

Welcome to
DRESDEN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Morning Worship Service, April 2, 2017

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* Please stand, if you are able

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Sing praises to God, O you saints,
and give thanks to God's holy name!
We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!
We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.
You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.
You turn our mourning into dancing!
Our souls cannot be silent!
O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever! Amen.*

*Gathering Hymn of Praise - **LUYH #578 Forever**

*God Greet Us

*Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen*

*Song of Praise - **LUYH # 361 Because He Lives**

Call to Confession

*The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise. (Ps. 51:17)*

Prayer of Confession

*Your mercy flows upon us like a river;
your mercy stands unshakable and true.
In our weakness you are stronger
than the mightiest mountain.
Most Holy God, of all good things the giver,
we turn and lift our prayers to you.
By your grace, empty us of all pride;
fill us with your humility.
In the name of Jesus, the perfect Lamb, Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

*Be comforted,
for he has borne our infirmities
and carried our disease;
he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities,
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,*

*and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
Behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God,
bore all my sin, that I may live again:
the precious Lamb of God.
Out of his anguish he shall see light,
the righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he will bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
Worthy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God,
who was slaughtered, to receive power and wealth,
wisdom and might, honor and glory and blessing,
forever and ever. Amen. (based on Isaiah 53 and Rev. 5)*

Children's Message: Megan Kramer

Morning Prayers of the People

Prayer for Illumination:

*Prepare our hearts, O God,
to hear your Word
and obey your will.*

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Message - "Thorns to Keep Me Focused"

Prayer of Application

Song of Response - **LUYH # 427 How Firm a Foundation**

Offering - **John Knox (Wyoming) Christian School** – "exists in partnership with the home and the church to train each student to integrate the truth of God ...into every area of life"

*Benediction -

*May the grace of God,
freely given through Christ, our Lord,
and sufficient for all our needs,
and may the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
who testifies with our spirit
that we are God's children,
guide and sustain us this day
and forever. Amen*

*Doxology - **LUYH # 568 I will Sing of My Redeemer**

Evening Worship Service

Barry Wright

Welcome

* Call to Worship

* We come into God's presence with Praise: **LUYH #513 "It is Good to Sing Your Praises"**

* Silent Prayer – followed by **LUYH #745 "Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"**

* God's Greeting:

* Song(s): **LUYH #575: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**
LUYH #770: "In Christ Alone"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 23: 26-34

Sermon: "Father, forgive them"

Prayer of Application

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

Prayers of the People

Offering: **Friendship Groups Canada** -is a ministry that shares God's love with those who are intellectually disabled

* Closing Song: **LUYH # 782 "In God the Father I Believe"**

* Benediction

* Doxology: **LUYH #943: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

TO OUR VISITORS

We would love to get to know you! Please join us today in the Fellowship Hall after the service so we can meet you. If you are unable to, we pray that you will have a blessed day. If you would like to know more about our church and its programs, or if you are interested in knowing more about our Lord Jesus, please feel free to speak to our pastor, or to an elder/deacon serving this morning. You are also welcome to call or email us; the info is at the end of the bulletin. Thank you for joining us today.

CHURCH CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

APR. 3	MONDAY	7:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
APR. 4	TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
		7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
APR. 5	WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	GEMS
APR. 6	THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Friendship at First Regular Baptist Church

NEXT WEEK

APR. 10	MONDAY	7:15 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
APR. 11	TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Cadets
APR. 13	THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Friendship at First Regular Baptist Church

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 9 PALM SUNDAY & CADET SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - REV. JOHN MOELKER

Offering: Ridgetown Campus Ministry -helping to spread the Lord's message around the Ridgetown college campus

Also, there will be a collection at the door for Cadets.

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - REV. JOHN MOELKER

Offering: CRC Publications - Christian Reformed publications such as The Banner and Today booklet

April 14 GOOD FRIDAY, LORD'S SUPPER

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - REV. JOHN MOELKER

Offering: Home and World Missions - supports Christian Reformed churches, campus ministers, and other groups around the world who are called to renew communities together in Jesus' name

April 16 EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE - REV. JOHN MOELKER

AT CLARENCE & PAT NYWENING'S HOME (HUFF SD. RD. AT HWY 2)

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE - REV. JOHN MOELKER

Offering: Chatham Christian School – provides education for students from JK to Grade 12 and strives to nurture them academically and spiritually

No evening service.

FAMILY CIRCLE

Let's support one another. Each week three members/families will be written here for all of us to pray for. Please take the time to do this. Even though you may not know all that goes on in their lives, please pray for them.



