



Welcome to  
*Dresden Christian Reformed Church*

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
December 17, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Rev. John Hellinga  
\* Please stand, if you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP
- \*Gathering Song: **LUYH 76: O, Come All Ye Faithful**
- \*Call to Worship:
- \*Silent Prayer
- \*Hymn of Response: **LUYH 884: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord**
- \*God's Greeting
- \*Song of Praise: **LUYH 93: Go Tell It on the Mountain**

GOD RECONCILES US TO HIMSELF

- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon
- God's Will For Us: Song of Dedication: **LUYH 688: How Vast the Benefits Divine**

CHILDREN'S TIME (children leave for Sunday School)

Prayers of God's people

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD.

- Hymn of illumination: **LUYH 762: Ancient Words**
- Scripture: Matthew 11:1-10
- Sermon: JOHN'S ADVENT QUESTION

WE RESPOND TO HIS WORD

- \*Hymn of response: **LUYH 92: Joy to the World**

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

GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

- \*Closing Hymn: **LUYH 946: Go My Children, with My Blessing**
- \*Benediction
- \*Doxology: **Blessed Be Your Name**

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## EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

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Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

**Jesus is our Savior!** He gave his life to rescue us.

**Jesus is our Shepherd!** He leads our lives and keeps us safe.

**Jesus is our Friend!** He listens to us; he shares our joys and our sadness.

**Jesus is our Prophet!** He speaks God's promises to us;  
he declares God's commands.

**Jesus is our Priest!** He pleads our cause daily.

**Jesus is our King!** He guards and keeps us in the freedom he won for us.

**Jesus is our Lord!** He protects us—in life and in death we belong to him.

**Jesus is our Life!** He conquered death for us.

Risen with him, we enjoy new life.

**Jesus is our Way!** He guides us to his kingdom.

**Jesus is our End!** Soon we will be with him,  
and we will worship him forever and ever.

As we prepare this week to celebrate Christmas,  
the birthday of Jesus,

we rejoice that Jesus came to save us,

and we look forward to the day

when we will join all who love him

and crown him Lord of all. Amen

\*Gathering Hymn - **#223 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

\*God Greets Us

God of glory,

your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem

into the darkness of human night.

Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world

so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice

and defenders of all for whom there is no room...and all God's children say **Amen**

\*Song of Praise - **#95 What Child is This?**

Scripture Reading - Matthew 2:1-18

Video - *The True Christmas Story: Herod the Great, Jesus the King*

Points to ponder this week:

Herod believed in himself; his kingdom was grand, mighty, powerful, and terrifying.

Think of dictators throughout history, who, for their own evil desires, were and are responsible for terror and murder the world over. Yet, they all rise to awful power and then fade away.

In contrast, Jesus the true King of Kings comes in humility and servitude.

Let's read Isaiah 40:24

What does this teach us about our own little 'kingdoms'?

Do we hurt or encourage those around us? Herod believed that he was great. Do we?

Do we puff ourselves up, or do we humbly live to serve God and our neighbour?

Herod will always be remembered for the 'slaughter of the innocents';

What will we be remembered for, pride or humility?

Who really holds all of history, has all power, is all knowing? Let's read Isaiah 9:6,7

\*Song of Response - # **88 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Evening Prayers of the People with requests

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

\*We confess our Faith and close in prayer:

Come and stand amazed, you people, see how God is reconciled!

See his plans of love accomplished, see his gift, this newborn child.

See the Mighty, weak and tender, see the Word who now is mute.

See the Sovereign without splendor, see the Fullness destitute;

the Beloved, whom we covet, in a state of low repute.

See how humankind received him; see him wrapped in swaddling bands,  
who as Lord of all creation rules the wind by his commands.

See him lying in a manger without sign of reasoning;

Word of God to flesh surrendered, he is wisdom's crown, our King.

See how tender our Defender at whose birth the angels sing.

**O Lord Jesus, God incarnate, who assumed this humble form,  
counsel me and let my wishes to your perfect will conform.  
Light of life, dispel my darkness, let your frailty strengthen me;  
let your meekness give me boldness, let your burden set me free;  
let your sadness give me gladness, let your death be life for me. AMEN**

\*Benediction

O God, you make us glad in the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ:

Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence

behold him when he comes to be our Judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen

\*Doxology - #**219 Jesus Shall Reign vs. 1,4,5**

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## 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 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

### December 31

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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

### January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

**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

## Family Circle

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.

