



Welcome to
DRESDEN

Christian Reformed Church

Advent Series:
THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 2, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE | 10:00 A.M. | REV. ANDREW ZOMERMAN

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Welcome

*Call to Worship —Isaiah 49:13

P: Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth;
burst into song, you mountains!

**C: For the Lord comforts his people and will
have compassion on his afflicted ones.**

*Silent Prayer *LUYH 896*

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

*Affirmation of Faith and God's Greeting

Leader: Congregation, from where does our
help come?

**Congregation: Our help comes from the Lord,
the Creator of heaven and earth.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And the Lord be with you.

L: As we enter this season of Advent, 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.

C: Amen!

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S MERCY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Pastor: Arise, shine: for your light has come.

**Congregation: O God, we live as if the light had
never defeated the darkness in the world or in
us.**

P: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**C: We confess that we ignore the Christ you
sent to be among us, to be in us.**

P: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord
will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen
upon you.

**C: We've kept the birth of your Son confined
to the Christmas season and do not yearn for
his birth each moment in our waiting hearts.**

P: And nations shall come to your light, and
kings to the brightness of your rising.

**C: Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time.
Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your
coming. It's time that we prepare for your
coming. Let the earth ring with song. Let the
light break forth. Let us all rejoice in the mira-
cle of love. Let Christ come into the fullness of
our time. Amen**

*Sing *LUYH 103 v.1*

Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come

Assurance of Pardon

Advent Reading

LUYH 98 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
(candle is lit during the singing of the song)

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD

Children's message: Pastor Andrew
Congregational Prayer
Scripture: 1 John 1:1-4
Sermon: The Word of Life
Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Song of Response **LUYH 93**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Offertory Prayer

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

GOD BLESSES US FOR SERVICE

Parting Song: **LUYH 95 What Child Is This**

Benediction

Doxology: **LUYH 105**

As with Gladness Men of Old

TO OUR VISITORS

We would like 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 Pastor Andrew or 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.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE | 5:00 P.M. | REV. ANDREW ZOMERMAN

**Please stand, if you are able*

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Welcome

Gathering Songs:

76 O Come All Ye Faithful

19 For the Beauty of the Earth

*Call to Worship: — *Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6*

P: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**C: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
The great king over all the earth.**

P: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**C: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing
praises to our King, sing praises.**

*Silent Prayer – concluded with singing

683 How Great Is the Love of the Father

*God's Greeting

*Opening Song of Praise: **551:1,4,5**

All Creatures of Our God and King

(Children dismissed for puppet ministry.)

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 19

Sermon: JUDGMENT AND COMFORT

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

*Hymn of Response: **695 And Can It Be**

Question and Answer period

Congregational Prayer

Thank Offering: Wallaceburg Christian School

— *provides biblically-based Christian education
for students of elementary age*

*Sung Confession of Faith:

772 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

GOD BLESSES US FOR SERVICE

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song: **427 How Firm a Foundation**

Postlude

UPCOMING SERVICES

DECEMBER 9

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

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

5:00 P.M. BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – REV. ANDREW ZOMERMAN

Offering: **Dresden Food Bank** – provides food and other personal items for those in need
(Children's Puppet Ministry during service)

DECEMBER 16

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – REV. ANDREW ZOMERMAN

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

There is no evening service, but at 5:00 p.m. you are invited to come Christmas carolling in Dresden. We will open in prayer here at the church prior to carolling. See Announcements.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Dec. 4	TUESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Society
		7:00 p.m.	Cadets
Dec. 5	WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	GEMS
Dec. 6	THURSDAY	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting

FAMILY CIRCLE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Yesterday, Dec. 1 Yvonne Hyde,
2 Jacob Smids,
7 Alisha Killoran,
8 Lenn Zomerma

Blessings to you as you celebrate your birthday this week!

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:

Richard & Michelle VanGorkum

Bob & Rita Vriesema

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

1 Timothy 2:1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR ADVENT SERIES begins today and is titled *The Carols of Christmas*. The litany read during the lighting of the advent candles and the message given, reflect the theology found in the familiar carols. This series also uses a repeated confession and song. It is the Worship Committee's prayer that our congregation will be greatly blessed during this season of waiting for our wonderful Saviour's birth.

THANK YOU DINNER

Today after the morning service the congregation is invited to Jean Dupuis' "Thank" Luncheon. She would like to share a meal with everyone in gratitude for supporting her in completing high school and college. She is also so grateful for all the prayers and kindness shown to her and her family while Christa was ill. Please stay and enjoy a meal!

Hey Kids, don't forget your Tuck Bucks tonight!

