

*The things which are impossible with men
are possible with God. Luke 18:27*



Mount Hope Community
Christian Reformed Church

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

February 15, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Mr. Bruce VanderMolen

(please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: Hosea 2:19-20 **Len Moelker**

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* God's Greeting & Opening Prayer

* Call to Worship

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #21 "This Is My Father's World"**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #521 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Words of Assurance

Song of Assurance: **LUYH #590 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Ezekial 1

Sermon: "A Strange Comfort"

* Song of Response: **"Behold our God"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Mission Aviation Fellowship**

* Sending

* Benediction

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

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 **Bruce VanderMolen** will lead us in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Mission Aviation Fellowship**. 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

Louise Dekker slipped on ice last week and broke a bone by her ankle. She had to have a plate put in. She is not able to get around and she isn't able to put any weight at all on her leg for now. Please pray for her during the weeks ahead as she heals. **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: **Feb 17 - Mary Messina (82nd)**

Announcements

In Your Mailbox: You will find a copy of the January Treasurer's Statement in your mailbox this morning if you don't receive a copy of it digitally. There are extra paper copies at the Welcome Station if you want one.

Pastor Joel way: Pastor Joel's away this coming week for a few days of learning and worship with other pastors; this time is hosted by Thrive (the congregational support agency of our denomination). He'll be back on time for our Classis meeting on Saturday, and worship on Sunday.

From the Deacons: Our offering today is for **Mission Aviation Fellowship**. MAF is a ministry that does three things, they deliver supplies to communities that are otherwise inaccessible and are often missionary sites. They ferry people to and from these sites, and they also provide medevac to bring people from these remote communities to health centers in larger cities.

Our next euchre night will be on **Friday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Moelkers. Please let Len or Anita know if you plan to attend. lmoelker@gmail.com.

Community Announcements

From Glanford Curling Club: We have a new exciting **FREE** opportunity coming up on Feb 28th 1-3pm at the Glanford Curling Club. In honor of the Olympics, we will be hosting a Try Curling Now - Open House. Folks will need to bring clean indoor running shoes, and we provide all the other equipment and a lesson. They can register with Shelleysydor@gmail.com or drop in from 1-3pm.

The Act Five Discipleship Community invites you to join in our annual Winter Learning Series, "Unreliable Instincts: The Case for a Robust Christian Imagination." The interactive lectures take place on Wednesdays between **February 18-March 25th** at 705 Main Street East, Hamilton. 10\$/lecture or \$50 for the entire series. Register today at actfive.ca

Hope Canadian Male Choir is excited to present their March Easter concert series 'Worthy is the Lamb' with 3 concerts scheduled for: Friday March 13 – Ancaster Canadian Reformed Church , 575 Shaver Rd, Hamilton L9G 3K9. Directed by Martin Mans, the choir will be accompanied by Martin Zonnenberg on piano and André Knevel on the organ, and will feature Josh Overbeek and Menze Feenstra, tenors with the Hope Canadian Male Choir. To reserve or purchase your tickets, please email hopecanchoir@gmail.com, call/text 226 338 5459 or purchase tickets directly on our website hopecanadianmalechoir.com. Tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket prices: Adult: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the door Youth 10-14: \$10 kids under 10: free. Concerts start at 7:30 pm, doors open at 7:00 pm.

It's time get your tickets for the annual Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs Concert at HAMILTON'S FIRST ONTARIO 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.

Ask The Experts: Come to HDCH **Wed Feb 25, 10 am**, for a panel discussion on will planning and financial stewardship, all in a Christian context. Contact Sandra Baker, 905-648-6655 x 122, sbaker@hdch.org to register (free).

HDCH Spring Market: Growing Together - Sat Apr 18, 10am-3pm! There will be a vendor market, coffee shop, complimentary lunch, flowers and plants, kids activities, raffles and more. Items purchased through our online auction and presale (Mar 26-Apr 2) will also be available for pickup. For more info, to donate or register as a vendor, visit: hdch.org/events/hdch-growing-together-vendor-market or contact Leanne (lwrench@hdch.org, 905-648-6655x104).