**Charles & Jennie Devries**

**Greg & Jen (Megan, Eric) 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 18 Kelli Pumfrey, 19 Sara VanderVliet, 19 Raelynn VanderVliet

*Blessings to you as you celebrate your birthday this week!*

# Announcements

**VIDEO SERIES:** Tiny Bethlehem lay in the shadow of the Herodian, the magnificent home of Herod the Great. In this remarkable program, Ray Vander Laan leads a tour through the palace ruins, the modest dwellings of Bethlehem, and other historical sites in Israel. The contrast between the grandeur of Palestine's king and the humility of the King of Kings will astound you. It will cause us to reflect on the familiar Christmas story in a whole new light. Join us this evening for The True Christmas Story: Herod the Great, Jesus the King.

**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 \$24,000 still needs to be collected to meet the 2017 budget. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Thank you.



Also, finance is looking for someone to help with **snow removal**. Please contact Jasper if you're willing to help out. Thank you.

TOTAL COLLECTIONS		
1	Student Ministry	\$178.45
2	WCS	\$638.45
3	Back To God Hour Ministries	\$190.95
4	Home and World Missions	\$170.45
5	Other	398.13
6	Voucher	310
7	Teen Challenge	500
8	Dresden Food Bank	100
9	Chatham Christian School	100
10	WCS	100
11	Budget	24080
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,766.43</b>

## COUNCIL BRIEFS FOR MEETING HELD DEC. 14

- Opening devotions led by chairman on Matthew 20:20-28.
- Minutes of meeting held Nov. 9 read and approved.
- Correspondence: survey from classis chatham concerning church plants
- Classis will be held Feb. 3 in Good News CRC London. Delegates are Greg Devries and Brad Goodreau.
- CAP confidential counseling program: Our church has been involved with this program the last few years; the contract is being renewed for the coming year.
- Elders and deacons reported; followed by a time of prayer.
- Pastor Andrew Zomerman and his family will be moving to Dresden Jan. 25. We will have his installation Feb. 4. More details to follow.
- Worship committee: We will be continuing the video series 'That the World May Know' for January evening services; the last video being Feb. 4.
- Safe Church and disability concerns were discussed and being worked on.
- Finance committee reported we are still behind \$24,000 on our budget. Please consider giving to keep from having a deficit. New tables for hall have been bought as well as computer for secretary has been upgraded. Snow removal was discussed.
- Next meeting Jan. 18.
- Luke closed in prayer.

## 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

# In His Service

	<b>December 17</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>December 25 Christmas Day</b>	<b>December 31</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Ernie Kramer	Greg Devries	Greg Devries	Fred Smids
<b>Deacon</b>	Brian Devries	Brad Goodreau	Brad Goodreau	Luke Van Der Vliet
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Mike & Nicole Kramer	Brenda Goodreau, Jean Dupuis	Peter & Marianne VanderSpek	Fred & Joanie Smids
<b>Musician(s)</b>	<b>a.m.</b> Brian & Brittany Hooyer	Heather Wright	Pat Nywening	Wendy Goodreau
	<b>p.m.</b> Martha Hooyer	---	---	---
<b>Children's Message</b>	Mike Kramer	Rita Vriesema	---	Rita Vriesema
<b>Mother of Month</b>	Sara VanderVliet			
<b>Nursery Cleaning</b>	Brittany & Sara			
<b>Nursery Caregivers</b>	<b>a.m.</b> Tim Kramer, Joe Grootenboer, Megan Kramer	Jasper Smids, Hedy Kramer, Keith Kramer	Brad VanderEnde, Chris Kramer, Alisha Killoran	Bethany Hooyer, Betty Kramer, Sara Vandervliet
	<b>p.m.</b> Scott Kramer, Eraina Grootenboer	---	---	---
<b>Coffee Clean Up</b>	Ed & Laurie Hooyer, Preston & Anita Poppe	Keith & Jolanda Kramer, Shawn & Janice Hooyer	---	Bill & Christina Kloostra, Tim & Megan Kramer
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Marg Bruinsma	Jen Devries	Jen Devries	Natasha Kramer
<b>Sound am/pm</b>	Brian Hooyer	Brian Hooyer	Michael Pishl	Shawn Hooyer
<b>Projection am/pm</b>	Brad VanderEnde	Chris Kramer	Sharon Pishl	Tim Kramer
<b>Librarian</b>	Julia VanderEnde	Julia VanderEnde	---	
<b>Sunday School Preschool</b>	Emily Wright, Veronika Killoran	Erin Smids, Eraina Grootenboer	---	Erin Smids, Eraina Grootenboer
<b>SK/Gr.1</b>	Julia VanderEnde, Kate Smids	Megan Kramer, Ali Miller	---	Megan Kramer, Ali Miller
<b>Gr. 2/3</b>	Hedy Kramer	Rita Vriesema	---	Rita Vriesema
<b>Gr. 4/5</b>	Tim Kramer	Jamie Killoran	---	Jamie Killoran

## Contact Info

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### Bulletin announcements:

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