



Welcome to
DRESDEN

Christian Reformed Church

Advent Series:
THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 16, 2018

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

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Welcome

*Call to Worship in Song: *I Will Exalt #137 LUYH*

*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!

*Song of the Prophets: *#53 vs 1 and 18 LUYH*

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

*Sing: *LUYH #103 - Arise, Shine, for Your Light Is Come v.1,2,3*

Assurance of Pardon

Advent Reading

*Song: *O Come All Ye Faithful #76 LUYH*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD

Children's Message: Heather Wright

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4

Sermon: Hearing the Message

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

*Song of Application:

LUYH #532 Be Still, For the Presence

Offertory Prayer

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

GOD BLESSES US FOR SERVICE

Parting Song:

Blessed Be the God of Israel #67 LUYH

Benediction

Doxology:

Of The Fathers Love Begotten #78 vs 3,4,5



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.

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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

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

DECEMBER 30

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – REV. JOSH TUININGA

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

DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

5:00 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – REV. ANDREW ZOMERMAN

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

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Dec. 18	TUESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Society
		7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Cadets
Dec. 19	WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	GEMS

FAMILY CIRCLE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 18 Kelli Pumfrey, 19 Sara Van Der Vliet and Raelynn Van Der Vliet
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. 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

*Pastor Andrew & Ingrid (Jeramiah, Adriaan, Lenn) Zomerman
Bill Armstrong*

*"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

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING IN DRESDEN:

TODAY at 5:00 p.m., we will gather here 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.

LADIES SOCIETY: Our Christmas sharing meeting will be held Dec. 18 at 9:30 AM at the church. Bring your stories, poems, goodies and friends. All are welcome!

CALLING ALL MEN, are you interested in getting together with other men to study God's Word? We are looking at starting up a men's bible study group that will meet probably weekly in the new year. We are currently looking at Monday night at

7:30. If this is something that interests you please let either Bill Armstrong or Pastor Andrew know.

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.

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.

FROM THE DEACONS

Friendship Group Canada	\$106.00
Shalom - CAP Program	\$76.85
Right to Life	\$269.50
Diaconate	\$371.40
Dresden Food Bank	\$137.85
World Renew	\$314.45
World Renew - Uzima	
Gift Catalog	\$12.50

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS for Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018

1. Chairman Greg welcomed all council and led in devotions based on Ephesians 4 vs.1-8 and read from chapter #3 of the Elders Handbook titled "Some Thoughts on "Office".
2. The agenda was approved as amended.
3. The minutes from the November 1, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.
4. Matters arising and correspondence were reviewed and discussed.
5. The office administration position, youth ministry and the November combined council and care team meeting were discussed.
6. The Pastor's report was read and discussed.
 - A requested pulpit exchange with Pastor Josh from Wallaceburg for Sunday morning December 30, 2018 was approved.
 - An invitation for Pastor Andrew and Ingrid to attend the "All-Ontario Pastors and Spouses Retreat" on May 7-9 at the Muskoka Bible Center in Huntsville was approved.
7. Elders and deacons reports were heard.
8. Classis: An Ad Hoc meeting was held Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing a potential new chaplain for Fanshawe College. Delegates were Elder Ernie Kramer and Deacons Preston Poppe and Brian Devries
9. The Regular scheduled meeting for Classis is on Saturday, February 2, 2019. Delegates are Pastor Andrew Zomerman, Elder Wayne Hooyer and Deacon Preston Poppe
10. Council approved a motion to leave the Sunday evening worship services at 5:00 p.m.
11. Committee Reports and Minutes, Youth Ministry, and the Dresden Ministerial Minutes, were read and discussed.

12. The upcoming Annual Meeting was discussed and the date was set for Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
13. Councils next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
14. Deacon Brad Goodreau closed in prayer.

NEIGHBOURLINK

Do you have some time on your hands? If you're not doing so already, why not serve God by serving His people? You can do this at NeighbourLink where no prior experience is necessary. You might be surprised at who's already doing it and just how effective you could be. For more information, contact the NeighbourLink office at 519-352-5647 any weekday and ask to speak with Al. If you would like to fill out a volunteer application/survey, go to www.neighbourlinkck.com, click on the "Get Involved" tab and scroll down to find the link. Thank you in advance and God bless.

IN HIS SERVICE

		December 16	December 23	December 25 Christmas Day
Elder		Greg Devries	Wayne Hooyer	Wayne Hooyer
Deacon		Brad Goodreau	Preston Poppe	Preston Poppe
Greeter(s)		Greg & Jen Devries	Simon & Marg Bruinsma	Bob & Rita Vriesema
Children's Message		Heather Wright	Megan Kramer	---
Musician(s)	a.m.	Pat Nywening	Worship Band	Pat Nywening
	p.m.	---	---	---
Mother of the Month		Lindsay Kramer		
Nursery Cleaning		Julia & Natasha		
Nursery Caregivers	a.m.	Glenn Hooyer, Hedy Kramer, Natasha Kramer	Brittany Hooyer, Laurie Hooyer, Rachel Goodreau	
	p.m.	---	---	---
Coffee Clean Up		Barry & Heather Wright, Chris & Natasha Kramer	Simon & Marg Bruinsma, Brad & Rachel Goodreau	Luke & Sara VanDerVliet, Mike & Nicole Kramer
PowerPoint		Natasha Kramer	Marg Bruinsma	Marg Bruinsma
Sound am/pm		Kees Poppe	Shawn Hooyer	Brian Hooyer
Projection am/pm		Chris Kramer	Sharon Pishl	Tim Kramer
Librarian		Julia VanderEnde	Julia VanderEnde	---
Sunday School Preschool		Audrey Poppe	Audrey Poppe	---
		Alijah Miller	Alijah Miller	---
SK/Gr.1		Jasper Smids Veronika Killoran	Jasper Smids Veronika Killoran	---
Gr. 2/3		Pat Nywening	Pat Nywening	---
Gr. 4/5		Rita Vriesema	Rita Vriesema	---
Gr. 6-8		Brad Goodreau	Brad Goodreau	---

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please submit announcements by noon on Thursday to the church email (dresdencrc@gmail.com) or call Janice Hooyer at home. Thanks.

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