TrueCity Conference: **Friday, February 20 & Saturday, February 21**, Immanuel CRC (61 Mohawk Road W, Hamilton) Visit our website (www.truecity.ca) to purchase your tickets. Adults \$30 // Students \$15 // Kids 12 & Under Free And a special treat ... Friday Evening is FREE for everyone!
TrueCity Prayer Room February 21st @ 6pm - March 7th @ 2pm Open Daily from 8am - 10pm
(GOHOP Prayer Room - 1907 King St E) We would love for your church to come & take part in this 2-week prayer event. If a group from your church would like to come (youth group, small group, bible study group, etc.), or if your church would like to pick a specific block of time where individuals come to pray each hour, please email Ian Stuart to let him know (stuartian2000@gmail.com).

Safe Church Conference: The annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 7, 2026** from **9 AM – 3 PM** at Waterloo CRC. At a time of history when truth is being challenged and when power is being abused, join us for a time of learning and discussion. Our plenary speaker will be Dr. James Watson who will be joined by speakers Cathi Watson, Dr. Stephen Vander Klippe, and Julia Rathbun. For further information and registration go to <https://crcna.regfox.com/2026-classis-huron-safe-church-conference>. This conference is for all ministry leaders and those interested in making our churches safe places to work, volunteer and worship. For additional information, contact Pastor Carel Geleynse (Classis Huron Safe Church Coordinator) at carelgeleynse20@gmail.com. We would love to see you at the conference!

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Shalom: The Peace of God - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Shalom: The Peace of God," at www.kidscorner.net. Discover how you can feel calm and brave even when life feels stormy, just like when Jesus brought peace in the middle of crashing waves. Learn how God's special kind of peace fits everything together like a perfect puzzle and fills your heart with joy and purpose! Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

Diaconal Ministries Canada

Resources for Deacons - Diaconal Ministries Canada offers Leadership Development resources designed specifically for deacons who want to grow in their calling and cultivate healthier, more cohesive diaconates. From practical tools to coaching and guided learning, these resources can help your team deepen its spiritual life, strengthen relationships, and lead with greater confidence and clarity. Visit our website to explore how we can support you as you grow together as deacons and create a diaconate where ministry and spiritual formation go hand in hand: <https://diaconalministries.com/leadership-development-administration/>

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - This week we begin the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. As we enter this season of spiritual reflection, preparation, and renewal, take time to consider how the pursuit of justice in your daily life can reflect the justice-centered journey of Christ— which led ultimately to the cross. Write down five ways in which you intend to approach the Lenten season this year in alignment with Christ's call to justice, mercy, and love. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Children's Bulletin

Ezekiel Wordsearch

M E O J Q X Q N M I B V H P L E I K E Z E N Q P
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Babylonian exile	destruction	accusation
rebellion	judgement	sign acts
Jerusalem	parables	covenant
idolatry	justice	Babylon
prophet	Ezekiel	temple
Israel	warn	hope

Volunteer Schedule

Date	February 15	February 22	March 1
Welcome	Len Moelker	Anita Moelker	Doug Nagtegaal
Music	Bruce VanderMolen	Leah Lammers	Praise Team
Congregational Prayer			Eric Tisch
Open / Close	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl	Marlene Knevel	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal
Coffee Duty	John & Trish Demik	Mark & Christina Demik	Eric & Alyssa Tisch
Sound	Josh Knevel	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma
Streaming	Henk Van Tuyl	Mark Demik	Jack Demik
Overhead	Henk Van Tuyl	Mark Demik	Jack Demik
Nursery	Anita Moelker Louise Dekker	Marlene Knevel Rebecca Bootsma	Trish Demik 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

Monday, February 16

OFFICE CLOSED – Family Day

Tuesday, February 17

Pastor Joel away until Friday

7:30 p.m. - COA Meeting

Thursday, February 19

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

7:30 p.m. - Deacon 101 Meeting

Friday, February 20

7:00 p.m. - Euchre (at Moelkers)

Saturday, February 21

9:00 a.m. - Hamilton Classis Meeting

Immanuel CRC, Simcoe

Sunday, February 22 (First Sunday of Lent)

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Resonate Global Mission

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

March 1 - Budget & Reframe Ministries

March 8 - Budget & Indigenous Ministry Canada

March 15 - Budget & DMC NewGround

March 22 - Budget & Resonate Global Missions

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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