

Welcome to  
*Dresden Christian Reformed Church*

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

December 31, 2017 10:00 a.m. Mr. David VanEyk

*\* Please stand, if you are able*

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Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world

**that we might be holy and blameless before God.**

—*from Ephesians 1:3-4*

\*Gathering Hymn - # **604 To God Be the Glory**

God Greets Us

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

*Eph. 1:2 NIV*

\*Song of Praise - # **610 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Call to Confession

God's Word assures us:

If we say that we have no sin,

we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins,

he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

—*based on 1 John 1:8-9, NRSV*

~ **moment of silent confession** ~

Assurance of Pardon

Through the blood of Christ Jesus, our Lord,

we have redemption, forgiveness of sins.

The riches of God's grace have been poured out upon us.

**Praise be to our God,**

who has chosen and made us his own.

**Praise be to our God,**

who forgives and cleanses us.

**Praise be to our God,**

who blesses us beyond our imagination!

\*Song of Assurance - # **691 Amazing Grace**

Children's Message – Rita Vriesema

Morning Prayers of the People

Prayer for Illumination in unison:

**Holy Spirit,  
pour out upon us  
wisdom and understanding,  
that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture,  
our hearts and minds may be opened to receive  
all that leads to life and holiness.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

Scripture reading - Ephesians 1

Message - Our Future

Prayer of Application

Song of Application - # **688 How Vast the Benefits Divine**

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

*Our Church Family 2017 - a pictorial review; a slideshow*

\*We confess our faith -

People of God, what do you believe?  
**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*

\*Sending and Benediction

As you leave the sanctuary today,

facing the end of one year and the beginning of the next,  
may you know the hope to which God has called you,  
experience the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,  
and trust his incomparably great power for us who believe.  
And may the grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
and the Holy Spirit keep you  
Now and forevermore...and all God's people say **Amen**

\*Doxology - # **348 Great is Thy Faithfulness**

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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*

### **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

### **January 7**

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

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

**6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – VIDEO SERIES**

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

### **January 14**

**10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – REV. HOOGLAND**

**Offering: Classical Youth Ministries** - focuses on "assisting local churches of Classis in the development, growth and renewal of their youth ministries"

**6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – VIDEO SERIES**

**Offering: Disability Concerns**-helps to nurture people with disabilities so that they can become professing and active members

## 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.

**Brad & Rachel (Sydney, Emma, Madeline, James) Goodreau  
Brenda Goodreau**

*"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

**h a p p y b i r t h d a y**

**Dec. 31** Joash Grootenboer,

**Jan. 4** Tim Kramer, **4** Rebecca Poppe, **5** Charles Devries

*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.

### 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](mailto:ya.retreat.team@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!!

**THANK YOU!** We give thanks for you, the members of Dresden CRC for supporting the work of Diaconal Ministries Canada, through the Operation Manna Program. Your church has graciously provided \$253.25 in Operation Manna support for the 2017 calendar year. This money helps Operation Manna staff walk with creative and exciting small ministries in local communities across Canada, to give them support, guidance, and counsel; as well as grant money.

This support helps ministries to share the love of Christ and transform their communities with His love. By giving to Operation Manna, your church has been a big part of this: a real change in the lives of real people across Canada who have so much to give but who find themselves in circumstances of need.

They are so blessed by your gift; THANK-YOU for your part in this ministry!

*In Christ, Diaconal Ministries Canada staff.*

December 2017

## *In His Service*

|                                    | <b>December 31</b>                            | <b>January 1<br/>New Year's Day</b>            | <b>January 7</b>                                | <b>January 14</b>                             |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Elder</b>                       | Fred Smids                                    | Fred Smids                                     | Ernie Kramer                                    | Greg Devries                                  |
| <b>Deacon</b>                      | Luke Van Der Vliet                            | Luke Van Der Vliet                             | Brian Devries                                   | Brad Goodreau                                 |
| <b>Greeter(s)</b>                  | Fred & Joanie Smids                           | Ernie & Betty Kramer                           | Bill & Christina Kloostra                       | Wayne & Martha Hooyer                         |
| <b>Musician(s)</b>                 | <b>a.m.</b>                                   | Wendy Goodreau                                 | Heather Wright                                  | Pat Nywening                                  |
|                                    | <b>p.m.</b>                                   | ---  | ---   | Pat Nywening                                  |
| <b>Children's Message</b>          | Rita Vriesema                                 | ---  |   |   |
| <b>Mother of Month</b>             | Sara VanderVliet                              | Eraina Grootenboer                             |   |   |
| <b>Nursery Cleaning</b>            | Brittany & Sara                               | Rachel & Erin                                  |   |   |
| <b>Nursery Caregivers</b>          | <b>a.m.</b>                                   | Bethany Hooyer, Betty Kramer, Sara Vandervliet | Sara Vandervliet, Laurie Hooyer, Tristan Miller | Audrey Poppe, Shawn Hooyer, Nicole Kramer     |
|                                    | <b>p.m.</b>                                   | ---  | ---   | Pat Nywening, Brian Hooyer                    |
| <b>Coffee Clean Up</b>             | Bill & Christina Kloostra, Tim & Megan Kramer | ---  | Ernie & Betty Kramer, Brian & Brittany Hooyer   | Albert & Martha Luth, Clarence & Pat Nywening |
| <b>PowerPoint</b>                  | Jen Devries                                   | Jen Devries                                    | Marg Bruinsma                                   | Natasha Kramer                                |
| <b>Sound am/pm</b>                 | Shawn Hooyer                                  | Kees Poppe                                     | Brian Hooyer                                    | Brian Hooyer                                  |
| <b>Projection am/pm</b>            | Tim Kramer                                    | Preston Poppe                                  | Brad VanderEnde                                 | Chris Kramer                                  |
| <b>Librarian</b>                   | Julia VanderEnde                              | ---  | Joanne Devries                                  | Joanne Devries                                |
| <b>Sunday School<br/>Preschool</b> | Erin Smids, Eraina Grootenboer                | ---  | Alisha Killoran, Emma Goodreau                  | Alisha Killoran, Megan Devries                |
| <b>SK/Gr.1</b>                     | Megan Kramer, Ali Miller                      | ---  | Jasper Smids, Lauren Wright                     | Jasper Smids, Lauren Wright                   |
| <b>Gr. 2/3</b>                     | Rita Vriesema                                 | ---  | Joe Grootenboer                                 | Joe Grootenboer                               |
| <b>Gr. 4/5</b>                     | Jamie Killoran                                | ---  | Mike Kramer                                     | Mike Kramer                                   |

## *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.