

Mt. Hope Community
Christian Reformed Church

Restore Our Fortunes, O LORD

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

126 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

³ The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!

⁵ Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶ He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

January 11, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Leah Lammers

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Psalm 3:3 **Frank Buwalda**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting & Call to Worship

* Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #575 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

Offering: **Budget & Bible League Canada**

GROUNDING IN GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #859 "Be Thou My Vision"**

Words of Assurance

Song of Assurance: **LUYH #682 "Before the Throne of God Above"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

Prayer: Church Family and Community

Song: **LUYH #347 "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"**

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Hosea 1:2-9, 3:1-5

Sermon: "The Best Love Story Ever"

* Song of Response: **LUYH #833 "There is a Redeemer"**

The Lord's Supper

GOING TO SERVE

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #938 "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"**

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 **Leah Lammers** in music ministry. We will be participating in the Lord's Supper. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Bible League Canada**. 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 Koning passed away this week on Monday, January 6th. The funeral took place on Friday. We pray for the Koning family as they will mourn her deeply. May God continue to bring peace and comfort to everyone who is mourning over these last few weeks. **Joan Elzinga** remains in Juravinski hospital and she would covet your prayers.

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:

January 14 - Rudy Van Holst (94th Birthday)

In Your Mailbox: You will find a copy of the January issue of The Banner in your mailboxes this morning, as well as for most of you, your 2026 Church Directory is still there as well. Thank you.

Announcements

GEMS: We will begin GEMS again on **Monday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m.** See you then!

The monthly **euchre night** will be on **Friday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m.** here at the church. Please email jalmoelker@gmail.com if you plan to attend so that we can arrange tables of 4 players. It's a fun evening of fellowship and we look forward to seeing you there!

Journey Through the Bible: Reminder that this project begins again for another year. Don't miss out! We have 598 followers, help us reach over 600! It is available through YouTube, Spotify, Apple Podcast and iHeart Radio. The links for these are listed in our weekly email announcement, or you can find them on a postcard at the Welcome Station in the Fellowship Hall.

Community Announcements

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.*

Special Presentation at Grace Community CRC, Ancaster: At 10 am on **Wed. Jan. 21, 2026**, the OWLS senior group is pleased to welcome special guests, John Hovius, and Eric Philpott, documentary filmmaker. Eric is currently completing a film about the horrific workplace tragedy which took place in Dresden, Ontario. John's father and older brother were among the six Dutch immigrants who were buried alive that day in 1957. Eric has committed himself to telling this forgotten story, so to honour the victims and their families and to raise awareness of workplace safety issues. Seniors and all interested in this impactful immigrant story are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Guldmond at maryguld@icloud.com or 289-684-5611.

It's time get your tickets for the annual Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs Concert at HAMILTON'S FIRSTONTARIO CONCERT HALL!! – April 4, 2026, DV Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on Saturday, April 4 at 7:30pm. The choirs will be accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Noorduyn (Piano) and the **16-piece Scott Harrison String/Brass/Percussion Ensemble**. Tickets are available at \$25 & \$35, and can be purchased through the choir's website (www.hosanna-choir.org). If you have any questions, please contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at hdenhollander@yahoo.com.

Calvin Christian School (West 5th Campus) Kindergarten Open House: Families are warmly invited to join us on **Thursday, January 29, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**, to explore what makes Calvin Christian School a wonderful place for Christ-centred learning. This drop-in event is open to parents and children who are eligible to begin Kindergarten in **September 2026**. Come meet our staff, ask questions, and see firsthand how biblical truth is thoughtfully woven into every aspect of learning at CCS. CCS is a place where students come to GROW in knowledge and faith, BELIEVE in the truth of Scripture, BECOME more Christ-like, and SERVE with impact. We look forward to welcoming you on January 29!

Calvin Christian School (Unity Campus) Kindergarten Open House: Families are warmly invited to join us on **Friday, January 30, from 9:30 to 11:15 am**, to explore what makes Calvin Christian School a wonderful place for Christ-centred learning. This drop-in event is open to parents and children who are eligible to begin Kindergarten in **September 2026**. Come meet our staff, ask questions, and see firsthand how biblical truth is thoughtfully woven into every aspect of learning at CCS. CCS is a place where students come to GROW in knowledge and faith, BELIEVE in the truth of Scripture, BECOME more Christ-like, and SERVE with impact. We look forward to welcoming you on January 30!

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Joy is Better Than Happiness - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Joy is Better than Happiness" at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how choosing joy can make every day brighter, even when things don't go your way! Learn how God helps us find real joy that lasts longer than just being happy. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Groundwork: Grace is the Root, Our Works are the Fruit. - If we are saved by grace, what is the purpose of our works? Join Groundwork as we study Ephesians 2:1-10, Titus 2:11-14, Philippians 2:12-13, and Romans 6:1-4 to learn how the apostle Paul clarified the relationship between grace and works and gain a deeper understanding of how God's grace and our works cooperate in our faithful journey of growing in Christlikeness. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Galatians 3:28 reminds us of the profound unity we share as believers in Christ, regardless of our backgrounds or perceived differences. As members of God's diverse yet unified family, we are called to live into the vision proclaimed in this verse. This week, as we commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—a faithful advocate of this very vision—consider how you and your family or friends might actively embrace and embody this unity by building relationships with families of different racial and cultural backgrounds. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Hosea

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Jezreel	family	Israel	Loammi
People	sinful	sorrow	mercy
Hosea	idols	pain	

Volunteer Schedule

Date	January 11	January 18	January 25
Welcome	Frank Buwalda	Sandi Buwalda	Doug Nagtegaal
Music	Leah Lammers	Marleah Wiersma	Leah Lammers
Congregational Prayer			
Open / Close	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Marlene Knevel
Coffee Duty	Len & Anita Moelker	Eric & Alyssa Tisch	Clifford & Kathy Turks-tra
Sound	Josh Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel
Streaming	Mark Demik	Mark Demik	Meagan Demik
Overhead	Marlene Knevel	Mark Demik	Louise Dekker
Nursery	Louise Dekker Trish Demik	Marlene Knevel Eileen Nagtegaal	Rebecca Bootsma Shae Knevel

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

Church Calendar

Monday, January 12

6:30 p.m. - GEMS

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

Thursday, January 15

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

Sunday, January 18

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & SoCo Beach Project

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

January 25 - Budget & Ministry to Seafarers

February 1 - Budget & ThereforeGo Ministries

February 8 - Budget & World Renew

February 15 - Budget & Mission Aviation Fellowship

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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 ****