

APPROACHING GOD

* indicates standing if able

Welcome & Announcements: Praise Team

Gathering Songs: *O Come to the Altar, O Praise the Name*

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship,

Congregation: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

Pastor: for he is our God

Congregation: and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

(Psalm 95:6-7, NIV)

Silent Prayer (closed with song *Just as I Am Without One Plea* LUYH 627 v. 1,4)

GATHERING WITH GOD

*God's Greeting:

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who made heaven and earth

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*Opening Song: *This I Believe (The Creed)*

Call to Confession:

Pastor: The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion,

let us confess our sin before God and one another.

(based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV)

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Praise for Pardon: *And Can it Be* LUYH 695

Call to Holy Living: Exodus 20:1-17

Children's Song: *Jesus Loves Me* LUYH 709

[Children in JK – Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday School, Jr. GEMS, and Jr. Cadets]
Congregational Prayer / Prayer of Illumination – Led by Elder Red Schipper

LISTENING TO GOD

Scripture: John 12:1-10 (pg. 872)

Message: A Gift of Love

RESPONDING TO GOD

Prayer of Application

*In Song: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* PSH 557

In Gifts: World Renew

Offertory Prayer

GOING WITH GOD

*Doxology: *I've Come to Tell* PSH 250

*With God's Blessing: (closed with 3-Fold Amen)

PM SERVICE

Pastor Neale Robb – 3:00PM

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Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Neale

Gathering Songs: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* v. 1-5 PSH 501
How Majestic is Your Name

Call to Worship: Psalm 130

Silent Prayer (concluded with *Seek Ye First* PSH 209)

GATHERING WITH GOD

*God's Greeting:

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: who made heaven and earth

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*Song of Praise: *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace* PSH 495

*Apostle's Creed

Song: *To God be the Glory* PSH 473

Prayer of Intercession/Illumination

LISTENING TO GOD

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43 (pg. 891)

Message: Lessons on Life from Lizards

RESPONDING TO GOD

Prayer of Application

*In Song: The Servant Song LUYH 309

In Gifts: Niagara Christian Gleaners

Offertory Prayer

GOING WITH GOD

*Doxology: Go Now in Peace

*God's blessing concluded with the singing of the "3-Fold Amen".



THANKSGIVING & PRAYER

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us" | John 5:14

During this season of Lent, we walk alongside our Saviour as we remember what he went through for our sake. We are grateful that we know him, not just intellectually but experientially.

Pray for those who are away on vacation. Pray especially for Pastor Wes, Steph and the boys as they are away for some family time and rest.

Dear Congregation: Leonie VanderMeer has been our Women's Bible Study leader for many years. We have truly appreciated her very able leadership giving great insight into God's Word. For a while now, we have known that she has undergone tests for cancer and we have been praying for her. She has just let us know the treatment she will be following. Please keep Leonie and her husband Mike and family in your prayers.

As members of God's family, we felt the time had come to share with you that Leonie was diagnosed with a tumour that requires treatment. It has been found to be a cancer that has also spread to the liver. We place our trust in God's plan, purpose and leading as well as the prayers of so many friends, family and churches. We are thankful and humble. "We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds the future!" Thank you for your prayers and concern. In all of this we pray that God may receive the glory.

Mike and Leonie Vander Meer



TITHES & OFFERINGS

TODAY'S AM OFFERING: WORLD RENEW - Living Justice, Loving Mercy, Serving Christ.

Compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy, we join communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation.

All gifts to bring food to refugees globally will be **matched 4X** through Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). This year's campaign highlights World Renew's response in Lebanon helping Syrian families that have been displaced and tells the story of Roula and her young family who fled their home in the wake of an ISIS attack. To learn more about World Renew's partnership with CFGB, go to www.worldrenew.ca/cfgb

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY- Calvin Theological Seminary is a learning community in the Reformed Christian Tradition that forms church leaders who cultivate communities of disciples of Jesus Christ. Since 1876, Calvin Theological Seminary has faithfully prepared leaders who nurture disciples and serve the church.

MARCH PM OFFERING: NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS - Gleaning is a biblical concept in which God instructed farmers to leave a portion of their crops for the poor to gather. Niagara Christian Gleaners seeks to demonstrate Christ's love and grace by sharing the abundance of produce that we enjoy with those around the world who are in need.



CHURCH MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

This Week:

Monday, March 9: Cody Poliquin, Kyra VanderWier

Thursday, March 12: Seth DeHaan

Next Week:

Sunday, March 15: Jennifer Drenth, Isaac VanTuyl, Avery Smit

Monday, March 16: Monica Zantingh

Tuesday, March 17: Mila Hurtado

Wednesday, March 18: Rebecca DeVries

Friday, March 20: Dorothy Janssens, Dean Oudman

RIVERSIDE NEWS

VACATION - *Pastor Wes and Steph will be on vacation until March 17th. If you need anything during this time please feel free to contact your district elder.

LENT BANNER – As we continue through the Lent journey we are reminded to give of ourselves and receive Christ's amazing sacrifice.

John 12:24-25 – unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.



