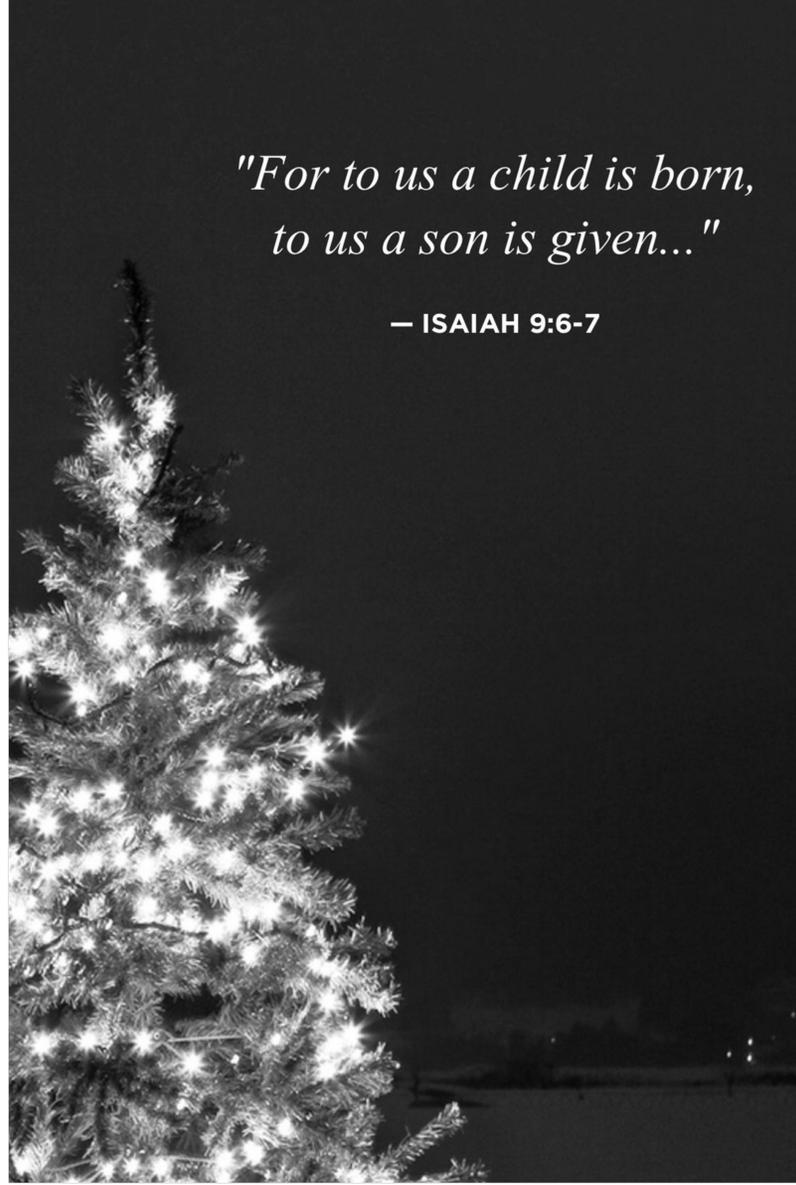


Mount Hope Community  
Christian Reformed Church



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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

**Pastor:** Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** New Shoots

( please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements **Anita Moelker**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

- \* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer
- \* Call to Worship
- \* Song of Praise: **LUYH #82 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

**GROUNDING IN GRACE**

Time of Confession  
Song of Confession: **"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"**  
Children dismissed for Children's Ministry  
Prayer: Church Family and Community  
Song: **"Goodness of God"**

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-6a  
Sermon: "A Year of Favour"  
\* Song of Response: **"Build Your Kingdom Here"**

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offering: **Budget & Glanbrook Community Services**  
**Offertory: Let Justice Flow**  
\* Sending  
\* Benediction  
\* Closing Song of Praise: **"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"**

**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 **New Shoots** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Glanbrook Community 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](mailto: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](http://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** passed away on December 20th. The funeral took place in our church on Tuesday, December 23rd. We pray for **Bill, Doug & Eileen** and their families as they mourn the loss of Ann. **Truus Voorberg** returned back to Shalom Gardens with extra care in place. We pray that she will soon make a full recovery. We pray for Pastor John and Marge, Natasha, Meaghan and Melanie, and their families and siblings in the passing of **Ted Postuma** on Saturday, December 20th. Visitation will take place at Gateway Church on **Monday, December 29th** from **2-4 p.m.** and **6-8 p.m.** and the funeral service also at Gateway at **11:00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, December 30th**. May God comfort and surround with His peace those who mourn, especially during the holiday season.

