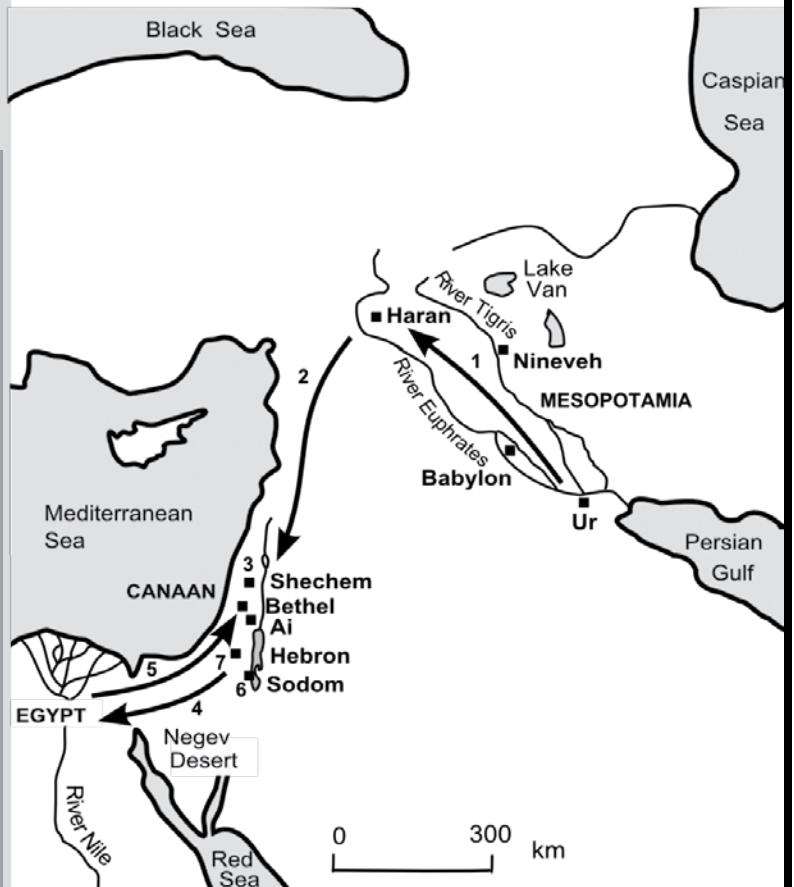


## 2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip - **During Advent, we light the candle of Peace.** Through Jesus Christ, God gives us peace. In what area of your life do you most need God's peace? How might you be a peacemaker this week? Wonder and talk about that this week.

## The PLACES of Christmas - Canaan

Genesis 11:31 - 12:5; 15; Hebrews 11:8 - 12



HOPE



Peace



Joy

Love



**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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613-438-4774 / lawson9950@gmail.com

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRIES -  
Pastor Joe Groeneveld**  
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613-535-2227

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.*

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**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.

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**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.

**This is the final week of our Sunday Evening Bible study until the New Year - 2020!**

**Pastor Gregg Lawson**

Gathering Songs:

MAJN 67 From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

98 Good Christian Friends Rejoice

**God Calls Us to Worship**

\*Call to Worship

\*Silent Prayer followed by

O Come All Ye Faithful

\*God's Greeting

\*Songs of Praise:

60 Hark the Glad Sound the Saviour Comes

Confession and Assurance

**We Celebrate our Relationship with God**

GEMS Program

**We Mark The Season Of Advent**

Advent Video & Candle Lighting (Hope)

Advent Song: God Reigns Earth Rejoices

Children's Message

(Children 3-5 leave for Sunday School)

Verse of the month:

2 Corinthians 4:7

**We Offer God Our Gifts And Prayers**

Offerings

1) Local & Denominational Ministries

2) Habitat for Humanity

Offertory Prayer

Congregational Prayer

\*Song of preparation:

67 Blessed be the God of Israel

**We Hear From God's Word**

Scripture: Genesis 11:31-12:5

Hebrews 11:8-12

Sermon: The Places of Christmas - Canaan

Prayer of application

**God Sends us into the World**

\*Song of application:

473, Come, You Thankful People, Come

\*Confession of faith

Lords day 22, Q&A 57-58

\*Blessing

\*Doxology:

933, Lord, Dismiss Us With 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 Larry & April Dietrich's grandson Andrew as he recovers from surgery.

