



Mount Hope
Community
CRC

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

February 22, 2026 10:00 a.m.

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

(please stand if you are able)

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

GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE

* Call to Worship - "Bring Light to Our Lives" **Julie Winter**

* Opening Prayer

* Song of Praise: **LUYH #529:1,2,4 "Gather Us In"**

GROUNDED IN GOD'S GRACE

Time of Confession

Song of Confession: **LUYH #627 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"**

Words of Assurance

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

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 2

Sermon: "City Walls"

* Song of Response: **LUYH #775 "Across the Lands"**

Prayer: Church Family and Community

GOING TO SERVE

Offering: **Budget & Resonate Global Mission**

* Sending

* Benediction

* Closing Song of Praise: **LUYH #489 "By the Sea of Crystal"**

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship, our first Sunday of Lent. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **Leah Lammers** will lead us in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **Resonate Global Mission**. 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

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: **February 23 - Justin Knevel (25th Birthday)**

February 25 - Eric Tisch (39th Birthday)

February 28th - Jackie Frith (87th Birthday), Henk De Groot (90th Birthday)

Announcements

During the season of Lent, the church travels with Jesus on the road to the cross. As we prepare to remember our Savior's betrayal, arrest, suffering, and death, we reflect on what things in our lives we may need to put to death so we can live in the newness of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. We will mark the weeks of Lent by lighting candles in the sanctuary. May the light of Christ shine more deeply into our hearts as we walk this road with him, revealing the darkness within us and making us new.

To the Congregation of Mount Hope Community CRC: World Renew extends our gratitude for your support and commitment to Christ's call to mercy and justice. Your congregation's gifts of **\$5,919.55** in 2025 are contributing to a larger impact—one that reached 720,633 participants in 1,449 communities across 30 countries worldwide in 2024-25. Your generosity is providing families with access to essentials like medical care, education, food, and crisis support, while also strengthening long-term efforts for communities to thrive. Thank you for helping families experience God's love and find a hopeful future. Explore more stories at worldrenew.ca.

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.

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 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 Noorduynd (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).

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.

CRC Announcements

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner Devotions: Faithfulness: Never Give Up - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Faithfulness: Never Give Up," at www.kidscorner.net. God is always with us and shows us what true loyalty looks like, no matter what we face. Discover how his never-ending love can help us become faithful, kind, and trustworthy friends to others! Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

Focus on the Cross - Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/lent.

Thrive

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The forty days of Lent bring to mind the forty years of Israel's sojourn in the wilderness and the forty days of fasting that preceded Jesus' public ministry. During Lent, Christians around the world reflect on the weight of sin, the cost of salvation, and the love that motivated Jesus' earthly sojourn and sacrificial death. This year during Lent, find an object that reminds you of the wilderness (like a small stone or a container of sand) and place it in plain sight. Whenever you see it, pause and remember the depth of Jesus' love and how far he went to rescue you from sin and death. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Call for Nominations to the Canadian National Gathering - The 2026 Canadian National Gathering is creating space for a diverse and well-rounded group of participants from across Canada, representing different regions, generations, and experiences. Nominations are open to any member of a CRC in Canada. If someone comes to mind, please nominate them! This is a meaningful way to affirm their gifts and invite them into something that will have a lasting impact on our wider church community. Learn more and make a nomination: www.crcna.org/canada

World Renew

Run to Renew 2026 - World Renew is pleased to invite you to the very first "Run to Renew" event on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Participate in the "Moon in June" race in Burlington, Ontario, and help raise funds for World Renew's Running Club programs in Africa. This event aligns with Global Running Day on June 3, 2026, offering a great way to connect through fitness and community while supporting those affected by poverty. Race lengths include 1K, 5K, and 10K—an opportunity for all fitness levels, including those who prefer to walk. When you join with World Renew, you will receive 20 percent off your race registration fee! Ready to participate? Email info@worldrenew.ca to sign up today.

Children's Bulletin

Zechariah

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Jerusalem
Attacked
Horns

Forgiveness
Zechariah
Promised
Grace

Volunteer Schedule

Date	February 22	March 1	March 8
Welcome	Anita Moelker	Doug Nagtegaal	Frank Buwalda
Music	Leah Lammers	Praise Team	Marleah Wiersma
Congregational Prayer		Eric Tisch	
Open / Close	Marlene Knevel	Doug & Eileen Nagtegaal	Frank & Sandi Buwalda
Coffee Duty	Mark & Christina Demik	Eric & Alyssa Tisch	Len & Anita Moelker
Sound	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel
Streaming	Mark Demik	Jack Demik	Meagan Demik
Overhead	Mark Demik	Jack Demik	Louise Dekker
Nursery	Marlene Knevel Rebecca Bootsma	Trish Demik Alyssa Tisch	Shae Knevel Eileen Nagtegaal

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 23

6:30 p.m. - GEMS

Tuesday, February 24

7:00 p.m. - Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast (Egg & I Upper James Location)

Thursday, February 26

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

Sunday, March 1 (Second Sunday of Lent)

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Reframe Ministries

SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

March 8 - Budget & Indigenous Ministry Canada

March 15 - Budget & DMC NewGround

March 22 - Budget & Resonate Global Missions

March 29 - Budget & Shalom Manor & Gardens

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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