

3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip - **During Advent, we light the candle of Joy.** Joy is not a fleeting happiness, but an attitude of the heart that springs from gratitude. What brings you joy? How might you spread joy to others? Wonder and talk about that this week.

The PLACES of Christmas -
Jerusalem

1 Kings 8:1 - 13, 54 - 61, Hebrews 10:19 - 25



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**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.

NO Sunday Evening Bible study until the New Year - 2020!

Pastor Joe Groeneveld

God Calls us to Worship

Gathering Songs:

- *Call to Worship
- *Silent Prayer followed by
76 O Come Let us Adore Him chorus 1x
- *God's Greeting
- *Songs of Praise:
81:1,4,5 Angels From the Realms of Glory
95 What Child is This?

We Mark the Season of Advent

Advent Video & Candle Lighting (Joy)

- *Advent Song:
91 God Reigns! Earth Rejoices
- *Verse of the month: Revelation 21:3
- Children's Message
(Children 3-5 depart for Sunday School)

We Respond with Thanksgiving & Prayer

- Our Offerings
1/ Local and Denominational Ministries
2/ Community Food Share
- Special Music
- Offertory Prayer
- Congregational Prayer
- *Song of preparation: 72 Imagine

God Speaks to us in His Word

Scripture:
1 Kings 8:1-13, 54-61; Hebrews 10:19-25
Sermon: The Places of Christmas - Jerusalem
Prayer of Application

God Sends us into the World

- *Song of response:
565 God Himself is With Us
- *Apostles' Creed 783A
- *God's Blessing
- *Doxology:
80 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayers

- university and college students finishing exams for the semester. May they experience safe travels and good rest with family.
- John Bern who's experiencing much suffering due to cancer.
- those dealing with effects of old age - daily aches/pains, dementia or alzheimers, or loneliness. May the Lord strengthen them for each day and help them to be a blessing.
- our hearts to be open to the true meaning of Christmas, that Christ would rule in all of our hearts. Also, for a gracious boldness to share this with others.

In our Classis and we pray for:

Fellowship, Barrhaven, Pastor Rick Nanninga
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 15 - Community Food Share

Jim Wilson, chairman of the board of Community Food Share, spoke at the recent congregational meeting. He explained how Community Food Share serves an important social need in our community. It does not receive support from the federal or provincial governments but does receive in-kind support like free rent from the local government. It relies mainly on donations from individuals, churches and other organizations. In 2018 Community Food Share received about \$81,000 in financial donations and the equivalent of \$108,000 in food donations. Three part time staff and about 80 volunteers give food aid to about 1000 people in 336 family units in the community which it serves. Each family chooses enough food to last five days per month and more when an emergency arises. Mr. Wilson thanked our congregation for its ongoing support of Community Food Share.

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December 22 - Edu Deo Ministries

(merged with Canadian Christian Education Foundation) is a Canadian mission organization that works worldwide in developing countries. Education is one of the most powerful instruments for reducing poverty and inequality. Their goal is to take this incredibly effective tool of education one extraordinary step further and combine it with the transforming message of the Gospel. Their strategic approach includes accessibility for all children, teacher training, curriculum development and school construction.

December 24 - Youth Group - to help cover cost to attend All Ontario Youth Convention in May.

December 25 - World Renew

December 29 - Pro-Life Cornwall

December 31 - Budget

Offerings received last Sunday

Budget	\$ 2,960
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 915
Our Kenyan Kids	\$ 5
Karen Lubbers	\$ 5

THANK YOU: *A huge 'Thank You' to everyone who wished me another blessed year on planet earth. It's amazing how people express their congratulations nowadays. The good wishes came in many different forms: personally, facebook, telephone-calls, visitors, emails, you name it. Thank you very much, good friends. The biggest Thank You goes to our Father in heaven Who shows His faithfulness every day and Whose mercies are new every morning. James Kooistra*

Jesus is our Peace - Celebrate God's power made visible in His son, Jesus Christ, born to bring the world His peace and salvation. Share God's love with someone experiencing poverty, hunger, and injustice this Christmas with a simple gift: a goat, job training, or farm starter kit. Find these life-changing gifts and more in World Renew's 2019-2020 Gift Catalogue at worldrenew.net/gifts. Or call 888-WRLD-RNW to order.



Happy Birthday

This Week - December

16 Kyle Oosterhof
Jackson Menkhorst

17 Darren Hawkins
Gerrit Sluiskes

18 Kevin De Jong (Stacey)
Eric Jansen
Parker Schell
Emma Schuler
Sharon Schuler
Harrison VanGilst

19 Stephen VandeKemp

Next Week - December

22 Martin Westervelt

23 Tanya TerHorst

24 Jason Buter

26 Randy Tibben

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

Congratulations to:
Gerrit Sluiskes - 81



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.

'tis the Season

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!

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.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6pm December 24

The youth group invites everyone to join them for ***O Holy Night***, which is a service based on Luke 2:1-20. We will share readings that will get us thinking more about what people like Joseph, Mary and the shepherds may have been thinking that evening.

And we will sing favorite hymns that help us express our joy and wonder at God's gift to this world.

2019 CBC Christmas Sing-In - recorded at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montréal. The 40th annual **CBC Sing-In will be broadcast on December 24 at 5 p.m.** on your local (CBC Radio 2) station, and on Christmas Day at 3 p.m. on your local (CBC Radio One) station. The one-hour program is hosted by Julie Nesrallah and led by Conductor, Dr. Jean-Sébastien Vallée; Organist and Director of Music, Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm; the Choir of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, plus the CBC brass and percussion ensemble. You can also stream this program at CBC.ca/Listen, beginning on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Enjoy the program!

	December 15	December 22	December 25	December 29	Dec31 / Jan1
Elder HMD	J.Wagensveld Harold Douma	Dan Schuler Ype VanderVeen	Dan Schuler Ype VanderVeen	Eric Don John Menkhorst	Eric Don John Menkhorst
Deacons	Stuart Staal	Peter Venema	Peter Venema	Andrew Harbers	Andrew Harbers
Projector	Chris J.	Tony V.	John M.	Josh G.	Chris / Tony
Usher Ft. Door	Marge N. Ralph N.	Betty-Ann V. Anjo N.	Lindsey/Alie Brent G.	John M. Christine V.	Jo-Ann / Tim Bridget / Jason
Musician Song Ldr.	Jessica group of 3	Jessica M. Shirley	Jessica	Margo Mike	/ Tanya
Nursery	Bonnie B. Bridget D. Annika W.	Koryn W. Sarah G. Jason S.	Brigitte D. Jolanda D. Megan D.	Jessica V. Lianne T. Brent G.	/ Erin V. / Emma / David T.
Jr. SS TCH Helper Craft Helper	Tracey David Emma Cadie*	Amy Shannon Nicole Annika*		Siena Koryn Sharon Jason*	
SS Gr. 1/2					
Gr. 2/3	Christmas	Christmas			
Gr. 4/5	Program	Program			
Gr. 6/7/8	Practice				
Coffee	Derrick & Janet Theo & Ria	Mike & Jackie Ed & Jolanda	Tony & Jessica Koop & Katerine	Gerald & Eva Ralph /Lisa	January 1 Church Council

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bring snack

Letter to the missionary this week - R. & B. VanGilst

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

Woodland Villa: **December 15** J.& J. Menkhorst, J.&K. Menkhorst, P. Venema
December 29 T. & B. Van't Foort, L. & A. Dietrich, R. & M. Norg, P. Venema

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