



Mount Hope  
Community  
CRC

- Fourth Sunday of Lent -

MOUNT HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

**March 15, 2026 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor:** Pastor Joel Bootsma **Music:** Emma Schuurman

( please stand if you are able)

Welcome & Announcements - Verse of the Month: 1 Peter 5:6 **Sandi Buwalda**

**GATHERING BY GOD'S PRESENCE**

\* God's Greeting

\* Gathering Song: **LUYH #246:1,4 "God is Here"**

\* Call to Worship

\* Opening Prayer - Lenten Candle Lighting

**Marlene Knevel**

\* Song of Praise: **LUYH #660 "Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"**

**GROUNDING IN GOD'S GRACE**

Time of Confession

\* Song of Confession: **LUYH #175 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

\* Words of Assurance

\* Song: **"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"**

Children dismissed for Children's Ministry

**GROWING IN GOD'S LOVE**

Scripture Reading: Malachi 4; Luke 1:16-17, 3:1-18

Sermon: "Get ready, get set...."

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

Prayer: Church Family and Community

**GOING TO SERVE**

Offering: Budget & DMC - NewGround Ministries

\* Sending

\* Benediction

\* Closing Song of Praise: **PsH #641 "Threefold Amen"**

**Thank you for joining us this morning!**

We welcome all who join us this morning in worship, our fourth Sunday of Lent. **Pastor Joel Bootsma** will lead us in worship and **Emma Schuurman** will lead us in music ministry. Our offerings are for the **Budget** and **DMC - NewGround Ministries**. 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](mailto:accounting.mhccrc@rogers.com). We hope that you will join us following the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. This morning we will be treated to some cake on behalf of Henk & Rita Van Tuyl in celebration of Henk's 80th Birthday.

To view this service from home, you can do so by watching via livestream on our website: [mounthopcommunitycrc.org](http://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:

**March 17 - Josie Roth (5th birthday); Henk Van Tuyl (80th birthday)**

**March 22 - Pheobe Tisch (9th birthday)**

## Announcements

The monthly **euchre night** will be on **Friday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.** at Frank and Sandi's house. If you haven't already said that you will be coming, please email Len and Anita at [almoelker@gmail.com](mailto:almoelker@gmail.com). It's a fun evening of fellowship and we look forward to seeing you there!

### **Council Report March 10 2026:**

1. Council opened with prayer and reflection.
2. Last week we had representatives join us in presenting a Thrive based meeting. This information can be used by our congregation to enhance our stewardship within the church and community. More discussions on this to follow.
3. Reports received from treasurer, pastor and all other committees.
4. Discussion on last Classis meeting and a reminder the next Classis meeting will be held in our church.
5. Meeting closed in prayer.

## **Community Announcements**

**\*\* Note Free Community Skating at Glanbrook Arena \*\*** - Courtesy of our Councillor, Mark Tadeson and the Glanbrook operations staff. Mark your calendars! **Sunday, March 15 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** **Tuesday, March 17 - 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.** **Sunday, March 22 - 1:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.** Come on out with your families and have some fun!

**NORTH OF SIXTY** will host Bingo and Pizza on **Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 am** at Immanuel CRC. Please RSVP to Joanne: [vdwaljjoosse@bell.net](mailto:vdwaljjoosse@bell.net) or 905-577-5377. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Bring a friend!

**Ebenezer CRC**, Jarvis will be hosting a **Youth Service on Sunday April 12 at 5:30PM**. All are invited and welcome for wings & fries following the service. Hosted by the Schuurmans - 1215 Sandusk Rd. Graphic included below.

**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 **13-piece Scott Harrison String/Brass/Percussion Ensemble**. The concert will also feature **Tenor soloist Zachery Vander Meulen**. Tickets are available at \$25 & \$35, and can be purchased through the choir's website ([www.hosanna-choir.org](http://www.hosanna-choir.org)). If you have any questions, please contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at [hdenhollander@yahoo.com](mailto:hdenhollander@yahoo.com).

**Performing Arts @ Mountainview** invites you to join us this spring for a joyful evening of music on **Saturday, April 25th at 7:30 p.m.** as Colamici presents *All Canadian, Eh?* — a vibrant celebration of culture and community. This special concert features 14 songs that reflect the rich and diverse story of Canada, beginning with Indigenous roots and honouring the many immigrant and refugee communities who have helped shape our nation. Blending heritage, harmony, and heart, the program concludes with the uplifting favourites *No One Is Alone* and *You've Got a Friend* — a beautiful reminder that together, we belong. Don't miss this inspiring celebration of who we are, eh? Tickets will be

available via our website [www.mountainviewcrc.org/events](http://www.mountainviewcrc.org/events) at the Dutch Shop in Grimsby or at the door on the evening of the concert. Proceeds from the evening will benefit Mountainview's **Refugee Sponsorship Program**.