SCHOOLNEWS



Dunnville Christian School Fundraising Dinner - SAVE THE DATE! The DCS Booster Club would like to invite one and all to **"The Roaring '20s, a Fundraising Dinner"**. This event is scheduled to be held on **April 18, 2020**, at the school. The Momentum Choir will be leading us in some entertainment. The Momentum Choir is a highly disciplined, professionally facilitated performance choir based out of the Niagara Region, that consists entirely of musicians living with a disability. This is going to be an exciting night of delicious food, excellent entertainment, and support for our wonderful school! Want to sponsor a table, or shall we save a spot for you? Contact Nelly DeKlerk @ dekway@explornet.ca or Cassandra Snippe @ rob_and_cassandra@hotmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, April 25 is the annual Cairn Christian School Gala Fundraising Dinner. Cairn Christian School provides quality Christian education at two campuses: Stoney Creek and

Smithville. This enjoyable event will be held at Smithville CRC. The evening begins with dinner and entertainment is provided by *The Fidgets* (comedy improv). Stay tuned for further details. Reserve your seating today by calling our Stoney Creek campus at 905-643-2460 or emailing stoneycreek@cairnchristianschool.ca

COMMUNITYNEWS

CRC LENT PHOTO CHALLENGE

Are you looking for a creative way to add some spiritual reflection to your daily routine during Lent? Join others across North America by participating in the #CRCLentPhoto challenge. Each day read a Scripture passage from the Revised Common Lectionary in the list below and contemplate the theme word provided.

Then, take a photo that represents that theme and post it to your favorite social media site with #CRCLentPhoto so that we can all be inspired together. (On Sundays, take a Sabbath from this challenge in order to focus on the Word proclaimed during your church's worship service.)

- March 9 Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 128; Hebrews 3:1-6 Intercede
- March 10 Romans 4:6-13 Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25 Expansive
- March 11 Ezekiel 36:22-32 Psalm 128; John 7:53-8:11 Cleansed
- March 12 Exodus 16:1-8 Psalm 95; Colossians 1:15-23 Wilderness
- March 13 Exodus 16:9-21 Psalm 95; Ephesians 2:11-22 Provision
- March 14 Exodus 16:27-35 Psalm 95; John 4:1-6 Rest

NIAGARA CHRISTIAN GLEANERS - Our spring newsletters have arrived and are being distributed among area churches. Be sure to read about the exciting happenings at the Gleaners. If you haven't already had a tour of the facilities be sure to attend one of the upcoming open houses scheduled for April 2, May 7, and June 4 from 10:45 am to 12 pm. Confirm your attendance at info@niagaragleaners.org. Our Friday fundraising dinner (March 27) is now full and the Saturday dinner (March 28) has a few seats yet. To reserve seats for the Saturday dinner please email nogsaturday@gmail.com. Look for details in the newsletter. Our guest speakers are Dr. Harry and Dr. Echo Vanderwal of the Luke Commission. We're looking for a few volunteers willing to be part of the serving/kitchen crew for the Friday dinner. If interested email nogfriday@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS OF NIAGARA we want you! Come and join Brock Campus Ministry as we host *Collab Worship* - An evening of collaborative worship, testimonies, prayer, and socializing over coffee and baked goods at Jubilee Fellowship CRC on **Thursday, April 2nd at 7PM**. The event is student led and is a collaboration of all the different Christian ministries on Brock University's campus. It is intended for *all young adults from all denominations* in the Niagara Region. If you would like to participate in hosting the evening (welcoming, setting up, serving, providing rides), provide baked goods, or have any questions please contact Pastor Zack - zdebruyne@brocku.ca

Performing Arts @ Mountainview presents in concert the **HAMILTON'S CHILDREN CHOIR** with Artistic Director: Zimfira Poloz. The choir is celebrating it's 45 Anniversary Season: *"Singing is Our Superpower"*. Join us **Saturday March 28th @ 7:30 pm**, as we celebrate the gifts God has given to these children. Proceeds from the evening will benefit **Rose Cottage Visiting Volunteers**. The concert will take place at Mountainview Church, 290 Main St. E, Grimsby. Tickets: \$15 ea, or \$35/family (w/children 15 & under.) Available at The Dutch Shop in Grimsby, or at the door.

11th Annual Concert at HAMILTON'S FIRSTONTARIO CONCERT HALL – April 11, 2020, DV Tickets are now available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian Male Choir concert which will once again be held, the Lord willing, at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on Saturday, April 11 at 7:30PM. *New this year will be the participation of the Rehoboth Christian High School Choir.* The choirs will be accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Van Manen (Piano), Michael Barth & Scott Harrison (Trumpets) *Corey Gemmell* (Violin), and *Karine White* (Soprano). Tickets are available at \$20 & \$30, and can be obtained through a choir member, or contact Wendy den Hollander at 905-628-1211 or at orders@hosanna-choir.org or at www.hosanna-choir.org

GLOBAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES TRIP - World Renew, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and 15 other denominations are hosting an exciting trip to Ottawa this April 28-May 1! Young adults ages 18-30 from across Canada are invited to meet with MPs to discuss food security and international aid. Contact awoudstra@worldrenew.net for more information. Apply by March 15!

