
Welcome to
Dresden Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 26, 2017 10:00 A.M.

Rev. Phil Apoll

Welcome and blessings to Rev. Apoll who leads us in worship this morning.

** Please stand, if you are able*



Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;
the night is far gone, the day is near.
Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.
Come, let us worship God.

*Gathering Song - # **567 Here I Am to Worship**

*God Greets Us -

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

As we gather this morning as family, may the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all. **Amen!**

*Hymn of Praise - # **844 Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord**

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. (*Romans 5:8 - Hebrews 4:16*)
Let us admit our sins before God.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace,
we confess that we have elevated
the things of this world above you.
We have made idols of possessions and people
and used your name for causes
that are not consistent with you and your purposes.
We have permitted our schedules to come first

and have not taken the time to worship you.
We have not always honored those who guided us in life.
We have participated in systems
that take life instead of give it.
We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.
We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,
and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

**Forgive us, O God,
for the many ways we fall short of your glory.
Help us to learn to live together according to your ways
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

**By faith I have a wholehearted trust,
which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel,
that God has freely granted,
not only to others but to me also,
forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.
These are gifts of sheer grace,
granted solely by Christ's merit.**

Hymn of Gratitude - # 833 *There is a Redeemer*

Children's message – Megan Kramer

Morning Prayers of the People

Prayer for Illumination in unison:

**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!
Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Scripture- Romans 3:21-31, Romans 1:16,17

Message- The Power of God for Salvation

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response - # 770 *In Christ Alone*

Offering - **Diaconate** –helps our local deacons support those in need in our community

*Benediction

May God, who by his power raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
hold you in his love, surround you with his presence,
give you grace for every need, and present you whole and holy
in the day of Jesus Christ...and all God's children say **AMEN**

*Doxology - # 828 *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

** Please stand, if you are able*

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

This is the good news—
Christ was raised from the dead;
Our debt has been paid.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—
once we were no people;
now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace,
the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

*Gathering Hymn - # **695 And Can it Be**

*God Greet Us -

The Lord Your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.
—*Zephaniah 3:17, NIV*

*Song of Praise - # **2 O Worship the King**

Scripture Reading - Acts 16: 22-40

Video Session Four - The Philippian Jailer

Points to ponder this week:

The story found in Acts 16 is an amazing one. A hardened, pagan jailer who had seen violence and cruelty throughout his life sees and hears a 'colony of heaven' in his prison.

Who do you know that is the least likely candidate that needs to be set free from the bondage of this world?

In what ways does your life, -without saying a word but by what you do-lead someone to ask, "What can I do to be saved?"

In Roman culture, those who were important and valued were served by others; the Romans did NOT humble themselves to serve others.

In contrast to the Roman way, what are the hallmarks of a true follower of Jesus?

Let's read Matthew 20:26-28; Luke 22:24-27; 1 Peter 4:10

*Hymn of Application - **# 660 Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer**

Evening prayers of the people with requests

Offering - **Mwya & Munyiva Wa Kitavi** – missionaries

*We confess our faith

Brothers and sisters, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

My only comfort in life and in death is

that I am not my own,

but belong—

body and soul,

in life and in death—

to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,

and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way

that not a hair can fall from my head

without the will of my Father in heaven:

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,

Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

*The Sending

All glory to our great God,

for the gift of his Son,

light in darkness, and hope of the world,

whom he sent to save us.

As we enter this new week,

let us praise his name

and tell the earth his story,

that all may believe, rejoice, bow down and be baptised,

acknowledging God's unending love

through Jesus Christ, our Lord...and all God's people say **AMEN**

*Doxology - **# 262 I Love to Tell the Story**

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 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.

Upcoming Services

December 3

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – BARRY WRIGHT

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

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – *following our church family Christmas dinner*
LESSONS & CAROLS, CHILDREN'S STORY READING

Offering: **Wallaceburg Christian School** – provides biblically-based Christian education for students of elementary age

December 10

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – PETER HOYTEMA

Offering: **Student Ministry Fund** – provides financial aid for seminary students

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE (VIDEO SERIES BY REV. RAY VANDERLAAN)

Offering: **Dresden Food Bank** – provides food and other personal items for those in need

Church Calendar

This week

Nov. 28 TUESDAY 7:00 p.m. Cadets

Family Circle

Peter Poppe is back home after being in hospital a few days this week.

Last week we announced that **Pastor Andrew Zomerman** accepted our call to be our pastor. Please pray for him and his family as they make this transition.

New address for **Wendy and Doug Goodreau** is 15 Venture Crescent, Box 313, Dresden Ontario N0P 1M0, and phone 519-683-2825.

Refugee Committee update:

The Jenanian family is doing very well. They are very happy in St. Catharine's. Their home seems quite good and adequate. They attend the Eastern Orthodox Church there and have a large group of Armenian people/friends in the area. The boys attend young people/church school after Sunday service.

Talin was working at Kelsey's, but the work (eleven hours per day) proved to be too much for her. Her doctor said to take a week off to recover, and that she should seek other work. She was invited to work at Nersis's work place (Hamdani Textiles who sort used clothes for Good Will Industries). She feels this job is better than Kelsey's all things considered. Neither Nersis nor Talin "like" the job, but indicated that they will work there until they find a better alternative. They both are paid minimum wage which is sufficient to pay all costs of living with a little extra.

Nersis's English language skills have improved. Nersis is the "poster child" for quitting smoking at his place of work. He even threw away his "electronic cigarette". He says, "that's what Syria and Lebanon could not do-Canada has done."

The whole family is very happy there. Hovig has a new and pleasant attitude compared to when he was in Dresden. Their place of work and the boys' school are just a few blocks from where they live. The family has been financially self-sufficient since about July 2017. Some additional funds were donated to assist them in their move from Dresden.

