

4th Sunday of Advent

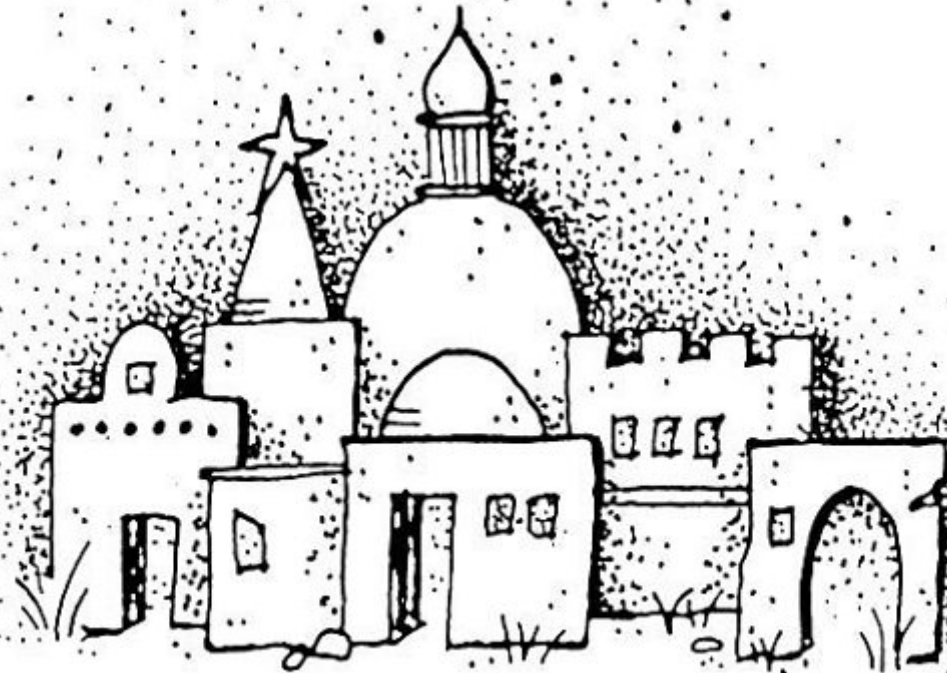
Love



Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip - During Advent, **we light the candle of Love.** Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection were all characterized by love. In return, we are to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." Consider how your family or household might do those things more fully in the coming year.

The PLACES of Christmas -
Bethlehem

Ruth 1:22; 1 Samuel 16:6 - 13; Luke 2:1 - 7



**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.*

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday December 22nd at 3:00pm
Blue Christmas

Tuesday December 24th at 6:00pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight
*Youth Group leads the Christmas Eve
service (arrive at 5pm)*

Sunday December 29nd at 9:30am
Regular Worship Service

Tuesday December 31st at 7:00pm
New Year's Eve

Wednesday January 1st at 10:am
New Year's Day

Pastor Gregg Lawson

God Calls Us to Worship

Gathering Songs:

*Call to Worship

*Silent Prayer followed by

76 – O Come Let Us Adore Him

(Chorus only)

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise:

64 O Shepherds, Hear and Lead Your Flock

The Christmas Story - Sunday School Program

Joy To The World

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

We Offer God our Gifts and Prayers

Offerings

1) Local & Denominational Ministries

2) Edu Deo Ministries

Offertory Prayer

We Mark the Season of Advent

Advent Video & Candle Lighting (*Love*)

Advent Song:

91 God Reigns! Earth Rejoices"

We Celebrate our Relationship With God

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation:

60 Hark The Glad Sound, The Savior Comes

We Hear from God's Word

Scripture:

Ruth 1:22; 1Samuel 16:6-13; Luke 2:1-7

Sermon: The Places of Christmas - Bethlehem

Prayer of application

God Sends us into the World

*Song of application:

56 Come Though Long Expected Jesus

*Exhortation

*Blessing

*Doxology:

93 Go Tell it on the Mountain

Today we welcome the Sunday School children to present ***The Christmas Story Jesus Christ is the Same - Yesterday, Today, and Forever.***

Thank - you to the teachers, volunteers, parents, children and the seamstress for making this program possible.

Prayers

Pray for traveling mercies as families gather in this joyous time of the year.

Please pray that the true reason for the season would shine brightly in our community and in our services over the holidays.

Please keep in your prayers those who are in the hospital this holiday season. Pray for John Bern and Jeff Tibben.

Please hold in prayer the DeJong family (Paul and Debbie) As Debbie lost her father, John Pailon, this past week.

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 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.

(Offering Schedule cont.)

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

December 25 - World Renew

Compelled by God's passion for justice and mercy, World Renew (General Fund) joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. World Renew responds to disasters in North America and in 27 developing countries. It works in 24 of these and other countries in sustainable transformation; it coordinates thousands of local and international volunteers; it encourages advocacy initiatives; and it helps build the capacity of impoverished communities by working with 76 faith-based and government organizations around the world. Last year, it touched the lives of 1.75 million people in more than 4,050 poor communities.

