



HOPE

1st Sunday of Advent



Peace

The PLACES of Christmas -
The Garden

Genesis 2:4-25; 3:1-13, 22-24

Love



Joy



**Sunday Morning
Worship Service
9:30 a.m.**

**Child care provided
for infants and toddlers**
during the morning worship service.

Junior Sunday School
for children born in 2014, 2015, 2016
Dismissed during the worship service.

Sunday School & Catechism
for grades 1 to 12
after the worship service.

**Sunday Evening
Bible Study
6pm - 7pm**

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Unless otherwise noted, our songs are projected from Lift Up Your Hearts. If you can't see the projected songs, this hymn book is available at the back of the church.

Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to our visitors and church family. We are thankful that you have joined us for worship today.

May God richly bless you, as we worship together. Please join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall after the service.

December Song of the month

As a church family we're learning #91 "God Reigns! Earth Rejoices", which is an advent song based on Psalm 97 and speaks of the Lord as a good king who has won the victory over sin and evil. When we sing this song we are assured of his presence with us and control over all things.

December Verse of the month

In Revelation 21:3 we read, "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God.'" These are hopeful words of God's presence with us. This indeed is the amazing privilege of entering his eternal kingdom.

**6:00-7:00pm SUNDAY EVENING
Bible Study Series: When World's Collide**

In the course of history, tragedies occur, and we wonder why—especially when they happen to believers. In this series, R.C. Sproul explains why the Christian worldview is unique and explores how God has worked throughout history, helping us to understand how God is in control and how that affects every aspect of life.

From Sunday Nov 10 - Dec 15, 6:00-7:00pm, all are invited to gather for edifying teaching and good company.

Pastor Gregg Lawson

Gathering Songs: 72 Imagine

God Calls us to Worship Him

- * Call to Worship
- * Silent Prayer followed by:
M93 O Lord You're Beautiful
- * God's Greeting
- * Song of Praise:
581 Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee
- * Song of month:
91 God Reigns! Earth Rejoices
- * Verse of month Rev 21:3

We Mark the Season of Advent

Advent Video & Candle Lighting (Hope)
Advent Song: 72 Imagine
Children's Message
(Children 3-5 leave for Sunday School)

Offerings: a. Local & Denominational Ministries
b. Our Kenyan Kids

Special Music: He Shall Reign Forevermore
Offertory Prayer
Congregational Prayer
* Song of Preparation:
56 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-25, 3:1-13, 22-24
Sermon: The Garden
Prayer of Application

God Sends Us into the World with His Blessing

- * Song of Response:
61:1,2,4 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- * Confession of Faith:
Our World Belongs to God 4,5,6
- * God's Blessing
- * Doxology: 947 We Receive Your Blessing

(*indicates please stand if able)

Prayers

We remember and pray for Pastor Ken Gehrels and the congregation of Kemptville CRC as Pastor Ken has been diagnosed with Cancer. Please pray for those who experience sadness and loneliness during the holiday season. Pray for those in the hospital or undergoing treatments, or waiting for test results. We pray for comfort and healing. We're thankful that Harlem Norg is on the deceased donor list for a new kidney. We give thanks for much work done harvesting the crops. We remember Bill DeJong who has knee surgery scheduled for this Wednesday in Brockville. We remember Larry & April Dietrich's grandson Andrew as he recovers from surgery.

In our Classis and we pray for:

Athens, Pastor Dan Zylstra

In South Dundas we pray for: Anglican Parish of South Dundas Rev. Jon Martin

Prayer Ministry: Prayer requests for the congregational prayer can be passed on to the pastor through phone call, email or text, as well as coming to the Council room just before the service. A prayer team continues to meet in the prayer room before the service.

