



Welcome to
Dresden Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
December 10, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Peter Hoytema
* Please stand, if you are able

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

God, whom we gather to worship,
gave Jesus, born in Bethlehem,
as the fulfillment of the promise to his people,
the children of Abraham.
God even called persons of another tradition,
the Magi, to seek out Jesus and to worship him.
Yes, God, maker of heaven and earth,
so loved the world—and each person in it—
that he gave his only Son so that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have everlasting life.
Come, let us worship God.

*Gathering Hymn - # **88 - O Little Town of Bethlehem**

*God Greets Us

Grace, mercy and peace be yours in abundance
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

*Song of Praise - # **60 Hark the Glad Sound!**

Call to Confession

Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, "You must be born again."
What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes;
so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit,

who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness.
Let us confess our sin to God. —*based on John 3:6-8; 16:8, NRSV*
~*moment of silent confession*~

Song of Confession- **#614 Come You Disconsolate**

Assurance of Pardon

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Message – Mike Kramer

Morning Prayers of the People

Song of Illumination - **#56 - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Scripture reading - John 3:1-17

Message- "Born Again"

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application - **# 833 There is a Redeemer**

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

*Benediction

God of all times and places,
in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life.
Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit,
may joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Grace and peace to you
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father,
to whom be glory for ever and ever. AMEN

*Doxology - **#956 To God Be The Glory**

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

** Please stand, if you are able*

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*Call to Worship

We thank our God of Shalom for calling us
to belong to something so much bigger than ourselves.
We are so grateful for his church in all times and places.
We pray that all who come to worship today
may sense that the gospel of Christ
is so much bigger than this congregation.

In the name of Jesus we gather to worship!

*Gathering Hymn- # **529 Gather Us In**

*God Greet Us

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all,
just as we abound in love for you.
And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen
—1 Thessalonians 3:12-13, NRSV

*Song Of Praise - # **261 Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns**

Scripture reading - Acts 17:1-9

Video Session 5 - Confronting The Empire

Points to Ponder this week:

The peace of the gospel of Caesar came through violence and was preserved by fear. In contrast, how does the peace of God's Kingdom come? Let's read Colossians 1:19,20
Since the Fall of Mankind, the strong man has brought deceit, hatred, violence, domination and unrest. Paul instructed Jesus followers to live in stark contrast to what the Devil has wrought; a colony of heaven is to live in ways that demonstrate **shalom**.

Let's read the following passages in light of the peace that people long for:

In dealings with others - 1 Thess. 4:6

By loving each other - 1 Thess. 4:9

In work - 1 Thess. 4:11,12

Encourage one another, live in **Peace**, with **Patience**, showing **Goodness** towards everyone
- 1 Thess. 5:11-15

*Song of Application - # **256 They'll Know We Are Christians**

Evening Prayer of the People with requests

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

*We confess our faith

**In our world, where many journey alone, nameless in the bustling crowd,
Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may scatter and isolate;
but God, by his gracious choosing in Christ, gathers a new community—
those who by God's gift put their trust in Christ.**

In the new community all are welcome:

**the homeless come home, the broken find healing, the sinner makes a new start;
the despised are esteemed, the least are honored, and the last are first.**

Here the Spirit guides and grace abounds.

The church is the fellowship of those who confess Jesus as Lord.

**She is the bride of Christ, his chosen partner, loved by Jesus and loving him:
delighting in his presence, seeking him in prayer—
silent before the mystery of his love.**

Our new life in Christ is celebrated and nourished

in the fellowship of congregations, where we praise God's name,

hear the Word proclaimed, learn God's ways,

confess our sins, offer our prayers and gifts, and celebrate the sacraments.

—Our World Belongs to God, st. 34-36

*The Sending

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;

for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all;

hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.

With God's help we will.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

...and all God's people say **AMEN**

1 Thessalonians 5:13-24;

*Doxology- **Go Now in Peace**

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 17

10:00 A.M. **WORSHIP SERVICE – REV. JOHN HELLINGA**

Offering: **Operation Manna** -provides funding and consultation in support of local ministries

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

Offering: **Redeemer University/College** – provides a liberal arts & sciences university education and seeks to express Christ in the classroom, programs, services, and other facets of the university

December 24

10:00 A.M. **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Offering: **NeighbourLink** - is a Christian ministry that works with churches to help the poor in the community by providing financial capability, periodic transportation and other needs/necessities

December 25 *Christmas Day*

10:00 A.M. **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Offering: **World Renew** - helps those in poverty, hunger, disaster and injustice around the world

Church Calendar

This week

Dec. 12	TUESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Society Christmas Program
		7:00 p.m.	Cadets
Dec. 13	WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	GEMS
Dec. 14	THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting

Family Circle

ADDRESS FOR JEFF SMITH: Jeff's address at Teen Challenge is Teen Challenge c/o Jeff Smith, 1446 Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6B 0C1. Please consider sending cards and notes of encouragement to Jeff. Thanks to those who have already done so.

