

Mount Hope Community Christian Reformed Church

Lead Me to the Rock

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. Of David.

61 Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;

2 from the end of the earth I call to you
when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,

3 for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

4 Let me dwell in your tent forever!

Let me take refuge under the shelter of your
wings! Selah

5 For you, O God, have heard my vows;
you have given me the heritage of those who fear
your name.

6 Prolong the life of the king;
may his years endure to all generations!

7 May he be enthroned forever before God;
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch
over him!

8 So will I ever sing praises to your name,
as I perform my vows day after day.

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

November 16, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Bruce Vander Molen

(please stand if you are able)

Ps 61

Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Luke 9:23-24 **Shae Knevel**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Call to Worship

* Song: **"Your Name"**

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #521 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

GROUNDED IN GRACE

Words of Confession & Assurance

Song of Confession: **LUYH #568 (alt. tune) "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Offering: Budget & Shalom Manor

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Sermon: "Eternity in our Hearts"

* Song of Response: **LUYH #19 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

GOING TO SERVE

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #930 "This Little Light of Mine"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **Bruce Vander Molen** in music ministry. 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 **accounting.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: mounthopcommunitycrc.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

Coby Lammers is having knee replacement surgery Nov 17. Please pray that the procedure and recovery will go smoothly. She and **Wieger Visser** would appreciate some meals to help during this time. If you are able to make something, please contact the deacons. Thanks! **Ann De Groot** had an episode this week where she passed out. After a day in the ER, she was diagnosed with pneumonia and a bladder infection as well as dehydration. We pray for continued healing for her.

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. **November 16 - Susan De Groot** **November 20 - Trudy de Haan**
November 22 - Casey Flokstra

Council Report: As Council we met Tuesday, November 11th

-opened with communal prayer

-reports were received from elders, deacons, Pastor, treasurer, COA, fellowship and Community Service Team

-a request was received from Ryan and Joy-Hannah to have their membership transferred to Hope CRC in Brantford. Unanimous decision to proceed with the process of transferring.

-Jerome Vos was assigned to district of John Demik as elder and Eric Tisch as deacon

-transportation of residents of Wellingstone that have requested rides has been addressed by the deacons.

Announcements

Pastor Joel on Vacation: Pastor Joel will be using the rest of his vacation time from **November 17th-November 30th**. If a pastoral concern should arise during that time, please reach out to your District Elder or call the church office. Thank you.

Euchre Night: - Everyone is welcome to come out to the church to play euchre on **Friday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.** We are changing from Tuesday night to Friday in the hope that more of you are available. Please email the Moelkers if you're planning to attend or if you have any questions: lalmoelker@gmail.com.

Mission Services Tree: We will have our Mission Service Christmas Tree up for next **Sunday, November 23rd**. Please bring in any donations you might have for Mission Services, which can include any knitted items like hat, scarves, mittens, blankets, as well as food items, children's gifts, gift cards, toiletry items, etc. by no later than **Sunday, December 14th**. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry. Questions? Speak to one of the deacons.

Mark your Calendars! Join us for a night of Christmas joy and community! You're invited to our 2nd Annual Community Christmas Concert, an evening filled with carols, fellowship, and the spirit of the season. Whether you come to listen and sing along, or you'd like to share your own favourite Christmas song (or two!) with us, we'd love for you to be part of this joyful night. **Friday, December 12** Doors open at **7:00 PM** Music begins at **7:15 PM** at our church. Let's come together as a community to celebrate the reason for the season and fill the night with music, gratitude, and love! Refreshments will be also be served.

If you'd like to get involved or perform and you haven't already let us know, please reach out to the office at office.mhccrc@rogers.com, we'd be so glad to hear from you!

Community Announcements

The Nicene Creed - (rescheduled from Sunday Nov 9th due to bad weather) now on **Sunday, Nov. 16th at 7:30 PM** at Immanuel CRC The Nicene Creed declares that the Son is "one in being" with the Father; a central claim of our faith. Dr. Jessica Joustra will explore with us both what the creed repudiates and the Biblical picture of Christ as one person, two natures that it presents.

