

Mount Hope Community Christian Reformed Church



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

November 23, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Andre Basson **Music:** Emma Schuurman

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Luke 9:23-24 **Doug Nagtegaal**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Call to Worship

* Song: **LUYH #603 "Shout to the Lord"**

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **SB #46 "Shine, Jesus Shine"**

GROUNDED IN GRACE

Words of Confession & Assurance

Song of Confession: **SB #108 "You Are My All in All"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Eric Tisch

Offering: Budget & Neighbour to Neighbour

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture: Zechariah 8:1-8

Sermon: "When Children Will Be Playing in the Streets"

* Song of Response: **LUYH #770 "In Christ Alone"**

GOING TO SERVE

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **SB #31 "Awesome God" (sing 2x)**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship. **Rev. Andre Basson** will lead us in worship while Pastor Joel is away and **Emma Schuurman** in music ministry. 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 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 had her knee replacement surgery this week and she is recovering at home. We are thankful that the procedure went well and 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 24 - Neil Roth** **November 25 - Corey Liddicoat**
November 30 - Jean Postma (95th Birthday)

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.

Mission Services Tree: The Mission Services Tree is up! 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.

Community Mt. Hope Tree Lighting - Join the Community Service Team on **Sunday, November 30th** at **3:30 p.m.** for the Annual Mt. Hope Christmas Tree Lighting. It takes place on the property on the corner of Airport Road and Homestead. We hope that you can join us and be a part of this community event, sharing some Christmas spirit!

Christmas Concert Café - 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!

Christmas Baking: For this Community Concert Café event, we will need some baking. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Station in the Fellowship Hall. Please drop off any baking by no later than **Friday, December 12th** at **6:30 p.m.** All help would be appreciated.

Community Announcements

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.

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

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 Dec. 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

CRC Announcements

Thrive Thrive Faith Formation Tip - International Caregivers Day - Caregivers know what it's like to live out Philippians 2:3-4: "In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." How can you support the caregivers in your church or community? Could you offer a break to someone caring for an aging family member or a family member with a disability? If you are a caregiver, think of one tangible way to ask for help this week from someone who can support you. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

CRC Communications Participate in Renewal - Your support helps more people participate in the Canadian National Gathering. This national conversation will shape the future of the CRC in Canada. When leaders return to their churches, the insights, prayer, and vision they carry will ripple across every congregation: crcna.org/canada/giving-Tuesday

ReFrame Ministries Kids Corner Devotions: Advent: The Season of Waiting - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent: The Season of Waiting" at www.kidscorner.net. Advent starts next week—it's the four weeks before Christmas, a time to get our hearts ready for Jesus. We remember that He was born for us and that one day He will come again, so we can trust God while we wait. 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 Merciful, the Pure in Heart, the Peacemakers, and those Who are Persecuted - Discover what Jesus taught us about the heart and mind of an ideal disciple. Study Matthew 5:7-12 with Groundwork as we examine the remaining beatitudes of Jesus as recorded in Matthew, and explore mercy, purity of heart, peacemaking, and the surprising blessing hidden behind persecution. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

World Renew You Can Help End Hunger this Giving Tuesday - This Giving Tuesday, you can help families in Sudan and South Sudan who are facing a hunger crisis. World Renew is providing emergency food assistance through trusted local partners, but the need is greater than ever. With your support on Giving Tuesday, we can provide more food and share hope in Christ amid this crisis. Thanks to challenge gifts and matching fund from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, your gifts can be matched up to 5X, up to \$117,000. Learn more and give generously on December 2 at worldrenew.ca/givingtuesday

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

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Volunteer Schedule

Date	November 23	November 30	December 7
Welcome	Doug Nagtegaal	Frank Buwalda	Sandi Buwalda
Music	Emma Schuurman	Linda Geerts	Marleah Wiersma
Congregational Prayer	Eric Tisch	Mark Demik	Len Moelker
Open / Close	Marlene Knevel	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Frank & Sandi Buwalda
Coffee Duty	John & Trish Demik	Len & Anita Moelker	Doug & Louise Dekker
Sound	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming	Jack Demik	Meagan Demik	Henk Van Tuyl
Overhead	Jack Demik	Louise Dekker	Henk Van Tuyl
Nursery	Anita Moelker	Maegan Demik	Alyssa Tisch
	Shae Knevel	Eileen Nagtegaal	Sandi Buwalda

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

Church Calendar

- Pastor Joel on Vacation - Tuesday, November 25 7:00 p.m. - Consistory Meeting Wednesday, November 26 6:30 p.m. - Alpha Course Thursday, November 27 12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due at the church office Sunday, November 30 (First Sunday of Advent) 10:00 a.m. - Rev. Bart Velthuisen Offerings: Budget & Reframe Ministries	3:30 p.m. - Mt. Hope Community Christmas Tree Lighting (Homestead & Airport Rd.) <u>SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS</u> December 7 - Budget & Christmas Hampers December 14 - Budget & Diaconal Ministries December 21 - Budget & Mission Services December 25 - Missionaries
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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 ***