

Welcome to

DRESDEN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Morning Worship Service, May 28, 2017, Rev. John Moelker

Ascension Day

Pre-Service

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

God Gathers Us with Joy

* God Calls us to Worship ("Come to Me!")

* Gathering Song of Praise: "**Jesus, Name Above All Names**"

* God Greet Us ("I'm glad You're here!")

Pastor: People of God,

the Lord of glory, Jesus Christ, sends his greeting to you.

And his greeting is this:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
through the working of the Holy Spirit.

This is the greeting of Christ, who arose from the grave.

All: He died and rose that we might have eternal life.

All thanks be to him!

Pastor: This same Christ has ascended to the Father.

All: He ascended that we might experience God's presence and power.

All praise be to him!

* Opening Song of Praise: **LUYH # 224: Rejoice, the Lord is King**

God Reconciles Himself to Us

Call to Confession: ("Come to me and tell me Everything")

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): ("We honestly confess our sins to You LORD")

All: We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust.

While we sing of your lordship over all creation,

we have too often acted as though you are powerless

in the face of today's events.

Help us to live with confidence in your presence today

and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: ("I forgive you!")

Song of Assurance and Thanksgiving : **LUYH # 262: I Love to Tell the Story**

Children's message: ("Let the little children come to me"): Erin Smids

Intercessory Prayers of the People ("Help Us LORD")

God Speaks to Us through His WORD

Prayer for Illumination of the Holy Spirit: (in Song): ("Help us Understand LORD")

We Sing: **LUYH # 775: Across the Lands**

God's Word to Us: ("Listen to my Word!"): Acts 1:1-11

Message: "What's up? Jesus, that's Who!"

Our Response to God's WORD

Prayer of Application ("Help us Apply what we've learned from You LORD")

* Song of Response: **LUYH # 223: Crown Him With Many Crowns**

Offering: ("We give of our first fruits"):

Diaconate – helps our local deacons support those in need in our community

God Sends Us Out with His Blessing

* Closing Song: **LUYH # 219: Jesus Shall Reign 1-4**

* Commission & Benediction ("I Send you out with My Blessing")

Pastor: Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?

This Jesus will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.

All: Alleluia!

Pastor: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the end of time.

All: Alleluia!

Pastor: And the blessing of the eternal God,
creator and sustainer,
risen and ascended Lord and Savior,
giver of holiness and love,
be upon you now and evermore.

All: Amen.

* Doxology: **LUYH # 219: Jesus Shall Reign (v 5)**

Postlude

We have our POTLUCK lunch following the service.

*Tonight we will have our Ascension Day Celebration Service here at our church
with our brothers and sisters from Wallaceburg CRC.*

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

MAY 29

MONDAY

7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study

UPCOMING SERVICES

June 4 CADET SUNDAY

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

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

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

June 11 CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Offering: Right to Life Kent -helping to protect the gift of life in our community

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

Offering: London Campus Ministries – Spreading God's Word to Western University and Fanshawe College campuses

FAMILY CIRCLE

We are so thankful that both **Taline and Nerses** have found employment in our area. Taline is working at Kelsey's Restaurant (Chatham) in the kitchen (a place she loves to be), and Nerses began a job at Greenhill Produce in the packing plant. Praise God for His wonderful provision in our lives.

Please keep **Dan Hooyer and Cynthia Breyer** in your prayers as they and we look forward to their joining together in Christian marriage on Saturday, June 3rd. May Christ always be the center of their marriage and all of our marriages.

A HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

Michelle VanderSpek graduated from Redeemer University College yesterday and will be teaching at Wyoming Christian School. **Cassandra Hooyer** graduated from Redeemer University College yesterday and will be seeking employment in her field. As you know, Cassandra might just be a little busy with wedding planning too over the summer months. **Michael Pishl** graduated from Ridgetown College and is working full-time in the "field" he loves: farming. **Kelly Pumfrey** will be graduating soon from Cambrian College and obtaining her certification for a Child and Youth Worker. Kelly hopes to find employment in the GTA region. We praise God for His faithfulness in helping Michelle, Cassandra, Michael, and Kelly achieve some of their dreams and we continue to ask God to use them to make His invisible Kingdom visible in their lives and vocations. To God be the Glory, great things He has done!

Let's support one another. Each week two members/families will be written here for all of us to pray for.



PRAYER

Please take the time to do this. Even though you may not know all that goes on in their lives, please pray for them.

Barry & Heather (Emily, Lauren, John) Wright
Ruby Williams

"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

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Chris Kramer (29th), Ed Hooyer (31st)

June - Debora Moelker (1st), Joanne Devries (3rd), Eric Devries (3rd)

Blessings to you as you celebrate your birthday this week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Briefs of May 24 Meeting

- Opening led by chairman Zec. 8:14-23.
 - Devotion on not pushing your sister when she gets off the bus. God is a Father. His family is us. Look at the people sitting across from you in church; they are your brothers and sisters.
- Minutes of meeting held April 19 and May 21 were approved.
- Correspondence -email from classical church visitors; a tentative visit will be set up in Sept.
- Received email from Jim Veenstra's family expressing their appreciation for Pastor John and our church's hospitality and care when Jim passed away.
- Restarting young people youth group was discussed and will be looked into more.
- Reported on vision implementation inquiry follow-up.
- Council over the last few months has been working on setting up a care team and its mandate was approved.
- There was discussion on lack of attendance at the evening service on special days like Mothers day and we wonder if it is worth having a service if only 8 people are in attendance.
- Pastor, Deacons and Elders all had reports.
- Refugee report was heard - they need a new member.
- Fellowship coffee will be prepared by serving elder.
- We had a time of prayer for a special difficult concern.
- Worship Committee minutes were received. They will be holding a reformed worship workshop in the future and will be having a special service on our denomination.
- June 4 is Pentecost and Cadet Sunday.
- Lord's Supper: June 11.
- Installation of new council members June 18.
- Wa Kitavi home service is June 25. There will be a soup and bun lunch after the service.
- June 25 evening we will begin having our evening services in the park.
- With Pastor John being lead by God to complete his work with us over the next couple of months and continuing his calling at Covenant CRC in Woodstock, council is implementing a search committee.
- Brad lead us in closing prayer.
- Next meeting is June 21

