

Mount Hope Community Christian Reformed Church



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

November 30, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Bart Velthuisen **Music:** Linda Geerts

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements Verse of the Month: Luke 9:23-24 **Sandi Buwalda**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Candle Lighting

Phoebe Tisch

* Song: **LUYH #61:1 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **"King of Kings"**

GROUNDED IN GRACE

Words of Confession & Assurance

Song of Confession: **LUYH #329 "Lead Me, Guide Me"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Mark Demik

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Sermon: "Dare to Dream; Resolve to Hope"

* Song of Response: **LUYH #772 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Reframe Ministries**

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **PsH #634 "Father, We Love You"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship, the first Sunday of Advent, Hope. **Rev. Bart Velthuizen** will lead us in worship while Pastor Joel is away and **Linda Geerts** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **ReFrame Ministries**. 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, 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 remains in the St. Catharine's Hospital after some falls and an infection. Please pray for strength and 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 30 - Jean Postma (95th Birthday)** **December 3 - Bob de Haan** **December 4 - Maryke Flokstra**

Announcements

You are making a difference! On behalf of the ministries of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, thank you for your gifts to ministry shares. Your support enables congregations to do so much more to further God's Kingdom than any one church could do alone. Our denomination could not impact the world through missions, media, and church development without your incredible and faithful support. Thank you! To discover more visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

Prayer Gathering: Join us this **Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30 p.m.** for our monthly Prayer Gathering.

Community Mt. Hope Tree Lighting - Join the Community Service Team this afternoon (Sunday) 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.

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.

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 hats, 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.

Congregational Meeting: Please mark your calendars! There will be a Congregational Meeting on **Wednesday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m.** to review and approve the upcoming budget for 2026. Please make time to attend this important meeting. Copies of the budget will be distributed after the December 9th Council Meeting.

Community Announcements

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.

Blue Christmas Service: Have you suffered the loss of a loved one in the past, a relationship...? Is there something that makes facing Christmas difficult for you? If so, please join us for a service of

remembrance and reflection, led by Dr. Michael Fallon. The service will take place on **Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 PM** at Grace Community Christian Reformed Church, 70 Garner Rd. East, Ancaster, ON. For more information, please contact the church office at office@ancastercrc.org or 905-648-2323, or reach Dr. Michael Fallon at fallonm@mcmaster.ca

HDCH Be The Light Jesus tells us that we, His disciples, are the light of the world. Students are learning what it means to be the light everywhere they go! Give online - hdch.org/giving/ or contact Sandra, sbaker@hdch.org, 905-648-6655 x 122

The Young Adult Winter Retreat (YAWR) is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18-30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Harry Frielink from Covenant CRC in Barrie will be leading us in a series of discussions on the importance of Christian friendships. The retreat will take place from January 23 to 25, 2026, with the theme *"The Gift of Friendship."* *Early bird registration is \$60. Registration opens December 1st, 2025. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram (yawinterretreat), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at ya.retreat.team@gmail.com.*

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel" at www.kidscorner.net. God promises to be with us in every moment—when we're sad, happy, or waiting for better days—and that gives us hope. This Advent, we can celebrate the hope of Jesus, who was born to be our Savior and will one day come again. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, bible stories, crafts, and activities.

Groundwork: Waiting for the Light of the World. - Advent is a season of waiting. We're waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 18:27-28, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 11:1-3, and Romans 13:11-14 to explore the Bible's theme of light and gain a fuller understanding of what we're waiting for as we begin to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus at his birth at Christmas. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many different ways we can get ready for Christmas—such as listening to music, reading Christmas stories, and lighting Advent candles. How will you practice getting your heart ready? Check out the Advent page of Thrive's Family Faith Formation toolkit for some ideas: crcna.org/advent-tools. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Advent 1 - Hope

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| Christmas | nativity | prophets | Gabriel |
| rescuer | advent | candle | Joseph |
| angel | Jesus | Hope | Mary |

Volunteer Schedule

| Date | November 30 | December 7 | December 14 |
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| Welcome | Sandi Buwalda | Frank Buwalda | Doug Dekker |
| Music | Linda Geerts | Marleah Wiersma | Leah Lammers |
| Congregational Prayer | Mark Demik | Len Moelker | |
| Open / Close | Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal | Frank & Sandi Buwalda | Shae-Lynn Knevel |
| Coffee Duty | Len & Anita Moelker | Doug & Louise Dekker | Eric & Alyssa Tisch |
| Sound | Josh Knevel | Rebecca Bootsma | Josh Knevel |
| Streaming Overhead | Meagan Demik Louise Dekker | Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl | Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma |
| Nursery | Maegan Demik Eileen Nagtegaal | Alyssa Tisch Sandi Buwalda | Kristen Roth Louise Dekker |

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

Church Calendar

Monday, December 1

6:30 p.m. - GEMS Mother/Daughter Christmas Craft & Dessert Social

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 p.m. - Prayer Gathering

Wednesday, December 3

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

6:30 p.m. - Alpha Course

Thursday, December 4

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

Sunday, December 7 (Second Sunday of Advent)

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Christmas Hampers

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

December 14 - Budget & Diaconal Ministries

December 21 - Budget & Mission Services

December 25 - Missionaries

December 28 - Budget & Glanbrook Community 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 ***