Offering Schedule

December 1 - Our Kenyan Kids

"Our Kenyan Kids is a charitable organization based in Brockville, Ontario. Their mission is to support children and youth affected by poverty, HIV and AIDS in Kenya by providing education, training, humanitarian aid and nurturing relationships, one child at a time. Any support you can offer will be very much appreciated. For more information on our projects check out our website, www.ourkenyankids.com"

December 8 - Habitat for Humanity

Building on their Christian foundation, Habitat for

(offering schedule cont'd on page 3)

Humanity's vision is a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live. Their mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in building affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

December 15 - Community Food Share

December 22 - Edu Deo Ministries



Budget update

Collected to November 24 241,677
Total 2019 expenses anticipated for the year 302,300

Funds needed to end of year 60,623
Please prayerfully consider your giving to the work of the church.

Offerings received last Sunday

Budget \$ 1,804
Karen Lubbers \$ 1,063

P.A.R. for Nov 2019 \$6,465



Canadian Food Grains Plot: Despite a wet spring and a challenging fall the Williamsburg growing project yielded well when it was harvested on November 20.

As a result of two offerings and the sale of the corn, \$6828.16 is being sent to the Canadian Food Grains Bank office in Winnipeg and will be matched up to 4 times by our federal government. The proceeds will be used by World Renew to feed the hungry, educate children and adults and provide health care. Thank you to our faithful God for providing sunshine, moisture and warmth for the crop to germinate, grow and mature and thank you to the following individuals and businesses for their support: Finch Feed and Seed (Paul Oosterhof) and Brevant Seeds for providing the seed; Agri-Partners Crop Center Winchester for providing spray chemicals; Renny Van Gilst for planting and harvesting the crop; Gasser Ag Services (Tim Van Gilst) for spraying the crop and VandenBosch Elevators for handling and drying the corn. This was the 24th year that our congregation has partnered with the Canadian Food Grains Bank to help feed the hungry in our world.

**Happy
Birthday**

This Week - November

1 Nancy De Jong
Jacob Haayema
Erin VanGilst
2 Janet Cousins
Carson Douma

3 Laura Lee De Jong
6 Shannon Jansen

Next Week - December

9 Marni Don
11 Evan De Jong
Jerry Haayema
Kolton Belmonte
12 Alice Douma
James Kooistra
13 Hannah Ross
14 Stacey De Jong
Callen Munro

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays over 70 years of age. Wishing you God's continued blessing as you celebrate.

Congratulations to:
Janet Cousins - 72
James Kooistra - 86

Profession of Faith If anyone is interested in making public profession of faith feel free to talk to Pastor Joe anytime. As well, it would be helpful to read the form that's found in the Grey Hymnal pg's 964-65.

Membership transfers: Council welcomes Dean Howland as a confessing member of our congregation. Dean has been worshipping with us for the past 7 years. Council acquiesces with Tina Doesburg's request to transfer her membership to Community CRC of Dixon's Corners. Tina has been a member of our congregation for many years and we thank her for her faithfulness.

Jesse Tree: God's Big Advent Story - is now available FREE for CRC families! This downloadable package from Faith Formation Ministries includes 25 simple devotions for kids of all ages and printable ornaments that follow God's story from creation to the birth of Jesus. Each day's reading invites families to read and wonder about a Bible story together, pray together, and step away from the busyness of the season. Learn more and download these Advent devotions at dwellcurriculum.org/home.

OXFAM Canada Used Stamp Program: OXFAM Canada is part of an international organization dedicated to ending global poverty and injustice with a focus on women's rights. This Christmas, and throughout the year, you can become involved by saving your used stamps! OXFAM volunteers sort and sell them to collectors and the money raised is used by OXFAM Canada. You can pass your used stamps on to Margaret Westervelt at any time. Thank you!

There are still approximately **100 apple pies** available for purchase at Timothy Christian School, for \$9.50/each, while quantities last. If you are interested in reserving some for your Christmas get-together, please contact TCS at office@tcswilliamsburg.ca and we can put them aside for you until pick-up can be arranged. They may be retrieved at the school in Williamsburg between 8:30 and 3:30, unless confirmed otherwise. Thank you for your continued support of our school!