PRAYER

Tim & Megan (Kole, Gwenyth, Ivry, Trent) Kramer

Albert & Martha Luth

Tristan & Jodi (Ali, Asher) Miller

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." James 5:16

Hello everyone,

Harry Devries has his second treatment this coming Thursday, [April 6,] and is on a 3-week schedule for these newest treatments. I know that Harry & Joanne and Brian and the family really appreciate and covet our prayers during this journey. This set of treatments Harry is undergoing has some serious side-effects so this brother really needs our prayers. Please pray for an outpouring of peace for Harry and Jo-

anne and Brian, as well as grace for the trial, but also that God will be merciful and bring about a full healing of Harry's body.

Some of you also heard on [last] Sunday evening, that Sarah & Rachel's dad Ray will be undergoing another round of treatments in an attempt to eradicate the cancer from his body. As you know, this cancer has had quite the effect on Ray's body, and this brother could use some healing and relief. Let's go to God's throne asking Him for hope, help and healing.

Note from this past Wednesday, March 29: I've been telling people that we leave tomorrow night, but in reality, Lexa and I leave tonight at midnight from Dresden and will be in the Dominican Republic (God willing) tomorrow morning (March 30) before noon. Deb has the contact information should anyone need it. Please pray for safety, but more importantly, that we will be good and faithful servants on this trip, showing the love of Christ to the people there and being blessed by the people there.

Also, thanks to your generosity and the generosity of your brothers and sisters in Christ at the community church, we will have an additional \$7500 to bless the people with. You gave an additional \$2400 towards that total. I was talking with Pastor Chris from the community church this morning and we will discern as a group while we are there how best to bless the people. There is a pregnancy centre there (like Refuge in Chatham), there is a school there as well as opportunities for building projects like the one we will be doing, so there are lots of great ways to show the love of Christ. I'll let you know at a later date what was decided, but thanks again for your generosity and understanding that we are "blessing to be a blessing!"

Pastor John & Lexa

Happy Birthday to...

Janice Hooyer (3rd), Alison Pietens (7th)

Blessings to you as you celebrate your birthday this week!

PRAYER JAR:

Many names have been placed in the prayer jar. They are the names of sons, daughters, grandchildren, siblings, neighbours and friends. Our prayer is that these loved ones will come to acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. The candle beside the jar will be lit when one of these individuals comes to know Jesus as his/her Saviour. If you have received an answer to your prayer, and would like the candle lit, please inform Pastor John of this wonderful news. The jar is a visual reminder for all of us to pray daily, even though we may be unaware of the names that have been placed in it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM COUNCIL: You have received nomination slips in your mailboxes. You can make more than one nomination and if you need more slips there are some on the back table, or just write your nominations on piece of paper and sign and give to the chairman or clerk. Keith Kramer and Brad VanderEnde's terms will be up.

CHATHAM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TURNS 60!!! Everyone is invited to come out and celebrate 60 years of Christian education with a night full of food, fun, and fellowship on **Friday, April 6!** Our worship leader is

Brooke Nicholls, and the speaker will be Ray Hendriks. The evening begins at 6:00 with punch, dinner at 6:30. Call the office today to reserve your seat! Or book a table with friends! The dinner is free! Donations will be taken for TAF (Tuition Assistance Fund), and receipts are given for gifts of \$30 or more.

FREE COURSE: Food Handler Certification Program presented by Chatham-Kent Public Health on **Friday, April 7 and Friday, April 21 from 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at Dresden Christian Reformed Church, 956 Mooney Street, Dresden. Call Brenda at [519.683.8945](tel:519.683.8945) to register. It includes in-class teaching and an exam. A certificate that is valid for 5 years will be issued upon successful completion of the course. Teens are welcome! THIS IS A FREE COURSE (Includes: instruction manual, probe thermometer and exam)

READY! SET! ALPHABET!! The Wallaceburg Christian School is holding a free 6-week introduction to the JK and SK program for children who were born in 2012 or 2013. Children will experience Bible stories, carpet time, craft time and play time under the supervision of a qualified teacher. This free program is on Wednesdays from 9-11 am, May 3 through June 7. Please contact the school at 519-627-6013 or admin@wallaceburgchristianschool.com for more information and to register your child.

THINE BE THE GLORY! An Easter Concert. Globally recognized organist Andre Knevel and Pan Flutist Liselotte Rokyta will make their annual stop in Chatham to perform a benefit concert. They will perform Friday, April 7th at 7:30pm at the Living Hope Free Reformed Church Gregory Drive, Chatham, with contributions from Willem Ligthart and the Eben-Ezer Christian School Choir. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Eben-Ezer Christian School. We are excited to Praise God together with you!

