus

November 2 - Budget & World Renew/World Hunger

## Contact Us:

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**Clerk of Council:** Doug Dekker  
**Chairman of Deacons:** Doug Nagtegaal

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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 of feet of Christ to each other and our community

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