*Knowing is not enough; we must apply.
Willing is not enough; we must do.*
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

FRUIT BASKETS - made up fresh daily with fruit and lots of "extras". Give someone a (mostly) healthy Christmas gift, and support Redeemer Christian High School too. Call Wilma Mudde at 613-728-0154 for more information or to order.

Blue Christmas - Sunday December 22nd at 3:00pm

Christmas can be a difficult time for some people. If you or someone you know is experiencing sorrow during the holiday season, join us for a time of worship on Sunday December 22nd at 3:00pm.

A Blue Service is a service where we recognize that things are not always "merry" and "bright"; there is grief and there is darkness, but there is always hope.

'tis the Season

Seniors / Youth Christmas Luncheon Saturday, Dec 7, 10:30am - 2pm

All seniors (70+) and youth (GEMS, Cadets, youth group) are invited to this annual luncheon. Together we'll enjoy some games, carols and food courtesy of the deacons and community service committee. *If you need a ride to/from this event, please contact Anjo Norg.*

The Seaway Valley Singers Christmas Concert "Come, Follow that Star" on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:00 pm at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church.

Advance tickets \$12 from SVS members & PharmaChoice pharmacies. \$15 at door. Students \$10. 12 & under FREE. Information: 613-652-2717 www.seawayvalleysingers.ca.

Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study Christmas Program Thurs., Dec. 12th 10am - 11:30am

at the Church, followed by lunch at the McIntosh Inn in Morrisburg

ALL LADIES WELCOME TO ATTEND!!

Redeemer Christian High School invites you to join us for our

Annual Christmas Concert and Art Show on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

in the gym (82 Colonnade Ave. N.). This free concert will include selections from our choir, concert band, worship team and the Grade 9 Music class. Come enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season with us while also viewing student art and woodworking projects.

Christmas Drop In - Friday the 13th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Pastor Gregg and Laurie would like to invite you to a Christmas drop in at the church. Please come by for a cup of tea or coffee and some Christmas treats.

Ottawa Carleton Male Choir Christmas Concert

Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 pm at Woodroffe United Church (207 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa).

Come celebrate the Christmas Season with the Ottawa Carleton Male Choir's 22nd **Annual Christmas Concert 'A European Christmas' with the 'The Spirit Of The Streets Choir' & guest soloists** Tickets are \$20.00 From choir members or at the door. Net proceeds will be donated to the Ottawa Innercity Ministries. Info:henk huizenga at 613-293-9046 and at the choir's website: www.ottawacarletonmalechoir.com.

Christmas Musical at Timothy Christian School

We will be presenting a musical entitled: ***Cake: Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment***. Come out and enjoy this wonderful show of music and acting and be inspired to participate in acts of kindness. We will be collecting mittens and socks at the performances to give to those in need. You are invited to participate by bringing something to donate. There are 3 opportunities to come to our musical:

Dress Rehearsal is Monday, Dec 16 at 2pm

Evening performance is Wednesday, Dec 18 at 7pm

Tea and Theater performance is Thursday, Dec 19 at 10am.

Seating is limited for the Tea and Theater performance so contact the school to reserve your seat. 613-535-2687 or office@tcswilliamsburg.ca. We look forward to celebrating Christmas and doing acts of kindness with you!

THIS WEEK NOV 24 - 30

Today is the last day to bring your Christmas parcels for Seafarers to the church.

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| SUNDAY | 6:00-7:00PM | Evening Bible Study - When Worlds Collide |
| MONDAY | 7PM | GEMS / Cadets |
| TUESDAY | 7PM | Friendship - Ian |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:30AM 7PM | Tots'NTea Youth Group |
| THURSDAY | 10AM | Ladies Bible Study |
| SATURDAY | 7AM 10:30AM - 2:30PM | Men's Breakfast Bible Study at the McIntosh Inn Seniors / Youth Christmas Luncheon |

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY DEC 8 3PM Seaway Valley Singers Christmas Concert at the Williamsburg CRC. For advance tickets, contact Alice Douma Howland or Margo Van Gilst. Advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students.



