

Mount Hope Community Christian Reformed Church



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

December 7, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Marleah Wiersma

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements

Frank Buwalda

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Candle Lighting - Charlie & Maegan Demik

* Song: **LUYH #61:7 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #60 "Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"**

GROUNDED IN GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #56 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

Words of Assurance

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Len Moelker

Song: **LUYH #755:1,3, "Speak, O Lord"**

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture: Isaiah 11

Sermon: "All Will Be Well"

* Song of Response: **PsH #545 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"**

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Christmas Hampers**

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **"Advent Doxology "**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship, the second Sunday of Advent, Peace. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **Marleah Wiersma** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Christmas Hampers**. 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

Truus Voorberg and **Ann Nagtegaal** both remain in the hospital. Truus is hopefully going to be transferred from St. Catharines General to West Lincoln Hospital soon to further recover there. Ann is in the Juravinski Hospital. Prayers are coveted for both of them and for their families.

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 8 - Colton Demik (1st Birthday)

December 10 - Willy Van Geel - 95th Birthday

December 12 - Mark & Christina Demik's 27th Wedding Anniversary

December 14 - Irene Van Gommeren - 82nd Birthday

New Phone Number: Please note the new cell phone number for **Bill Nagtegaal: 289-827-9994**. Thank you.

Announcements

Mission Services Tree: Next Sunday is the last Sunday you can donate for the Mission Services tree, which can include any knitted items like hats, scarves, mittens, blankets, as well as food items, children's gifts, gift cards, toiletry items. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Congregational Meeting: 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 this coming week.

Community Announcements

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: Silent Night - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: Silent Night" at www.kidscorner.net. Do your worries ever feel really loud? You can tell them, "Shhhhhh! Jesus is here," and remember that He loves you and gives you peace. Explore all the great content at kidscorner.net, including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

Groundwork: Preparing for the Light of the World - Jesus Christ is the ultimate light of the world. During Advent, we celebrate his birth and anticipate his second coming. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 40:1-5, Matthew 3:1-3, John 1:1-14, and Matthew 25:35-40 to learn what it means to live in the light of Christ with expectation and to explore what it means to prepare our souls for the hope and illumination that Jesus brings. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Advent is a season of waiting for Jesus. This week bring awareness to moments in your daily life when you are waiting. Instead of pulling out your phone or passing time with another distraction, use that time to connect with God in prayer. For example, if you're in a doctor's office waiting room, try praying with your eyes open, talking to God about the people who work there and those who come for care. If you have children, invite them to point out things you can pray for as you are waiting and then pray for them together. Whether you are in the school pick-up line, sitting in traffic, or waiting for vegetables to roast, embrace the opportunity to spend time with God. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Diaconal Ministries Canada

Moving Forward in Faith Conference - Thank you to all who joined us at the recent Moving Forward in Faith Conference in Oakville, ON. Your presence, energy, and openness to learn together made it a meaningful space of worship, connection — and real equipping for mission. We are grateful for every story shared, every conversation sparked, and every heart stirred for kingdom-work ahead. We look forward to seeing how God releases you and your church — in small moments of everyday faithfulness and in bold steps of Kingdom action! (With deep gratitude, The Planning Team at Resonate Global Mission & Diaconal Ministries Canada)

World Renew

World Renew Nicaragua Young Adults Trip - Young adults (18–30), join us in Nicaragua from February 13-22, 2026! Experience God in another culture, while you explore poverty, international development and the global church through the lens of faith. Discover the impact of World Renew's work, witnessing how Nicaraguans are transforming their lives through faith and resilience. To learn more about this trip and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/nicaragua2026info>

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Volunteer Schedule

Date	December 7	December 14	December 21
Welcome Music Congregational Prayer	Frank Buwalda Marleah Wiersma Len Moelker	Doug Dekker Leah Lammers	Len Moelker Mt. Hope Praise Team
Open / Close Coffee Duty	Frank & Sandi Buwalda Doug & Louise Dekker	Shae-Lynn Knevel Eric & Alyssa Tisch	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl Neil & Kristen Roth
Sound	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda
Streaming Overhead	Henk Van Tuyl Henk Van Tuyl	Rebecca Bootsma Rebecca Bootsma	Jack Demik Jack Demik
Nursery	Alyssa Tisch Sandi Buwalda	Kristen Roth Louise Dekker	Shae Knevel Trish Demik

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

Church Calendar

Tuesday, December 9 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting	10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma Offerings: Budget & Diaconal Ministries
Wednesday, December 10 6:30 p.m. - Alpha (last class)	<u>SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS</u>
Thursday, December 11 12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due at the church office	December 21 - Budget & Mission Services December 25 - Missionaries December 28 - Budget & Glanbrook Community Services January 1 - Shalom Manor
Friday, December 12 7:00 p.m. - Community Christmas Concert & Cafe	
Sunday, December 14 (Third Sunday of Advent) - last day to bring in donations for Mission Services Tree	

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Journey Through the Bible Playlist: via YouTube Channel or Website



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Chairman of Council: John Demik
Clerk of Council: Doug Dekker
Chairman of Deacons: Doug Nagtegaal

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 ***