



Welcome to
Dresden Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
December 24, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Josh Tuininga
* Please stand, if you are able

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Lift up your hearts in prayer:
lift up your voices in praise.
Let your eyes rise in expectation
and your hands in exultation,
for the Lord has drawn near
and dwells among us.

We lift them up. Amen!

*Gathering Song - # ***Sing Unto the Lord a New Song***
Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Christmas Version)

*God Greet Us:

Grace to you and peace from him who is
and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

*Hymn of Praise - # ***868 That's Why We Praise Him***

Call to Confession:

We celebrate that Jesus, our Lord,
came to earth as a human, just like us but without sin.
He came so that we who sin may be freed from sin.
With the peace that comes from knowing Jesus came,
let us confess our sins and be forgiven.

Prayer of Confession in unison:

**O God, in the beginning you spoke,
and creation was born, the object of your loving care.
In the fullness of time you spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love.
We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love.
This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.
We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

To all who did receive him,
to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God. **Alleluia!**

Song of Thanksgiving - # **O Come All Ye Faithful**

Children's Message – Rita Vriesema

Morning Prayers of the People

Prayer for Illumination in unison:

**Mighty God,
the shepherds of old were full of your praises,
saying that all they had heard and seen
was mirrored by what they had been told.
Move among us now with your Holy Spirit,
that we too might hear and experience
the wonder and joy of the living Word
as we seek to welcome the written Word into our lives.
In Jesus' name, Amen**

Scripture - John 1:1-18

Message - Flesh

Prayer for Application

*Song of Application - # **775 Across the Lands**

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

*Benediction:

Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst.
May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace.

O Lord, give us peace.

Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary.
May his birth among us renew your hope.

O Lord, give us hope.

Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.

O Lord, give us joy.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forevermore. **Amen**

*Doxology - # **84 Glory to God**

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 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

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. *Much love, Sharon and Michael*

Let's support one another. Each week two 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

Joanne Devries
Jean Dupuis

"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 25 Kees Poppe, **30** Thysje Kramer

Blessings to you as you celebrate your birthday this week!

Announcements

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.


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

YOUNG ADULTS! Join other wonderful folks aged 18-30ish from across Ontario for the 2018 installment of the Young Adult Winter Retreat on January 26-28th, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock! This year, we will focus on the theme "Culture" & how we're to represent Christ to our neighbours around us, with Pastor Mike Collins from Providence CRC as our speaker. It will be a weekend full of spiritual encouragement, faith-based discussions, service, workshops, worship, fellowship, and funtivities! Be sure to register by January 11th to

receive the Early Bird rate of just \$60 for the entire weekend (after that it goes up to \$70). For more info and to register, visit our Facebook page "Young Adult Winter Retreat" or email ya.retreat.team@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!!


May the
POWER OF GOD
OF HOPE fill
you with all
JOY AND PEACE
if you trust in him
so that you may overflow
with hope by the
POWER OF
THE HOLY
SPIRIT.
ROMANS 15:13

In His Service

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

Contact Info

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Bulletin announcements:

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