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.

Simon & Marg Bruinsma
Brian Devries

"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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December 10 Preston Smids, 12 Joyce Vanderwall, 12 Nicole Vriesema

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. Paul leaves Philippi and travels to Thessaloniki, a city where Caesar-worship is prominently on display. Join us as we see a colony of heaven challenge the Empire of Rome. This causes us to think- are we able to do the same in the 21st Century? Are we The Message?

LADIES SOCIETY is this Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. They will have their Christmas program. All ladies are invited to come!

VOUCHERS: If you would like vouchers for the new year please fill in the voucher form on the table at the back of the church or contact Hedy Kramer.

FINANCE would like the congregation to know that \$48,000 still needs to be collected to meet the 2017 budget. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ Free church family swims at the Wallaceburg District pool this winter:

- Sunday January 7, 4:00 - 5:30pm
- Sunday February 25, 4:00 - 5:30pm

CHATHAM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- Chatham Christian School (CCS) is looking for qualified and vibrant teachers at the high school level. CCS is a school that strives for a Christ-centred education for a life full of Christ-like service. In particular, the high school is looking for an **English teacher and a Biology teacher** to start in second semester (late January). If interested, please send your resume and

statement of faith to Ken VanMinnen at kenvanminnen@chathamchristian.ca by December 18th, 2017.

- Chatham Christian School (CCS) is seeking a qualified, energetic and reliable **administrative assistant**. This is a part-time position (40-50%), covering a maternity leave, starting January 8th, 2018. Some of the main responsibilities would be: school attendance, school records maintenance, answering the phones and greeting visitors. Preferences would be skills related to design tasks and a comfort with social media, as well. If you are interested in this position, then please forward your resume and statement of faith to Ken VanMinnen at kenvanminnen@chathamchristian.ca by December 15, 2017. Only those candidates who receive an interview will be contacted.
- 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.

In His Service

	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 25 Christmas Day	
Elder	Fred Smids	Ernie Kramer	Greg Devries	Greg Devries	
Deacon	Luke Van Der Vliet	Brian Devries	Brad Goodreau	Brad Goodreau	
Greeter(s)	Luke & Sara VanderVliet	Mike & Nicole Kramer	Brenda Goodreau, Jean Dupuis	Peter & Marianne VanderSpek	
Musician(s)	a.m.	Worship band	Brian & Brittany Hooyer	Pat Nywening	
	p.m.	Sarah Pumfrey	Martha Hooyer	---	
Children's Message	Mike Kramer	Mike Kramer	Rita Vriesema	---	
Mother of Month	Sara VanderVliet				
Nursery Cleaning	Brittany & Sara				
Nursery Caregivers	a.m.	Erin Smids, Luke VanderVliet, Jamie Killoran	Tim Kramer, Joe Grootenboer, Megan Kramer	Jasper Smids, Hedy Kramer, Keith Kramer	Brad VanderEnde, Chris Kramer, Alisha Killoran
	p.m.	Jodi Miller, Janice Hooyer	Scott Kramer, Eraina Grootenboer	---	---
Coffee Clean Up	Scott & Hedy Kramer, Brian Devries	Ed & Laurie Hooyer, Preston & Anita Poppe	Keith & Jolanda Kramer, Shawn & Janice Hooyer	---	
PowerPoint	Natasha Kramer	Marg Bruinsma	Jen Devires	Jen Devries	
Sound am/pm	Kees Poppe	Brian Hooyer	Brian Hooyer	Michael Pishl	
Projection am/pm	Preston Poppe	Brad VanderEnde	Chris Kramer	Sharon Pishl	
Librarian	Julia VanderEnde	Julia VanderEnde	Julia VanderEnde	---	
Sunday School Preschool	Emily Wright, Veronika Killoran	Emily Wright, Veronika Killoran	Erin Smids, Eraina Grootenboer	---	
SK/Gr.1	Julia VanderEnde, Kate Smids	Julia VanderEnde, Kate Smids	Megan Kramer, Ali Miller	---	
Gr. 2/3	Hedy Kramer	Hedy Kramer	Rita Vriesema	---	
Gr. 4/5	Tim Kramer	Tim Kramer	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.