BLUE CHRISTMAS: Our PM service on **Sunday, Dec. 9** will be what is called a 'Blue Christmas' service... "Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright." Many of us stand in our sanctuaries singing this hymn by candlelight, basking in the glow of Christmas joy and wonder. We look forward to exuberantly proclaiming "Joy to the world! The Lord is come" while trumpets blare, repeating the sounding joy. But for so many, it is neither calm nor bright, and there seems to be very little joy in the world. Christmas can be a dark time in which grief is more profound, loss seems keenly more painful, and an overwhelming sadness that seems out of place in the tinsel and lights threatens to swallow us up. During the season of Advent, we do acknowledge a longing for what is yet to come. We recognize the wait and the pain involved in the "not yet." But we always do so in the context of Christmas promise and with an eye on the birth of Christ as fulfillment and joy. Please join us as we reflect on the sorrow in our world in light of the promise of our dear Saviour's birth.

FROM FINANCE: We are thankful for all the giving in the past month; we have raised half the money we need. However, please prayerfully consider what you can give as we still need to raise another 28 thousand before the end of December.

LADIES SOCIETY meets **Dec 4, 9:30 a.m.** Martha Luth has the lesson. Christina Kloostra has the free topic.

FINANCE NUMBERS FROM OCTOBER

28,328.00	Budget
310.00	World Renew
35.00	World Renew (Sunday School)
300.00	Kitchen Committee
50.00	Home & World Missions
1400.00	Canadian Food Grains Bank
432.35	WCS
300.00	GEMS
640.00	Vouchers
216.20	Redeemer
369.25	Back to God Hour

LOST: Pastor Andrew is missing a small ball (golf ball size) that makes a chiming sound. It's possible one of the kids could've brought it home. If you could keep an eye out for it that'd be great! Thanks.

You are invited to join us at our **ANNUAL VENDOR SALE** at the Wallaceburg Christian School on Friday, **December 7 between 6 and 9 p.m.** Entry fee is \$2, and you will receive a dessert and beverage to enjoy. There will be a bake sale, vendors, craft tables, and a silent auction. Look forward to seeing you there!

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING IN DRESDEN:



Dec 16th at 5pm, we will gather at the Church, open in prayer and go forth to carol together in Dresden. Dress warm, bring jingle bells and bring friends (especially friends who love singing and/or are bursting with Christmas spirit). We will have song sheets ready and at the end of a circuit of the church neighbourhood (including Park St. Place and Green Acres) we will bundle into the fellowship hall for warming up and hot chocolate. This event is in place of our evening service.

BULLETIN / ADMIN. ASSISTANT POSITION:

Janice has expressed the desire to take some time off from her duties. Therefore council is asking if anyone in the congregation is willing to fill this position. The position requires 5-10 hours of time per week and includes producing the weekly

bulletin as well as managing the church email account and supporting the pastor in an admin assistant capacity. The term of this position will last two years and will be reviewed at that time. Some of this work can be completed from home while some work will be completed from the church of-

ficie. Janice is willing to train the successful applicant to learn all of the required tasks. Interested parties can contact Greg Devries at 519-360-0776 or at greg@cedarline.ca. Please express your interest by November 30th.

IN HIS SERVICE

	December 2	December 9	December 16
Elder	Wayne Hooyer	Ernie Kramer	Greg Devries
Deacon	Preston Poppe	Brian Devries	Brad Goodreau
Greeter(s)	Doug & Wendy Goodreau	Joanne Devries	Greg & Jen Devries
Children's Message	Pastor Andrew	Heather Wright	Heather Wright
Musician(s)	a.m. Anita Poppe	Heather Wright	Pat Nywening
	p.m. Martha Hooyer	Sarah Pumfrey	---
Mother of the Month	Lindsay Kramer		
Nursery Cleaning	Julia & Natasha		
Nursery Caregivers	a.m. Chris Kramer, Brittany Hooyer, Luke Van Der Vliet	Alisha Killoran, Brian Hooyer, Erin Smids	Glenn Hooyer, Hedy Kramer, Brian Hooyer
	p.m. Audrey Poppe, Joe Grootenboer	Lindsay Kramer, Scott Kramer	---
Coffee Clean Up	Pete & Marianne VanderSpek, Brad & Julia VanderEnde	Jasper & Erin Smids, Tristan & Jodi Miller	Barry & Heather Wright, Chris & Natasha Kramer
PowerPoint	Marg Bruinsma	Jen Devries	Natasha Kramer
Sound am/pm	Brian Hooyer	John Wright	Kees Poppe
Projection am/pm	Preston Poppe	Brad VanderEnde	Chris Kramer
Librarian	Julia VanderEnde	Julia VanderEnde	Julia VanderEnde
Sunday School Preschool	Eraina Grootenboer, Lauren Wright	Eraina Grootenboer, Lauren Wright	Audrey Poppe, Alijah Miller
SK/Gr.1	Megan Kramer, Emma Goodreau	Megan Kramer, Emma Goodreau	Jasper Smids, Veronika Killoran
Gr. 2/3	Hedy Kramer	Hedy Kramer	Pat Nywening
Gr. 4/5	Ingrid Zomerman	Ingrid Zomerman	Rita Vriesema
Gr. 6-8	Joe Grootenboer	Joe Grootenboer	Brad Goodreau

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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