Bill DeJong's knee surgery was postponed until a later date not yet confirmed

**In our Classis and we pray for:** ongoing search for an Outreach Ministries Developer

**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 8 - Habitat for Humanity**

Building on their Christian foundation, Habitat for 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**

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

(offering schedule cont'd on page 3)

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.

**December 22 - Edu Deo Ministries**

**December 24 - Youth Group**

**December 25 - World Renew**

**December 29 - Pro-Life Cornwall**

**December 31 - Budget**

**Offerings received last Sunday**

Budget	\$ 3,709
Our Kenyan Kids	\$ 1,346
Karen Lubbers	\$ 200

**Budget update**



Collected to December 1	245,368
Total 2019 expenses anticipated for the year	302,300
Funds needed to end of year	56,932

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

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

The youth group invites everyone to join them for O Holy Night, which is a service based on Luke 2:1-20, at 6pm on Christmas Eve. 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.



# Happy Birthday

**This Week - November**

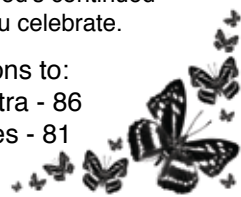
- 9 Marni Don
- 11 Evan De Jong  
Jerry Haayema  
Kolton Belmonte
- 12 Alice Douma  
James Kooistra
- 13 Hannah Ross
- 14 Stacey De Jong  
Callen Munro

**Next 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

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

Congratulations to:  
James Kooistra - 86  
Gerrit Sluiskes - 81



**Council report for September, October and November:**

Council has met regularly to hear reports from the pastors and committees and to discuss the business affairs of the church. The following is a summary of some of the matters which were dealt with:

1. Since one of the new members of council is not able to attend many of the meetings, it was decided to allow him to participate in the meetings via a conference call.
2. This spring a request was received from a member of the community to rent our sanctuary for a wedding. As a result of this request and as a result of other groups using the sanctuary, several members of council drafted a rental policy which has been sent to the FAC for their review.
3. One ministry of our congregation for many years already is the services which are held every second Sunday at the Woodland Villa in Long Sault. The viability of this ministry has been discussed several times since it is difficult to find volunteers but no solution has yet been found.
4. Gravel has been added to the west parking lot and it has been regraded so that water will be directed to the drain. Council thanks the FAC for looking after this.
5. Since a BBQ is used at the church potlucks and at VBS, a discussion was held about purchasing one. However, one has now been donated and will be available for use next summer.
6. A number of "Thank you" cards were signed by the members of council and given to members of the congregation.
7. Some time was spent giving direction/guidance to Pastor Gregg. The discussion can be summarized by the three phrases—unity of the congregation, fellowship in the congregation and evangelism by the congregation. Some of these will be addressed in the sermon series on "The Church". This exercise of giving direction to the pastor will be repeated in the spring.
8. The matter of live streaming the worship services was mentioned at several congregational meetings. At this time the services can be viewed from home on a computer by joining a private facebook group. If you cannot attend the worship services but wish to watch them live, please contact a member of council. Discussion on this matter is ongoing.
9. Pastor Gregg reported on the recent meeting of Classis Eastern Canada. A big change coming to our denomination will be the matter of ministry shares. More details will follow. Please continue to pray for wisdom for the elders and deacons as they discuss the matters of our church.

**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!

**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.

**A Theology of Star Wars** - Are you excited about The Rise of Skywalker, the final installment of the Star Wars enneade? Some of the sharpest thinkers on theology and pop culture explore key themes in the preceding films in "A Theology of Star Wars," an ebook from Think Christian. Simply sign up to receive Think Christian articles by email and the ebook is yours! Learn more at [thinkchristian.net/starwars](http://thinkchristian.net/starwars).

## 'tis the Season

**The Seaway Valley Singers** Chrismtas 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](http://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 - 5:00pm**  
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. **All are welcome!**

**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 Christ-  
mas 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 Inncercity  
Ministries. Info:henk huizenga at 613-293-9046 and at the choir's website: [www.ottawacarletonmalechoir.com](http://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!

**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 sor-  
row 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.