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO GO? - Do you have a heart for people to know Jesus? Resonate Global Mission has opportunities to serve throughout the world. We need teachers, chaplains, leadership developers, trainers, community development practitioners, and more. Discover where your gifts and passions can make an impact in the lives of people around the world. Visit www.resonateglobalmission.org or connect with Jessica Boy at jboy@crcna.org

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR IN CONCERT - International Commemoration of 75 Years of Liberation. Join us in Brampton or Hamilton: April 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM at HOLLAND CHRISTIAN HOMES (7900 McLaughlin Rd, Brampton - corner of Steeles and McLaughlin - Tickets are sold at "Sonya's Store and available at the door) and April 16, 2020 at 7:30 PM @ REHOBOTH UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (77 Glanaster Rd, Ancaster, ON - Tickets are sold at Dutch Toko, or available at the door). Director: Martin Mans. Piano: Naomi Van Manen. Organ: Ryan Vandenberg. To order tickets by phone: 905 522 0001 www.libertasvoices.com

FAMILY FIRE - FAMILY FIRE is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.



RIVERSIDE CALENDAR

This Week:

Monday, March 9

- **PRAISE TEAM** – Regular Practice @ 7:30PM
- **SISTERS IN CHRIST** – Regular Meeting @ 8:00PM

Tuesday, March 10

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Meets @ 9:30 at the home of Anne VanWyngaarden. We will study Lesson 1 on John (Part 2). Goodies: Freda Bergman

Wednesday, March 11

- **YAC** – 7:00PM Week 16: How Can We Know What's Right? (The Law)
Snacks: Seth VT Drinks: Jayden
- **Profession of Faith Class** – 8:00 PM in the Fireside Room

Thursday, March 12

- **GEMS** - Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM – 9:00PM – **Snacks:** Logan
- **CADETS** - Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM – 9:00PM

Next Week:

Monday, March 16

- **SISTERS IN CHRIST** – No Sisters in Christ

Tuesday, March 17

- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – No Women's Bible Study
- **CONSISTORY:** Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM
- **DEACONS:** Regular Meeting @ 8:00PM

Wednesday, March 18

- **YAC** – No YAC or Profession of Faith Class

Thursday, March 19

- **LADIES FELLOWSHIP** - @ 10:00AM at the home of Ann VanTuyl. All are welcome.
- **GEMS** – No GEMS
- **CADETS** - No Cadets

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WHERE ARE *You* SERVING TODAY?

Church Schedule	March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent	March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent	March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
PASTOR	AM: Pastor Jerry Hoytema PM: Pastor Neale Robb	AM: Bert DeBolster PM: Pastor Neale Robb	AM: Pastor Wes Collins PM: Pastor Wes Collins
GREETERS	Dick and Joanne VanDyke	James and Jane VanTuyl	Joe and Ann VanTuyl
USHER	Matt DeVries	Marlene VanderStelt	John Kiers
PRE-SERVICE	Praise Team	Praise Team	Corrie Aantjes
NURSERY AM	Jessica Wasylin Tralayna DeHaan	Melanie Brown Deb Kiers	Stephanie Collins Brandy DeVries
NURSERY PM	Jocelyn Aantjes Kaylee DeHaan	Sandra Dekker Logan Heida	Sarah Heinen Sabrina Heeg
LITTLE LAMBS Ages 2-3	MaryAnn Hummel Carter Lunshof	Jessie-Lynn VanderSluis Aiden Hopman	Jessie-Lynn VanderSluis Aiden Hopman
SUNDAY SCHOOL JK	Kathy Snip Seth DeHaan	Erica Hopman	Erica Hopman
SUNDAY SCHOOL SK	Chantal Poliquin Brooke Gilpin	Tanya Heida Jayden VanTuyl	Tanya Heida Jayden VanTuyl
SUNDAY SCHOOL Grade 1	Rebekah Witteveen Katrina Heeg	Jen Drenth Brynlea Smit	Jen Drenth Brynlea Smit
Jr. GEMS (Girls) Grades 2 - 3	Melanie Kiers Brynlea Smit	Melanie Kiers Brynlea Smit	Lorraine Lunshof Kyra VanderWier
Jr. Cadets (Boys) Grades 2 - 3			
SOUND SYSTEM	Jake Zantingh	Devin Lunshof	Cyrus Hopman
POWERPOINT	Aiden Hopman	Carter Lunshof	Monica Zantingh
MUSICIANS	AM: Praise Team PM: Joyce Robb	AM: Praise Team PM: Joyce Robb	AM: Gerzinus Hoekstra PM: Bonnie Ludwig
OFFERINGS	AM: World Renew PM: Niagara Christian Gleaners	AM: Calvin Theological Seminary PM: Niagara Christian Gleaners	AM: Shalom Manor PM: Niagara Christian Gleaners
COFFEE HOSTS	Andy and Wilma Veldman	Jason and Rebekah Witteveen	Freda Bergman and Hennie Heida
ELDERS ON DUTY	Red Schipper, Cliff Oudman, Phil Dekker		
DEACONS ON DUTY	Anthony Aantjes, Devin Lunshof		