Come and join us at RIGHT TO LIFE KENT'S ANNUAL BANQUET on Tuesday, April 11th! Our guest speaker will be Dr. Neil Cudney from Christian Horizons and he will be focusing on the challenge to personhood. *"There is a current debate that has been gaining traction on the difference between what it means to be human and person. This is built on the belief that just being human doesn't grant you personhood status which affords particular rights, such as the right to life. I will explore this conversation from both a current philosophical and theological perspective and why we as Christians need to be aware, informed and involved in the conversation as it affects all persons, regardless of ability or disability."* There will also be a silent auction and door prizes to be won during the event. We look forward to seeing you all at the Portuguese Canadian Social Club on 346 Grand Ave. E. in Chatham. Doors will open at 5:30 with the evening program starting at 6:00 pm and dinner served at 6:30 pm. Please get your tickets. Cost: \$35 adult/ \$25 student under 18. Contact: Jill or Cynthia, 519-352-3611, Email cynthia@lifeinmotionchatham.ca

INSPIRE 2017 (August 3-5) at the Marriott Renaissance Center in Detroit Michigan is a conference to connect people from across our 1,000+ churches for three days of powerful worship, practical workshops, engaging speakers, and conversation. Let's gather to refresh, refocus, and reimagine how our shared calling finds expression in our local communities and beyond. If you're involved in ministry at any level in your church, this event is designed for you. TAKE NOTE THAT THE EARLY BIRD (best price) DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2017. Go to <https://inspire.crcna.org/> to follow links to key note speakers, workshops, and registration options for commuters or staying at the Marriot. Please share this information with as many people as you can.

Fruitland Special Needs SERVE 2017

Are you free the week of July 21- 28 and searching for a new experience to be part of this summer? Looking to learn more about the Authentic Community in which were created to be a part of? We are looking for some youth/young adults (must be 16+) to join us for a week of SN SERVE at Fruitland CRC. Mentors are paired up with a youth that is coming that has a disability – you will be there as a friend, encourager, and as

a helping hand as needed to them. To learn more check us out on Facebook 'Fruitland Special Needs SERVE OR check out our blog <https://servefruitland.wordpress.com/>. To register please visit the Youth Unlimited website found at this link www.youthunlimited.org/serve/. If you have any more questions please contact one of the coordinators – Amber Vanderhout amvanderhout@hotmail.com 905-906-3045 OR Erica Howard ehoward1009@gmail.com 647-897-7992.

IN HIS SERVICE

	April 2	April 9	April 14 Good Friday
Elder	Fred Smids	Ernie Kramer	Keith Kramer
Deacon	Luke VanDerVliet	Brian Devries	Brad VanDerEnde
Greeter(s)	Joe & Eraina Grootenboer	Brad & Julia VanDerEnde	Elders
Musician(s)	a.m. Heather Wright	Deb Moelker	Pat Nywening
	p.m. Sarah Pumfrey	Deb Moelker	---
Children's Message	Megan Kramer	Megan Kramer	---
Mother of Month	Eraina Grootenboer	Eraina Grootenboer	Eraina Grootenboer
Nursery Cleaning	Sara & Erin	Sara & Erin	Sara & Erin
Nursery Caregivers	a.m. Luke Vandervliet, Marg Bruinsma, Hedy Kramer	Bethany Hooyer, Shawn Hooyer, Jasper Smids	
	p.m. Joe Grootenboer, Betty Kramer	Tim Kramer, Janice Hooyer	
Coffee Clean Up	Barry & Heather Wright, Jasper Erin Smids	Tristan & Jodi Miller, Chris & Natasha Kramer	Simon & Marg Bruinsma, Luke & Sara VanDerVliet
PowerPoint	Jen Devries	Natasha Kramer	Lexa Moelker
Sound am/pm	Dan Hooyer	Brian Hooyer	Jeff Smith
Projection am/pm	Sharon Pishl	Tim Kramer	Preston Poppe
Librarian	Hedy Kramer	Hedy Kramer	---
Sunday School	Jen Pietens, Veronika Killoran	Emily Wright, Paige Moelker	---
Preschool			
SK/Gr.1	Julia VanDerEnde, Emma Goodreau	Jasper Smids, Lauren Wright	---
Gr. 2/3	Joe Grootenboer	Alisha Killoran	---
Gr. 4/5	Kaylene Kramer	Mike Kramer	---

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Bulletin announcements:

Please submit them by noon on Thursday to the **church email** or call Janice Hooyer at home. Thanks

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