MONDAY DEC 9 7PM Christian Stewardship Services – A Child called Charity
Have you considered a place in your last Will and Testament for 'A Child Called Charity'? This is a share for the charities you wish to support, and effective tax saving tool. On Monday, December 9, 2019, Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) Consultant Marinus Koole will be presenting at the Christian School Foundation Seminar, to be held

at Redeemer Christian High School, 7:00PM. As a member of the Christian Reformed Church, one of our founding partners, you have access to the services of CSS at no cost.

Marinus Koole will be available for personal visits December 9- December 11, 2019.

For further information, or to book a personal consultation with Marinus Koole, please call 1-800-267-8890 x 225 or Email: marinusk@CSSservices.ca

TUESDAY DEC 10 7:30PM Elders Meeting

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS All youth please mark in your calendars the following:

Sat, Dec 7, 10:30-2pm, Senior's/youth luncheon at the church

Wed, Dec 11, 7-8:30pm, caroling at the Williamsburg Park Drive Villa

Tues, Dec 24, 6-7pm, leading the Christmas Eve service

| | December 1 | December 8 | December 15 | December 22 |
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| Elder | John Menkhorst | Harold De Jong | J.Wagensveld | Dan Schuler |
| Hall Monitor | Neil Vandermeer | Jack Menkhorst | Harold Douma | Ype VanderVeen |
| Deacons | Andrew Harbers | Anjo Norg | Stuart Staal | Peter Venema |
| Projector | John M. | Josh G. | Chris J. | Tony V. |
| Usher | Tim V. | Margo V. | Marge N. | Betty-Ann V. |
| Front Door | Jason S. | Jack V. | Ralph N. | Lindsey/Alie |
| Musician | Pamela | Tanya | Jessica | Jessica M. |
| Song Leader | Shannon/Siena | Sharon | group of 3 | Shirley |
| Nursery | Crystal B. Laura Lee D. Brent G. | Stacey D. Amy B.D. Shannon G. | Bonnie B. Bridget D. Annika W. | Koryn W. Sarah G. Jason S. |
| Jr. SS Teacher | Sharon | Kristin | Tracey | Amy |
| Helper | Jason | Leah | David | Shannon |
| Craft | Nicole | Crystal | Emma | Nicole |
| Helper | Annika* | Thomas* | Cadie* | Annika* |
| SS Grades 1/2 | | | | |
| Grades 2/3 | Christmas | Christmas | Christmas | Christmas |
| Grades 4/5 | Program | Program | Program | Program |
| Grades 6/7/8 | Practice | Practice | Practice | |
| Coffee | Harold & Mary Darren & Juanita | Josh & Sarah Neil & Christine | Derrick & Janet Theo & Ria | Mike & Jackie Ed & Jolanda |

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bring snack

Letter to the missionary this week - J. &M. VanGilst

Mailing Address - Karen Lubbers, P.O. Box 423, Soroti, Uganda **Email:** ttclubbers@hotmail.com

Woodland Villa: **December 1** T. & J. VanderVeen, Y. & G. VanderVeen. P. Venema
December 15 J.& J. Menkhorst, J.&K. Menkhorst, P. Venema

CONTACT INFO:

STATED CLERK - Jack Van Gilst wrcr.clerk@gmail.com. or phone 343-548-4754

CUSTODIAN / CHURCH HALL RENTAL - Bill & Jo-Anne Hoftyzer 613-652-1211 / jwhoftyzer@hotmail.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE IS THURSDAY NOON

wrcrbulletin@gmail.com 613-448-3638, text 613-330-4481 Alice Schuler

Ottawa Christian Counseling Service: Dundas County Divisional office.

Please call the Ottawa office at 729-8454 All new clients must dial 0 for general inquiries.