

**Mount Hope Community
Christian Reformed Church**



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 21, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Praise Team

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements

Len Moelker

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Candle Lighting - Spencer & Eric Tisch

* Song: **LUYH #61:1,6 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **"Your Name" - Christmas Version**

GROUNDING IN GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #360 "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"**

Words of Assurance

Song: **LUYH #86 "Away in a Manger"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture: Isaiah 54:1-10

Sermon: "Love Makes a Way"

* Song of Response: **LUYH #738 "Jesus, All for Jesus"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Mission Services**

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #482:1,4 "Soon and Very Soon"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship, the fourth Sunday of Advent, Love. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **the Praise Team** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Mission Services**. 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

Ann Nagtegaal has been moved to Bob Kemp Hospice. Please continue to pray for Ann and Bill, Doug & Eileen and the rest of the Nagtegaal 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:

December 22 - Annika Regnerus (23rd Birthday); Gertie Wielhouwer (89th Birthday)

December 29 - Emily Bootsma (27th Birthday)

Announcements

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Join us on **December 24th at 6:00 p.m.** for our Candlelight Christmas Eve service. Come for a time of worship in song, prayer, and hearing the Christmas story.

Christmas Day Service: Our Christmas Day Service will be at **10:00 a.m.** Bring your family and friends as we celebrate Christ's birth. We will serve refreshments following the service. If you have any baked goods you can contribute for this, please bring them with you that morning. Thank you.

From the Treasurer: Being able to reduce costs of donation envelopes by 75%, the decision has been made that members who used their preprinted envelopes less than 2 times during 2025 and/or used electronic means to donate will not be receiving a new box of envelopes for 2026. Instead, they will receive a church memo in a sealed envelope showing the number they were automatically assigned by the donation system. Please retain this memo for reference during 2026. The memos are in your mail slot today. For those members that used the pre-printed boxed envelopes more than 2 times during 2025, your new 2026 Budget envelopes are in your mail slot today as well. Your 2026 envelope number may be different than the number you had for 2025. As well, the printing on the envelopes is BLACK so that it is easier to distinguish the next year. Please ensure that you do not start using them until January, 2026 and then only for donations for the calendar year of 2026. Please disregard any “Initial Offering” envelope as the cost of the envelopes is included in our annual budget calculations and is paid for from your regular budget giving.

From the Treasurer: The absolute last day for any 2025 budget giving is **Sunday, December 28, 2025!** All donations MUST be in the hands of the Treasurer by **December 31st** or they will be recorded in 2026 – no exceptions. You MUST date any/all cheques on or before December 31, 2025 and place them in your RED 2025 envelopes - DO NOT USE your new 2026 **BLACK** envelopes if you received a box. If you have no RED 2025 envelopes left, please place the donation in a regular mail envelope and indicate your name and/or your 2025 envelope number on the outside. Donation receipts for 2025 should be distributed by the end of January, 2026. The deadline for final 2025 expense submissions from groups and individuals is **Tuesday, December 30, 2025** - no exceptions.

Community Announcements

Youth Service: Maranatha CRC in York is excited to host a Youth Service on **January 11 at 6pm!** Come join us for an uplifting evening of worship as we dig into God’s story, His people, and where we fit in today. After the service, stick around for some delicious baked treats. We’d love to see you there!

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.*

Family Outreach Ontario: Special Event: Family Outreach Ontario invites you to an information evening on Friday, January 16, at Canadian Reformed Church of Dunnville, 109 Inman Rd, Dunnville, ON. Our Executive Director, John Kowtecky, will present **An Overview of Addiction**. Please plan to attend and tell others about it as well. It will be an evening you will be sure to remember. A collection will be taken to cover our costs. **7:00 pm - Doors open, Refreshments/Meet & Greet; 7:30 - 9:00 pm Presentation and Q&A period followed by refreshments and opportunity for talk with Mr. Kowtecky or other Family Outreach members.**

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Advent at Home: Away in a Manger - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: Away in the Manger" at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus knows what it feels like to be human, just like you. This means He understands when you're tired, hurt, or having a hard day. He loves you so much and always knows how to comfort and care for you! Explore all the great content at kidscorner.net, including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

Groundwork: The Light of the World Among Us - Together, let's explore the moment Isaiah's anticipation of light turns to the reality of the light of the world among us. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20, John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8-9, and Revelation 22:5 to discuss Jesus Christ's birth, life, and the hope he brings, uncovering the profound meaning of Christ's light shining in our world and how we live as children of light. GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - It's almost Christmas Day! How many different ways can you think of to say "Merry Christmas!" to people who know the story of Christmas and to people who don't know the story? And how might you say "Merry Christmas!" to God this week in a way that reflects love back to our Creator?

World Renew

Celebrating the Greatest Gift - As we exchange gifts at Christmas, we celebrate Jesus, God's great gift to us. Will you add a child or family living in poverty to your Christmas giving today? Your donation to World Renew helps people around the world improve their lives and find home in their heart for Jesus. Please give generously during today's offering for World Renew or online at worldrenew.ca/giftsrought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Diaconal Ministries Canada

Merry Christmas from Diaconal Ministries! - As this year draws to a close, we pause with deep gratitude for the ways churches and individuals have supported Diaconal Ministries Canada. Your generosity, prayers, and encouragement have been a steady sign of God's presence at work through His people. Our work with deacons and churches across Canada is deliberate, relational, and Spirit-led—and it is only possible through faithful partners like you. You can read more about our work and the impact it's having on our website: <https://diaconalministries.com>. We also invite you to give a year-end donation - through your church or via our website. Together, may we enter the new year with expectation, believing that what we already have is enough for God to do immeasurably more. Merry Christmas from all of us at Diaconal Ministries Canada!

Advent/Christmas

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Celebrate	Shepherds	Christmas	yuletide	December
Paitence	Wisemen	Manger	Stable	Wreath
Purple	Joseph	Advent	Angel	Peace
Jesus	Love	Holy	Rose	Star
Mary				

Volunteer Schedule

Date	December 21	December 25	December 28
Welcome	Len Moelker		Anita Moelker
Music	Mt. Hope Praise Team	New Shoots	New Shoots
Congregational Prayer			
Open / Close	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Frank & Sandi Buwalda
Coffee Duty	Neil & Kristen Roth	Alex & Maegan Demik	John & Trish Demik
Sound	Josh Knevel	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda
Streaming	Jack Demik	Meagan Demik	Henk Van Tuyl
Overhead	Jack Demik	Louise Dekker	Henk Van Tuyl
Nursery	Shae Knevel Trish Demik	Rebecca Bootsma Kathy Turkstra	Eileen Nagtegaal Maegan Demik

Christmas Eve: Sound: Rebecca Bootsma **Overhead/Streaming** - Mark Demik

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, December 24	Services
11:00 a.m. - Bulletin announcements due	
6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	<u>SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS</u>
Thursday, December 25	
10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Service	January 1 - Benevolence (Free Will Offering)
Offering: Missionaries—The Odels	January 4 - Budget & Diaconal Ministries
Friday, December 26	Canada
Boxing Day	January 11 - Budget & Bible League Canada
Sunday, December 28	January 18 - Budget & Soco Beach Project
10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma	
Offerings: Budget & Glanbrook Community	

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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 ****