**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](http://hdch.org/events/hdch-growing-together-vendor-market) or contact Leanne ([lwrench@hdch.org](mailto:lwrench@hdch.org), 905-648-6655x104).

## CRC Announcements

### **ReFrame Ministries**

**Kids Corner Devotions:** Jesus Cried - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Jesus Cried," at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Everyone has big feelings, and learning to notice how others feel helps us be kinder friends. Just like Jesus, we can listen, care, and show love when someone is sad or happy. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like Kids Corner's Lent Devotional.

**Groundwork: Carrying Jesus' Cross on the Road to Golgotha** - When we reach stations seven and eight of the Stations of the Cross, we reflect on the movement of Jesus and the cross toward Golgotha. Join Groundwork as we study John 19:6-17, Matthew 27:19-31, and Mark 15:21 to consider the symbolism of the cross beam placed on Jesus, the significance of Simon of Cyrene carrying Jesus' cross, and what it means to bear the cross with Jesus in our lives. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### **Thrive**

**Thrive Faith Formation Tip** - The New Testament Gospels all include the account of a woman who interrupts a dinner party and pours out a precious perfume to anoint Jesus (Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8). The disciples are offended at the intrusion. Jesus calls it a fitting tribute to his love, and a preparation for the way he will lay down his life. This week be mindful of incidents that interrupt your plans, or of individuals who intrude on your time and space. See each one as a divinely orchestrated opportunity to reorient your attention to the Savior who poured out his life for you. Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

### **Diaconal Ministries Canada**

**Training & Support for Churches** - Diaconal Ministries Canada equips and trains deacons and churches across Canada in the areas of justice, benevolence, and stewardship, and helps them join in God's restorative work in their local neighbourhoods and beyond. We offer workshops, trainings, and personalized coaching. Visit our website for more information: <https://diaconalministries.com/>

### **CRC Communications**

**100 Women | 1 Heart:** You're Invited - On April 18 from 9:30–11:30 a.m., 100 women will gather at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby, Ont., for a morning to champion accessibility, pooling our gifts to raise \$10,000 in support of Thrive and Friendship Ministries and their work strengthening churches and promoting full inclusion for people with disabilities. Each year, women show up, chip in \$100, and together create one shared gift that fuels ministry close to a woman's heart. Come enjoy a meaningful morning investing in belonging without barriers. Can't attend? You can still join the celebration by giving in honour of the event as we work toward our \$10,000 goal. Register today: <https://crcna.regfox.com/100-women-1-heart>

## Children's Bulletin

# Malachi

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## Volunteer Schedule

Date	March 15	March 22	March 29
<b>Welcome</b>	Sandi Buwalda	Shae Knevel	Mark Demik
<b>Music</b>	Emma Schuurman	Leah Lammers	Linda Geerts
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>			
<b>Open / Close</b>	Henk & Rita Van Tuyl	Shae Knevel	Marlene Knevel
<b>Coffee Duty</b>	Neil & Kristen Roth	Clifford & Kathy Turks- tra	Alex & Maegan Demik
<b>Sound</b>	Frank Buwalda	Rebecca Bootsma	Josh Knevel
<b>Streaming</b>	Rebecca Bootsma	Mark Demik	Henk Van Tuyl
<b>Overhead</b>	Rebecca Bootsma	Marlene Knevel	Henk Van Tuyl
<b>Nursery</b>	Kristen Roth	Kathy Turkstra	Maegan Demik
	Sandi Buwalda	Anita Moelker	Marlene 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

### - March Break -

#### **Tuesday, March 17**

7:00 p.m. - CST Meeting

7:30 p.m. - COA Meeting

#### **Wednesday, March 18**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Team Meeting

#### **Thursday, March 19**

12:00 noon - Bulletin Announcements due

#### **Friday, March 20**

7:00 p.m. - Euchre Night (Buwalda's)

#### **Sunday, March 22 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**

10:00 a.m. - Pastor Joel Bootsma

Offerings: Budget & Resonate Global Mission

### SCHEDULED OFFERING COLLECTIONS

March 29 - Budget & Shalom Manor & Gardens

April 5 - Budget & Benevolence (Free Will Offering)

April 12 - Budget & City Kidz

April 19 - Budget & Living Rock Ministries

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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