The Klassens in Concert: - Free Women's Event/ Inspirational Christian Harp Concert - **Tuesday, November 25th, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** At Grace Community CRC. For more information contact Arlene Bennink: arlene@bennink.ca

NORTHY OF SIXTY: On **Thursday, November 27** North of Sixty will host Alice Plug-Buist from HELP-ING HANDS MISSION who will speak to us of the dire needs of those facing social, financial and spiritual poverty. A reminder if you are able, to bring some items on a list provided to you at our last event. (personal hygiene items: toothpaste; toothbrushes; deodorant; razors; hand wipes; new socks and underwear;) if you have a winter coat or boots, scarf and or gloves that you no longer use, they will be very welcome) We look forward to seeing you there at 10:00 for coffee and fellowship at Immanuel CRC.

Christmas Concert with the 120 voices of the Hosanna Choir, directed by Herman den Hollander, at Grace (Ancaster) Community CRC, 70 Garner Road East in Ancaster on **Monday December 1 at 7:45 pm**. Participating this year will be the Senior Choir of CCS. This annual event is a Benefit Concert for the Music Program at CCS. Admission is FREE with a collection during the program. Bring a friend or neighbour! For info contact John VanderLaan at 905-648-3170

Shalom's Annual Christmas Market is coming soon! Join us for a festive shopping experience for Residents and their families – right here at Shalom! Enjoy local vendors, holiday cheer, and a warm community spirit. Date: **Wed, November 26th from 9:30-12:30 pm**

Nederlandse Advent/Kerstzang Dienst - Dutch Advent/Carol Service - Sunday, November 30th at 2:30pm at Emmanuel Reformed Church, 170 Clarke Street North in Woodstock. Proclamation of the Word by Rev. Ralph Koops. Entire service is in the Dutch language. Refreshments following the service. The service will be available on YouTube: www.youtube.com/@emmanuelreformedchurch/streams

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Courage to Face the Giants - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Courage to Face the Giants" at www.kidscorner.net. Ever felt scared to try something new or face something big? You're not alone—and just like David faced Goliath, you can be brave because God is with you! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC video series, "Kids in Action", telling stories of kids who serve God right now!

Groundwork: Blessed are....the Poor in Spirit, those Who Mourn, the Meek, and those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness - The Beatitudes have provided generations of Christians comfort, guidance, and strength for their faith. Join Groundwork as we study the first four of Jesus' Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-6 to gain a deeper understanding of each condition and discover how they exemplify ideal discipleship. GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Chaplaincy Sunday - Chaplains bring the presence of Christ into places where people are hurting, searching, or far from home—like hospitals, prisons, schools, and military bases. This week pray for chaplains who walk alongside others in difficult moments. Talk with your family or friends about how you can be a caring presence in your own daily spaces—just as a chaplain reflects God's love wherever they are. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CRC Communications

Every Voice Matters - The church grows stronger when every voice is heard. Your gift helps support CRC leaders participating in the Canadian National Gathering, where prayer, worship, and discernment will inspire churches across Canada: crcna.org/canada/giving-Tuesday

World Renew

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Launch - You are invited to join World Renew for the launch of this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. This global virtual gathering will take place on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM EST. World Renew's 2025 theme, "Advocates of Dignity and Hope" calls us to remember, reflect, pray, and share stories of dignity and hope. Together, we will commit to ending gender-based violence for all people to flourish. Please register to attend this event: worldrenew.ca/events

Children's Bulletin

Ecclesiastes

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search	wisdom	season	utter	hasty
speak	mouth	words	true	mind
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Volunteer Schedule

Date	November 16	November 23	November 30
Welcome	Shae Knevel	Doug Nagtegaal	Frank Buwalda
Music	Bruce Vander Molen	Emma Schuurman	Linda Geerts
Congregational Prayer		Eric Tisch	Mark Demik
Open / Close	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl	Marlene Knevel	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal
Coffee Duty	Alex & Maegan Demik	John & Trish Demik	Len & Anita Moelker
Sound	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda
Streaming	Henk Van Tuyl	Jack Demik	Meagan Demik
Overhead	Henk Van Tuyl	Jack Demik	Louise Dekker
Nursery	Kathy Turkstra Trish Demik	Anita Moelker Marlene Knevel	Maegan Demik Eileen Nagtegaal

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

Church Calendar

- Pastor Joel on Vacation -

Monday, November 17

6:30 p.m. - GEMS

Wednesday, November 19

8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast - Egg & I Upper
James Location

6:30 p.m. - Alpha Course

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Euchre Night at the church

Sunday, November 23

10:00 a.m. - Rev. Andre Basson

Offerings: Budget & N2N

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

November 30 - Budget & Reframe Ministries

December 7 - Budget & Christmas Hampers

December 14 - Budget & Diaconal Ministries

December 21 - Budget & Mission Services

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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 ***