



Welcome to
DRESDEN
Christian Reformed Church

Advent Series:
THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 23, 2018

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

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Welcome

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Pastor: Christ Jesus being in very nature god did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness

Congregation: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his messiah.

P: come let us adore him.

C: He is Christ the Lord

*Sing: **LUYH 603 Shout to the Lord**

*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 in Song:

LUYH 624 Not What My Hands Have Done

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.1,2,3,4

Assurance of Pardon:

Sing: **LUYH 81 Angels from the Realms of Glory**

Advent Reading

*Sing: **LUYH 80 Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD

Children's Message: Megan Kramer

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: John 1:1-14

Sermon: Light and Life

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

*Song of Application:

LUYH 82 Angels We Have Heard on High

Offertory Prayer

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

GOD BLESSES US FOR SERVICE

Parting Song: **Oh Holy Night**

Benediction

Doxology: **LUYH 84 Ere Zij God**

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 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

JANUARY 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

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FAMILY CIRCLE

Wishing everyone a Blessed and very Merry Christmas and an exciting happy New Years! From our family to yours! *Love, Sharon Pishl and Michael Pishl*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 25 Kees Poppe

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

Simon & Marg Bruinsma

Brian Devries

"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:

Thank you to everyone who participated in and all the volunteers who helped to make "Christmas Caroling in Dresden" a success." *Merry Christmas to all from the Dresden CRC Outreach Committee*

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.

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.

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 23	December 25 Christmas Day	December 30
Elder	Wayne Hooyer	Wayne Hooyer	Ernie Kramer
Deacon	Preston Poppe	Preston Poppe	Brian Devries
Greeter(s)	Simon & Marg Bruinsma	Bob & Rita Vriesema	Jasper & Erin Smids
Children's Message	Megan Kramer	---	Megan Kramer
Musician(s)	a.m. Worship Band	Pat Nywening	Sarah Pumfrey
	p.m. ---	---	---
Mother of the Month	Lindsay Kramer		
Nursery Cleaning	Julia & Natasha		
Nursery Caregivers	a.m. Mike Kramer, Laurie Hooyer, Rachel Goodreau	Eraina Grootenboer, Jason Kramer, Veronika Killoran	Martha Hooyer, Tristan Miller, Bethany Hooyer
	p.m. ---	---	---
Coffee Clean Up	Simon & Marg Bruinsma, Brad & Rachel Goodreau	Luke & Sara VanDerVliet, Mike & Nicole Kramer	Doug & Wendy Goodreau, Greg & Jen Devries
PowerPoint	Marg Bruinsma	Marg Bruinsma	Jen Devries
Sound am/pm	Shawn Hooyer	Brian Hooyer	Michael Pishl
Projection am/pm	Sharon Pishl	Tim Kramer	Preston Poppe
Librarian	Julia VanderEnde	---	Julia VanderEnde
Sunday School Preschool	Audrey Poppe Alijah Miller	---	Erin Smids Sydney Goodreau
SK/Gr.1	Jasper Smids Veronika Killoran	---	Wendy Goodreau Kate Smids
Gr. 2/3	Pat Nywening	---	Nicole Kramer
Gr. 4/5	Rita Vriesema	---	Julia VanderEnde
Gr. 6-8	Brad Goodreau	---	Mike Kramer

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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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