**THIS WEEK DEC 8- 14**

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>3PM</b> <b>6:00-7:00PM</b> <b>7PM</b>	<b>Seaway Valley Singers Christmas Concert</b> at WCRC <b>Evening Bible Study</b> - This is the final week until the New Year - 2020! <b>Christian Stewardship Services – A Child called Charity</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>7PM</b> <b>7PM</b>	<b>GEMS / Cadets</b> <b>FAC Meeting</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Elders Meeting</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7 - 8:30PM</b>	<b>Youth Group caroling at the Wmsbg. Park Drive Villa</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study Christmas Program</b> <i>see invite on page 5</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7PM</b>	<b>RCHS Annual Christmas Concert and Art Show</b> <i>see invite on page 5</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>2:00pm - 5:00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Drop In - see invite on page 5</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Woodroffe United Church see invite on page 5</b> <b>Ottawa Carleton Male Choir Christmas Concert</b>

**COMING EVENTS**

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<b>TUESDAY DEC 17</b>	<b>7PM</b>	<b>Friendship - Christine</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY DEC 18</b>	<b>- NO youth group</b>	
<b>THURSDAY DEC 19</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>Tots'N'Tea</b>
<b>SATURDAY DEC 21</b>	<b>7AM</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast Bible Study</b> at the McIntosh Inn

**YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS** All youth please mark in your calendars the following:  
**Wed, Dec 11, 7-8:30pm**, caroling at the Williamsburg Villa (bring a dozen snacks to share)  
**Wed, Dec 18 - NO youth group**  
**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**, lead the Christmas Eve service (arrive at 5pm)

	<b>December 8</b>	<b>December 15</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>December 29</b>
<b>Elder HMD</b>	Harold De Jong Jack Menkhorst	J.Wagensveld Harold Douma	Dan Schuler Ype VanderVeen	Dan Schuler Ype VanderVeen	Eric Don John Menkhorst
<b>Deacons</b>	Anjo Norg	Stuart Staal	Peter Venema	Peter Venema	Andrew Harbers
<b>Projector</b>	Josh G.	Chris J.	Tony V.	John M.	Josh G.
<b>Usher Ft. Door</b>	Margo V. Jack V.	Marge N. Ralph N.	Betty-Ann V. Anjo N.	Lindsey/Alie Brent G.	John M. Christine V.
<b>Musician Song Ldr.</b>	Tanya Sharon	Jessica group of 3	Jessica M. Shirley	Jessica	Margo Mike
<b>Nursery</b>	Stacey D. Amy B.D. Shannon G.	Bonnie B. Bridget D. Annika W.	Koryn W. Sarah G. Jason S.	Brigitte D. Jolanda D. Megan D.	Jessica V. Lianne T. Brent G.
<b>Jr. SS TCH Helper Craft Helper</b>	Kristin Leah Crystal Thomas*	Tracey David Emma Cadie*	Amy Shannon Nicole Annika*		Siena Koryn Sharon Jason*
<b>SS Gr. 1/2 Gr. 2/3 Gr. 4/5 Gr. 6/7/8</b>	Christmas Program Practice	Christmas Program Practice	Christmas Program		
<b>Coffee</b>	Josh & Sarah Neil & Christine	Derrick & Janet Theo & Ria	Mike & Jackie Ed & Jolanda	Tony & Jessica Koop & Katerine	Gerald & Eva Ralph /Lisa
<b>Letter to the missionary this week - R. &amp; B. VanGilst</b>					
<b>Mailing Address - Karen Lubbers, P.O. Box 423, Soroti, Uganda Email: ttclubbers@hotmail.com</b>					
<b>Woodland Villa:</b>	<b>December 15</b>	J.& J. Menkhorst, J.&K. Menkhorst, P. Venema			
	<b>December 29</b>	T. & B. Van't Foort, L. & A. Dietrich, R. & M. Norg, P. Venema			
<b>CONTACT INFO:</b>					
<b>STATED CLERK - Jack Van Gilst wrcr.clerk@gmail.com. or phone 343-548-4754</b>					
<b>CUSTODIAN / CHURCH HALL RENTAL - Bill &amp; Jo-Anne Hoftyzer 613-652-1211 / jwhoftyzer@hotmail.com</b>					
<b>BULLETIN DEADLINE IS THURSDAY NOON</b>					
wrcrbulletin@gmail.com 613-448-3638, text 613-330-4481 Alice Schuler					

\* indicates-  
bring snack

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