**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 29 - Emily Bootsma (27th Birthday)**

**December 31 - John Flokstra (84th Birthday)**

**January 3 - Eileen Nagtegaal (70th Birthday) & Moses Odel's Birthday**

**In Your Mailbox:** You will find a copy of the new Today Booklet in your mailbox this morning. Please be sure to empty them today, as the new Directory will be put in your slot next Sunday.

## Announcements

**From the Treasurer:** The absolute last day for any 2025 budget giving is **Sunday, December 28, 2025! (Today)** All donations MUST be in the hands of the Treasurer by **December 31<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**New Year's Day Service:** Please join us in worship as we celebrate the New Year on **Thursday, January 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** If you have some extra goodies or oliebollen to share, please bring it along with you that morning. Thank you.

## 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](mailto: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:** New Year. New You. - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "New Year. New You." at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Start the new year with more than just fresh goals—let God's Spirit make you new from the inside out! His gifts of love, joy, peace, kindness, and more will help you shine like Jesus wherever you go. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Groundwork:** Reflecting the Light of the World - On Epiphany, we recall the moment when the star appeared and guided the Magi to Jesus. This event signifies the extension of God's family to include Gentiles. Study Titus 2:11-15, Isaiah 60:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16, and 2 Corinthians 4:1-9 with Groundwork to discover what to expect when we encounter the transformational light of Christ and how that light affects our discipleship as members of his family. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **World Renew**

**Thank You for Giving!** - Thank you for sharing God's love with people experiencing need in the World Renew offering this season. Your gift is providing help and hope for families who are facing poverty, disaster, and crisis today. Do you want to give to show love to our global neighbours as we enter the New Year? You can go to [worldrenew.ca/gifts](http://worldrenew.ca/gifts) Thank you for renewing hope with us!

### **Thrive**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - As one year ends and another begins, pause for a time of taking spiritual inventory with your family, friends, or on your own. Ask questions like these: Where did we see God this year? Where did we resist growth? Where do we feel God is calling us next? Consider writing a prayer of release and a prayer of commitment to guide your transition into the new year. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://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!

# Isaiah

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Assyrian  
Soldiers  
Israel  
Judah

Faithful  
Prophet  
Prayer  
Trust

Hezekiah  
Angels  
Temple  
King

servants  
Isaiah  
Uzziah

## Volunteer Schedule

| Date                         | December 28                      | January 1                      | January 4                          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Welcome</b>               | Anita Moelker                    |                                | Mark Demik                         |
| <b>Music</b>                 | New Shoots                       | Anne teGrotenhuis              | Praise Team                        |
| <b>Congregational Prayer</b> |                                  |                                | John Demik                         |
| <b>Open / Close</b>          | Frank & Sandi Buwalda            | Henk & Rita Van Tuyl           | Shae-Lynn Knevel                   |
| <b>Coffee Duty</b>           | John & Trish Demik               | Mark & Christina Demik         | Doug & Louise Dekker               |
| <b>Sound</b>                 | Frank Buwalda                    | Rebecca Bootsma                | Josh Knevel                        |
| <b>Streaming Overhead</b>    | Henk Van Tuyl<br>Henk Van Tuyl   | Mark Demik<br>Louise Dekker    | Rebecca Bootsma<br>Rebecca Bootsma |
| <b>Nursery</b>               | Eileen Nagtegaal<br>Maegan Demik | Sandi Buwalda<br>Anita Moelker | Alyssa Tisch<br>Kristen Roth       |

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 31**

11:00 a.m. - Bulletin announcements due

### **Thursday, January 1**

10:00 a.m. - New Year's Day Service

Offering: Benevolence (Freewill)

### **Sunday, January 4**

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Diaconal Ministries Canada

### **SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS**

January 11 - Budget & Bible League Canada

January 18 - Budget & Soco Beach Project

January 25 - Budget & Ministry to Seafarers

February 1 - Budget & ThereforeGo Ministries

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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