The family sends sincere greetings to our church and the committee. They say, "Thank you, Thank you, Thank you", for helping them leave the war torn Middle East, and they are very proud and happy to live in Canada now.

A World Renew representative had a very nice interview with the family. WR will have an article about the Jenanians and their move and struggles and joys from Aleppo to end of 'year one' in Canada. This should be available probably in January on the WR website and Facebook pages.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Refugee Committee.

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.

Nicole Vriesema

Barry & Heather (Emily, Lauren, John) Wright

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."
1 John 5:14

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November 28 Bob Vriesema, **29** Joshua Pumfrey,

December 1 Jasper Smids, **2** Jacob Smids

Blessings to you as you celebrate your birthday this week!

Announcements

The **WORSHIP COMMITTEE** invites you to attend this evening's DVD presentation by Rev. Ray VanderLaan, through the '**That the World May Know**' series titled **A CLASH OF KINGDOMS**.

Last week we saw how the powers of darkness were overcome by the Power of God. This evening we will learn of a hardened prison guard who had seen and participated in great violence and cruelty to bring about the Pax Romana. But a late night

earthquake terrifies him, and he learns of an entirely different type of peace. Please join us tonight for session 4, The Philippian Jailer.

ADVENT COFFEE TIME - Please contact Anita Poppe if you would like to provide some treats for coffee time this Advent season. The dates are December 10, 17, and 24. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ **Annual Church Family Christmas Dinner**

Next Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

⇒ **Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**

Saturday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Sign up sheets for the above events are in the hall.

⇒ Dresden CRC families, we will be having family swims this winter so please mark these down on your calendars. They are free of charge and brought to you by the Rec Committee:

- Sunday January 7th 4-5:30pm Family Swim at the Wallaceburg District Pool
- Sunday February 25th 4-5:30pm Family Swim at the Wallaceburg District Pool

WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

God has blessed the Wallaceburg Christian School for 56 years. Our community takes pride in the three cord partnership of church, home and school as we raise up the next generation of young believers together. Recently, His refuge was present when one of our school buses was in an accident. We give God praise that He kept everyone safe, including the driver of the other vehicle. While our students remained safe and without serious harm, we cannot say the same about the bus. We look to God once again for His provisions as we begin a campaign to raise the funds for buses. Please pray about supporting our school monetarily so we can make this purchase possible. Praise and glory be given to the One from whom all good things come, Christ.

CHATHAM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Chatham Christian School (CCS) is looking for vibrant, energetic and qualified **supply teachers and support workers** (PSW/EA). CCS strives to provide Christ-centred learning for God's glory and we are looking for teachers and support workers who embody this vision. We have areas of need throughout our JK-12 school and in particular our high school subject areas. If you are interested in applying please contact Ken VanMinnen at kenvanminnen@chathamchristian.ca with your resume and statement of faith.

JOY TO THE WORLD; The **Chatham Kent Christian Men's Choir** invites the community to a concert in anticipation of the Christmas season at First Presbyterian Church, Wellington Street, Chatham, on Saturday, December 2, beginning with a carol singalong at 6:45. A free will offering will be used to support the BACKYARD MISSION, a joint mission project of First Presbyterian Church and First Christian Reformed Church. Scheduled groups include the CK Singers, Chuck Zuidema, Mercy (gospel trio from Lambton County), Willem Ligthart (local organist) and the First Presbyterian Church Praise Team.

In His Service

	November 26	December 3	December 10
Elder	Ernie Kramer	Greg Devries	Fred Smids
Deacon	Brian Devries	Brad Goodreau	Luke Van Der Vliet
Greeter(s)	Jamie & Alisha Killoran	Joe & Eraina Grootenboer	Luke & Sara VanderVliet
Musician(s)	a.m. Heather Wright	Anita Poppe	Worship band
	p.m. Martha Hooyer	Wendy Goodreau	Sarah Pumfrey
Children's Message	Megan Kramer	Megan Kramer	Mike Kramer
Mother of Month	Hedy Kramer	Sara VanderVliet	Sara VanderVliet
Nursery Cleaning	Alisha & Hedy	Brittany & Sara	Brittany & Sara
Nursery Caregivers	a.m. Sara VanderVliet, Laurie Hooyer, Tristan Miller	Audrey Poppe, Shawn Hooyer, Nicole Kramer	Erin Smids, Luke VanderVliet, Jamie Killoran
	p.m. Natasha Kramer, Brian Hooyer	Brittany Hooyer, Rachel Goodreau	Jodi Miller, Janice Hooyer
Coffee Clean Up	Doug & Wendy Goodreau, Joe & Eraina Grootenboer	Wayne & Martha, Greg & Jen Devries	Scott & Hedy Kramer, Brian Devries
PowerPoint	Marg Bruinsma	Jen Devries	Natasha Kramer
Sound am/pm	Brian Hooyer	Michael Pishl	Kees Poppe
Projection am/pm	Sharon Pishl	Tim Kramer	Preston Poppe
Librarian	Hedy Kramer	Julia VanderEnde	Julia VanderEnde
Sunday School Preschool	Alisha Killoran, Emma Goodreau	Alisha Killoran, Megan Devries	Emily Wright, Veronika Killoran
SK/Gr. 1	Jasper Smids, Lauren Wright	Jasper Smids, Lauren Wright	Julia VanderEnde, Kate Smids
Gr. 2/3	Joe Grootenboer	Joe Grootenboer	Hedy Kramer
Gr. 4/5	Mike Kramer	Mike Kramer	Tim Kramer

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Bulletin announcements:

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