December 29 - Pro-Life Cornwall

December 31 - Budget

Offerings received last Sunday

Budget	\$ 10,251
Community Food Share	\$ 854
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 250
Trust Fund	\$ 6,096.09
P.A.R for Dec 2019	\$ 8,365.00

Merry Christmas from the Groeneveld family! We'll be visiting our families for Christmas gatherings from Christmas to New Years Day. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2020! It's our joy to live and serve among you all.



Happy Birthday

This Week - December
 22 Martin Westervelt
 23 Tanya TerHorst
 24 Jason Buter
 26 Randy Tibben

Next Week - December
 29 Marissa Belmonte
 Amber Haayema
 30 Barbara Bern
 Jason Pickup

January
 2 Linda Vandemheen
 3 Mark Geertsema
 Jeanette VandenEykel
 Annika Wagensveld
 4 Riley Korvar

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

Congratulations to:
 Barbara Bern - 73





BUDGET UPDATE

Collected to December 15	\$ 267,962
Total 2019 expenses anticipated for the year	\$ 297,702
Funds needed to end of year	\$ 29,740

Please prayerfully consider your giving to the work of the church.

Council report -- December 2019: The Book of Judges

Council accepted with thanksgiving the membership of Pastor Gregg and Laurie Lawson from Bethany CRC in Bloomfield. We pray that they will be a blessing in our congregation and that we may be a blessing to them. At several recent congregational meetings some members have asked about the feasibility of live-streaming the worship services. A report was given at the recent congregational meeting but not everyone heard that report. Sharon Schuler has been successfully live-streaming the services using her cellphone and a private facebook group so that members who cannot attend the services can still watch and participate. Research about live-streaming the services is ongoing and some questions still need to be discussed. However, if you cannot attend the worship services but wish to participate this way, please contact a member of council.

Timothy Christian School has an opening for Financial Administrator beginning immediately. The main responsibility of this position is to oversee the financials of the school and knowledge of basic accounting is required. This is a salaried position based on approximately 160 hours for the year; 4 hours a week. If you are a committed Christian, interested, and qualified for this position, please contact Heidi Blokland at principal@tcs-williamsburg.ca by sending a cover letter and resume. A detailed job description will be provided upon request. Application deadline is Monday, January 9, 2020.

The book of Judges cracks a window into depths of the human soul. Watch a nation struggle with its identity and relationship to its God. Heroes and heroines arise, who seem to have the potential to save Israel. But in the end, each proves to be a broken savior that cannot deliver.

In this series, pastor and author J.D. Greear wades into the book of Judges to shine a light onto the muddy waters of human rebellion. The stories and truths within are not just archaic tales with no relevance for us today. Rather, J.D. works through each chapter unpacking the truth of God's grace in the midst of human wickedness and shows how only the divine can redeem the fallen.

Join us Sunday nights at 6:00pm for prayer, worship and study as we tackle the book of Judges in this video series.

January Pulpit Exchange –

Shadows of Christ in the Old Testament

This January, Pastor Aaron Thompson, Pastor Joe Groeneveld and Pastor Gregg Lawson will be jointly preaching a three-part series titled "Shadows of Christ in the Old Testament." Each week, beginning January 12th, a different pastor will share with us their message in this series rotating between the congregations in Williamsburg, Dixons Corners and Kemptville.



'tis the Season

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!

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

Sun, Dec 22 - after church practice for Christmas Eve service (bring your lines and we'll have lunch together after!)

Tues, Dec 24, 6-7pm, Youth Group leads the Christmas Eve service (arrive at 5pm)

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday January 7
Tuesday January 14

7:30pm
7pm

Council Mtg.
Friendship

	December 22	December 25	December 29	Dec31 / Jan1	January 5
Elder HMD	Dan Schuler Ype VanderVeen	Dan Schuler Ype VanderVeen	Eric Don John Menkhorst	Eric Don John Menkhorst	Neil Vandermeer Harold De Jong
Deacons	Peter Venema	Peter Venema	Andrew Harbers	Andrew Harbers	Anjo Norg
Projector	Tony V.	John M.	Josh G.	Chris / Tony	John M.
Usher Ft. Door	Betty-Ann V. Anjo N.	Lindsey/Alie Brent G.	John M. Christine V.	Jo-Ann / Tim Bridget / Jason	Margo V. Jack V.
Musician Song Ldr.	Jessica M. Shirley	Jessica	Margo Mike	Margo / Tanya	Pamela Shannon/Siena
Nursery	Koryn W. Sarah G. Jason S.	Brigitte D. Jolanda D. Megan D.	Jessica V. Lianne T. Brent G.	/ Erin V. / Emma / David T.	Betty Ann V. Eva R. Shannon G.
Jr. SS TCH Helper Craft Helper	Amy Shannon Nicole Annika*		Siena Koryn Sharon Jason*		Crystal Thomas Kristin Leah*
SS Gr. 1/2 Gr. 2/3 Gr. 4/5 Gr. 6/7/8					Cindy Melissa Erin Derrick
Coffee	Mike & Jackie Ed & Jolanda	Tony & Jessica Koop & Katerine	Gerald & Eva Ralph /Lisa	January 1 Church Council	Will & Bonnie Jack & Margo

* indicates-
bring snack

Letter to the missionary this week - T. & E. VanGilst

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

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

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