

December 20, 2020

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Gregg

Welcome

Call to Worship

Greeting

Advent lighting

Bethlehem Candle

Isaiah 11:1-10

Confession and Assurance

Special Music

Children's Moment

Candy Cane

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Sermon

Tenacious Love

Matthew 1:18-25

Blessing

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SERVICE LIVE STREAM

You are welcome to join our live-stream on Facebook **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** Just click the "streaming live" link on the home page of our website and request to join the group

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

You are invited to join in either online or in person on Christmas morning at our usual starting time, 9:30, as we celebrate the birth of our saviour, the resolution of our anticipation.

If you are planning to attend in person or if you would like to come after the service, we will gather in the front parking lot to sing a

couple of Christmas carols in honour of the day. Please dress for the weather.



SERVICE ELDER SCHEDULE

Dec 20 John M, Neil V

Dec 27 Neil V, Chris J

Jan 3 Chris J, Mike L

Jan 10 Mike L, Harold D

2ND COLLECTION

Dec 20 Ministry to Seafarers

Dec 24 Youth

Dec 25 World Renew

Dec 27 Pro Life Cornwall

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- We pray for those who find Christmas a difficult season, for those who are missing someone from the table, for those who are waiting for a phone call from someone they so want to talk to, for families who cannot gather.
- We pray for peace and comfort for those who are lonely and anxious. May we find comfort in the Lord and one another.
- We pray for the churches of our communities as they plan their Christmas gatherings. May the lord join us together in our hope, joy, peace and love.
- We pray for all members of WCRC as we worship together whether it be in person or virtually at home.
- We pray for protection from COVID even as the long-awaited vaccine begins to be available. Pray that we continue to persevere through the many new challenges during this time.
- We pray for Faith Manor at Holland Christian Homes (a CRC Home and church) in Brampton as they struggle with an outbreak of COVID with staff and residents



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Redeemer Christian High School currently has several employment opportunities. Learn more by visiting our website at www.rchs.on.ca, go to "Our School/Employment Opportunities." <https://rchs.on.ca/our-school/employment-opportunities/>

COLLECTIONS

Collections for the last two weeks:

World Renew	\$20
Christian Horizons	\$205
Community Food Share	\$275
Deacons	\$600
Budget	\$8,490
Total	\$9,590

Budget Update

Anticipated amount needed to balance the budget	\$298,964
Collections and other funds received to date	\$256,947
Shortfall	\$42,017
Gov assistance	\$9,168
Net shortfall to date	\$32,849

THIS WEEK: MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS

The Ministry to Seafarers (M2S) is dedicated to enhancing the lives of seafarers regardless of race, religion, gender or rank, through ship visiting, advocacy and hospitality; and showing Jesus' love by caring for their physical, emotional, spiritual and justice needs.

NEXT WEEK: WORLD RENEW

Compelled by God's passion for justice and mercy, World Renew 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.

If you are donating by E-transfer, funds destined for second collections should be identified in the comments section. WCRCDonate@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the work of our church

YEAR END COMMUNION

On Sunday, December 27th, we are invited to join together as we say goodbye to 2020. We will be reflecting on the year that was. As part of this service, we will celebrate the sacrament of communion.

As we are still under COVID restrictions, we will not all be together in person, but virtually. And so, each family is encouraged to prepare for this in two ways: FIRST, prepare yourself spiritually, examine yourself, is there any unconfessed sins in my life, is there any situation or any person that I need to forgive, to give to God.

The SECOND way is to prepare physically. If you are planning to attend virtually, have some juice ready, have some bread ready. It does not have to be the juice we have in church. It can be anything, even wine, the bread can be anything, crackers if that's all you have. It also does not have to be in individual cups and pieces, share the cup as a family if you are comfortable. The essential element is not how we do it, it is that we do it. So please be prepared.

If you will be attending in person, touch free fellowship cups will be available as you arrive to the church, please pick one up prior to being seated. These cups include a wafer for the bread and a cup for the juice.

FROM THE STAFF OF RCHS

To all of our associate schools and churches: Thank you for all your support throughout the year. We pray that as we celebrate this Christmas season, you will be filled with the peace of Christ during this unusual time. May each of you experience the joy and love of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, through this Christmas season and throughout the new year. - From all the staff at Redeemer Christian High School

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

THIS WEEK

Dec 22	Martin Westervelt
Dec 23	Tanya TerHorst
Dec 24	Jason Buter
Dec 26	Randy Tibben
Dec 22	Martin Westervelt

NEXT WEEK

Dec 29	Marissa Belmonte
Dec 29	Amber Haayema
Dec 30	Barbara Bern
Dec 30	Jason Pickup
Jan 2	Linda Vandemheen

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays over 70 years of age.

**Congratulations to
Barbara Bern (74)**