

Mt. Hope Community

Christian Reformed Church



MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

January 18, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma Music: Marleah Wiersma

(please stand if you are able)

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

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #579 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

GROUNDING IN GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #623:1,2,3,4 "God, Be Merciful to Me"**

Words of Assurance

Song of Assurance: **LUYH #677 "For the Glories of God's Grace"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:21-24

Sermon: "True Religion"

* Song of Response: **LUYH #742:1,2,3,5 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & SoCo Beach Project**

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #746 "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"**

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 **Marleah Wiersma** in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **SoCo Beach Project**. 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

Margaret Kool passed away suddenly on Tuesday, January 13th. We mourn with **Louise & Doug Dekker**, and **Lora and Dan Roy**, and their families. She will be missed by so many. The visitation will take place here at our church on **Thursday, January 22** from **4 -7 p.m.** and **Friday, January 23rd** at **11:00 a.m.** will be the funeral. We pray for comfort and peace for the Dekker and Roy families as well as so many in our congregation who are mourning over this last month of loss.

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 19 - John Hunse (83rd Birthday)

January 21 - Charlie Demik (4th Birthday)

January 24 - Kristen Roth (33rd Birthday)

Announcements

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!

Community Announcements

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 Guldemon 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: Goodness: Are You a Good Person? - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Goodness: Are You a Good Person?" at www.kidscorner.net. Want to know what it really means to be good? When we let God fill our hearts with love, kindness, and patience, we can grow "good fruit" and make the world a brighter, better place. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

Celebrating 75 Years of Today- For 75 years, Today has been part of the daily rhythms of faith for readers around the world, and we thank God for the ways these devotions continue to point people to Christ. ReFrame Ministries invites you to a special virtual Direct Connect on Thursday, January 29 at 1:00 pm EST as we celebrate this milestone, reflect on God's faithfulness, and look ahead to what God is still doing through Today. Register at reframeministries.org/events. A recording will be shared with all who sign up.

Groundwork: Did Paul and James Agree on Salvation? - Paul emphasizes salvation by grace, but James teaches the importance of our works. Do our works contribute to our righteousness? Join Groundwork as we study James 1:1-8, James 2:14-26, Colossians 3:5-10, and 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 to compare what we learn from James to what Paul teaches about the relationship between God's grace and our works, and then consider what it means for our daily lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Because we are called to honor and uphold the sanctity of every human life—from the womb to the tomb—we invite you on this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday to put this calling into action. Consider volunteering your time at a local pregnancy center or elder care home as a tangible expression of your commitment to life. As you serve, reflect on how the experience deepens your understanding and strengthens your role as an advocate for the dignity and value of every human life. Take time to write down how this experience has shaped your heart and perspective. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Resonate Global Mission

Young Adult Opportunity with Resonate - Are you around 16-20 years old? Speak some Spanish? Interested in getting a taste of ministry in Central America? Join an unforgettable two-week journey with Resonate Global Mission—travel through Guatemala and El Salvador where you'll dive into real-life mission work, get to know Central American young people, experience God's love, and discover how God might be calling you to make a difference now and in the future. The trip is July 1-15, 2026 and the application deadline is February 28, 2026. Learn more at www.resonateglobalmission.org/encounter

Children's Bulletin

Amos

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SHEEP
LOVE

DEVOTION
JUSTICE
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EVIL
GOD

Volunteer Schedule

Date	January 18	January 25	February 1
Welcome	Sandi Buwalda	Shae Knevel	Doug Dekker
Music	Marleah Wiersma	Leah Lammers	Praise Team
Congregational Prayer			Henk Van Tuyl
Open / Close	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Marlene Knevel	Frank & Sandi Buwalda
Coffee Duty	Eric & Alyssa Tisch	Clifford & Kathy Turks-tra	Neil & Kristen Roth
Sound	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda
Streaming	Mark Demik	Meagan Demik	Rebecca Bootsma
Overhead	Mark Demik	Louise Dekker	Rebecca Bootsma
Nursery	Marlene Knevel	Rebecca Bootsma	Maegan Demik
	Eileen Nagtegaal	Shae Knevel	Alyssa Tisch

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

Church Calendar

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 p.m. - COA Meeting

Thursday, January 22

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

4-7 p.m. - Visitation for Margaret Kool

Friday, January 23

11:00 a.m. - Funeral

7:00 p.m. - Euchre Night

Sunday, January 25

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Ministry to Seafarers

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

February 1 - Budget & ThereforeGo Ministries

February 8 - Budget & World Renew

February 15 - Budget & Mission Aviation Fellowship

February 22 - Budget & Resonate Global Mission

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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