Classis Meeting Highlights, May 23 (Luke, Pastor John and Ernie attended)

- Time of worship
- Forest City North Church ministry reflection
- Campus ministry Chaplin reports
- Rev. Allen Kleine Deters, pastor of The Bridge Church in Niagara Falls, elected to Calvin Theological Seminary Board
- Church Councillors and visitors reported
- Presentation on Clergy Mental Health
- Presentation on Govt compliance for Charities

- Commissioned Pastor request for Alida VanDijk and examination - she was affirmed.
- Recommendation to discontinue Youth Consultant Position was agreed to.
- Next meeting will be at St. Thomas Destination on Sept. 17

NEIGHBOURLINK: If you are (or once were) a volunteer with the NeighbourLink ministry in Chatham-Kent, you're invited to our Volunteer Appreciation evening on June 24 at Kingston Park in Chatham. It will run from 4-7 pm. We'll be barbecuing hot dogs and hamburgers and if you have kids, there is always plenty for them to do at Kingston Park. Spouses and kids are welcome but would you please RSVP asap so we can get an idea of how many people to cook for? Please let us know on or before Friday, June 16. Call 519-352-5647 or email al@neighbourlinkck.com.

VBS: Dresden Ministerial's Vacation Bible School (VBS) is the week of August 7 to August 11, from 9 to 12:30. This year's theme is "Over the Moat-Drawbridge to the King!" (Medieval theme). If you could spread the word to kids that'd be great, we also will have registration forms at the back table soon. Also if you can please save these craft supplies: paper towel rolls, Pringles cans, 1L milk cartons (washed out), wide ribbon (1.5" or more in thickness), small jingle bells, lace, brown paper grocery bags. There will be a box under the mailbox table if you can drop of any of these supplies you might collect. If you have any questions contact Megan Kramer.

CRAFT NIGHT: Attention ladies of Dresden CRC make Thursday June 15th on your calendars. We will be having a ladies craft night to make something beautiful! Come out and enjoy a night of social, food and prizes. Cost is \$25. Watch the bulletin board for pictures of craft and sign up sheet. Think a friend would enjoy this? Invite them along. You **MUST** sign up for this event!

Right to Life Kent's BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

What is Baby Bottle Boomerang? We send out the baby bottles to your church in celebration of Mother's Day, you fill them with loose change or a donation, and then you return them back to your church on Father's Day. A simple action that will have a huge impact on the community. Every cent you donate stays here in Chatham-Kent to save the lives of the preborn, and to change the lives of women and men who are given accurate information, life affirming options and support. 100% of the proceeds goes to our resource centre REFUGE. Through educational programs, REFUGE encourages, equips and empowers women, men and teens to make wise life choices. Refuge also meets critical needs for first time single mothers and their babies, and helps each mother develop the necessary skills to break the cycle of dependence and poverty, impacting generations to come. Visit our websites: RefugeChatham.ca, LifeInMotionChatham.ca. Follow us on Facebook: [@refugechatham](https://www.facebook.com/refugechatham) [@lifeinmotionchatham](https://www.facebook.com/lifeinmotionchatham)

IN HIS SERVICE

	May 28	June 4	June 11
Elder	Keith Kramer	Fred Smids	Ernie Kramer
Deacon	Brad VanDerEnde	Luke VanDerVliet	Brian Devries
Greeter(s)	Ernie & Betty Kramer	Bill & Christina Kloostra	Elders
Musician(s)	a.m. Joe Grootenboer	Pat Nywening	Wendy Goodreau
	p.m. Martha Hooyer	Pat Nywening	Sarah Pumfrey
Children's Message	Erin Smids	Erin Smids	Pastor John
Mother of Month	Brittany Hooyer	Natasha Kramer	Natasha Kramer
Nursery Cleaning	Natasha & Janice	Alisha & Eraina	Alisha & Eraina
Nursery Caregivers	a.m. Janice Hooyer, Tim Kramer, Jodi Miller	Joe Grootenboer, Chris Kramer, Megan Kramer	Laurie Hooyer, Alison Pietens, Tristan Miller
	p.m. Mike Kramer, Eraina Grootenboer	Pat Nywening, Jamie Killoran	Martha Hooyer, Sara VanDerVliet
Coffee Clean Up	Shawn & Janice Hooyer, Keith & Jolanda Kramer	Tim & Megan Kramer, Bill & Christina Kloostra	Ernie & Betty Kramer, Brian & Brittany Hooyer
PowerPoint	Jen Devries	Natasha Kramer	Lexa Moelker
Sound am/pm	Shawn Hooyer	Dan Hooyer	Brian Hooyer
Projection am/pm	Chris Kramer	Sharon Pishl	Tim Kramer
Librarian	Julia VanDerEnde	Megan Kramer	Megan Kramer
Sunday School	Emily Wright, Paige Moelker	Erin Smids, Eraina Grootenboer	Erin Smids, Eraina Grootenboer
SK/Gr. 1	Jasper Smids, Lauren Wright	Megan Kramer, Sydney Goodreau	Megan Kramer, Sydney Goodreau
Gr. 2/3	Alisha Killoran	Rita Vriesema	Rita Vriesema
Gr. 4/5	Mike Kramer	Jamie Killoran	Jamie Killoran

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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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