



Welcome to  
**DRESDEN**

Christian Reformed Church

*Advent Series:*  
**THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS**

**DECEMBER 9, 2018**

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

Welcome and announcements

\*Call to Worship:

Leader - Sing to the Lord all the earth proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations His marvelous deeds among all peoples. Splendor and majesty are before Him strength and joy are in His dwelling place.

**People - Ascribe to the Lord all you families of the nations ascribe to the Lord the glory and strength**

L - Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name bring an offering and come before Him.

**P - Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad let them say among the nations "The Lord reigns!"**

L - Let the sea resound and all that is in it

**P - let the fields be jubilant and everything in them.**

L - Let the trees of the forest sing; let them sing for joy before the Lord for He comes to judge the earth.

**P - Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good His love endures forever.**

\**LUYH 581 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

\*God's Greeting

\*We Sing: *LUYH 60 Hark the Glad Sound*

Call to Confession:

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

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

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

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

L: 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.

**P: 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.**

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

**P: 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 miracle of love. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen**

\*We Sing *LUYH 103 Arise Shine vs 1&2*

Advent Reading: Joy to the World

We Sing *LUYH 92 Joy to the World*

Children's Message: Heather Wright  
Congregational Prayer  
Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture: Psalm 98  
Sermon: Joy to the World  
Prayer of Application  
We Respond  
\*We Sing: **LUYH 90 How Great Our Joy**

Offertory Prayer  
Offering: Student Ministry Fund  
—provides financial aid for seminary students  
\*We Sing:  
**LUYH 98 Good Christian Friends Rejoice**  
\*Blessing: Isaiah 35  
\*Doxology: **LUYH 590 Oh for a Thousand  
Tongues to Sing vs. 1&8**

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## 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.

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

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*\*Please stand, if you are able*

Prelude  
Call to worship: —based on Psalm 130:5-7  
Introductory Words  
\***LUYH #59 Comfort, Comfort Now My People**  
God's Greeting: *(be seated)*  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
Stand to Sing: **"O Come O Come Emmanuel" vs  
1,2 (no refrain)**  
*(Children can leave for puppet ministry)*  
Ministry of the Word  
Reading: Psalm 142  
Spoken Prayers  
Picture Slideshow  
Offering: **Dresden Food Bank** — provides food  
and other personal items for those in need  
Words of Grace: Isaiah 40, Matthew 11  
**O Come O Come Emmanuel vs 3,4 (no refrain)**  
Silent Prayer with Stations

During this time you may visit one of the two stations or pray quietly in your seat.

1. Candles: Light a candle in remembrance of a loved one, in solidarity with someone who is hurting, or as a representation of your own need and prayer.

2. Manger: The manger held a vulnerable infant, God incarnate; it can hold any prayer you have. Write your prayers on strips of paper and place them in the bowl beneath the manger.

\***O Come O Come Emmanuel vs 5,6 no refrain**

Reading: "First Coming"

Song: **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs 7 with  
refrain**

Closing Prayer

Parting Blessing

\*Closing song:

**LUYH #56 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

### 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.**

## DECEMBER 23

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

**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 – REV. ANDREW ZOMERMAN

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Dec. 11	TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Cadets
Dec. 12	WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	GEMS

## FAMILY CIRCLE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 10 Preston Smids, 12 Joyce Vanderwall, 12 Nicole Vriesema, 15 Asher Leask

*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:

**Ruby Williams**

**Barry & Heather (Emily, Lauren, John) Wright**

*"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

**BLUE CHRISTMAS:** Our PM service tonight 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.

- Also, we are asking all committees to give their **budget request** to finance before the end of the year.

### 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 office. Janice is willing to do some training with 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](mailto:greg@cedarline.ca).

## IN HIS SERVICE

		<b>December 9</b>	<b>December 16</b>	<b>December 23</b>
<b>Elder</b>		Ernie Kramer	Greg Devries	Wayne Hooyer
<b>Deacon</b>		Brian Devries	Brad Goodreau	Preston Poppe
<b>Greeter(s)</b>		Joanne Devries	Greg & Jen Devries	Simon & Marg Bruinsma
<b>Children's Message</b>		Heather Wright	Heather Wright	Megan Kramer
<b>Musician(s)</b>	a.m.	Heather Wright	Pat Nywening	Worship Band
	p.m.	Sarah Pumfrey	---	---
<b>Mother of the Month</b>		Lindsay Kramer		
<b>Nursery Cleaning</b>		Julia & Natasha		
<b>Nursery Caregivers</b>	a.m.	Alisha Killoran, Brian Hooyer, Erin Smids	Glenn Hooyer, Hedy Kramer, Natasha Kramer	Brittany Hooyer, Laurie Hooyer, Rachel Goodreau
	p.m.	Lindsay Kramer, Scott Kramer	---	---
<b>Coffee Clean Up</b>		Jasper & Erin Smids, Tristan & Jodi Miller	Barry & Heather Wright, Chris & Natasha Kramer	Simon & Marg Bruinsma, Brad & Rachel Goodreau
<b>PowerPoint</b>		Jen Devries	Natasha Kramer	Marg Bruinsma
<b>Sound am/pm</b>		John Wright	Kees Poppe	Shawn Hooyer
<b>Projection am/pm</b>		Brad VanderEnde	Chris Kramer	Sharon Pishl
<b>Librarian</b>		Julia VanderEnde	Julia VanderEnde	Julia VanderEnde
<b>Sunday School Preschool</b>		Eraina Grootenboer	Audrey Poppe	Audrey Poppe
		Lauren Wright	Alijah Miller	Alijah Miller
<b>SK/Gr.1</b>		Megan Kramer Emma Goodreau	Jasper Smids Veronika Killoran	Jasper Smids Veronika Killoran
<b>Gr. 2/3</b>		Hedy Kramer	Pat Nywening	Pat Nywening
<b>Gr. 4/5</b>		Ingrid Zomerman	Rita Vriesema	Rita Vriesema
<b>Gr. 6-8</b>		Joe Grootenboer	Brad Goodreau	Brad Goodreau

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