

March 14, 2021

WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Gregg
4th Sunday of Lent

Call to Worship

Greeting

Children's Moment

The Broken Pot

Profession of Faith

Shannon Geertsema
Jordan Geertsema
Cadence Geertsema

Congregational Prayer

COVID Anniversary

Scripture and Message

Who is Jesus – The Messiah
Mark 8:22 – 9:1

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 70

LEAD PASTOR

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YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRIES

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SERVICE ELDER SCHEDULE

Mar 14 Mike L, Harold D
Mar 21 Harold D, Dan S
Mar 28 Dan S, Ype V.
Apr 4 Ype V, Jim K

2ND COLLECTION

Mar 14 Gideons International
Canada
Mar 21 TCS – F.A.C.E.
Mar 28 Ottawa Christian Reformed
Campus Chaplaincy
Apr 4 Camp Adonai

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.

YOUNG ADULT ZOOM DISCUSSION

GROUP We are meeting TONIGHT from 7:00-8:30pm to continue our discussion series on how our Bible came to be the way it is. All young adults are welcome to join in for some good conversation and fellowship. Contact Pastor Joe if you still need the zoom link.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Gregg and the congregation for their kind words, messages and cards with the passing of my father Hendrik Looyen – **Janet Douma**

Thank you to our church friends for all the calls and letters and prayers and thank the Lord for being with us and keeping us safe. – **John and Mary Vreeman**

PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- We give thanks for the profession of faith of Jordan, Cadence and Shannon Geertsema and pray for the Lord's continued faithfulness in their lives.
- We pray for our government leaders who labour to keep us safe from the pandemic, and for all the municipal leaders, and the health units as the vaccine roll out continues
- We pray for those who are recovering from surgery or an injury
- We pray for all who have been affected, in any way, by COVID, for those who lost a loved one or for whom one was sick with the disease. For those who have been separated from their loved ones, their friends. For those who have lost their jobs or seen a reduction in their work.
- We pray for those who mourn and for those who are lonely
- Please keep the process of nomination for elders and deacons in your prayers

FUN FAMILY OUTINGS COORDINATOR WANTED - We have one family wanting to help with this fun opportunity ... they would like to be a part of a team. What a great idea!! If your family is interested in joining them and wanting to work together to organize, plan and announce fun family outings, please contact Pastor Gregg and Laurie - 613-438-4774 or greggandlaurielawson@gmail.com

CRC DENOMINATIONAL SURVEY - Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2021 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit crcna.org/survey/3096 and answer the survey by **March 31**.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

CRAFTY CONNECTIONS - Thurs March 18, 1:30 pm at the church. An opportunity to get together! Bring your own project you are working on at home to church. Offered alternate Thurs afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30. Puzzles and Adult Colouring will be available to those who just want to participate. Any questions, ask Laurie- lawson6590@gmail.com

GEMS AND CADETS - Mon, March 15, 7:00 at the church. The same COVID requirements will be in place as we practiced in the fall

TALK TUESDAY FOR WOMEN - A time of fellowship, bible study and encouragement. Interested? Contact Laurie- lawson6590@gmail.com or 613-393-3117 text or call. It runs alternate Tuesdays. The 1:30 group is full, however we would like to organize an evening group (7:30) that would run alongside other meetings at the church. COVID safety protocols in place.

TCS RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

We are looking forward to an amazing update to the front entrance. Renovations will be starting soon. Thanks to faithful supporters we have received \$44,000 in pledges and

donations! God is good! Please prayerfully consider donating or submitting a pledge. Contact Lea Downs at the school office at office@tcswilliamsburg.ca. Pledge forms are due by March 31, 2021.

CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK - On Saturday, March 20, at 11 am you are invited to "Voices from the Field" as 2 international program staff from Nairobi and Dhaka share what your donations to CFGB are doing to help others. For a link to this event please contact Jack Van Gilst.

COLLECTIONS

You can send donations by E-transfer to WCRCDonate@gmail.com Funds destined for second collections should be identified in the comment section

Thank you for supporting the work of our church

THIS WEEK: GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL CANADA

The mission of The Gideons International in Canada is to communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ, through personal evangelism and Scripture distribution, in Canada and worldwide, so that people may come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.

NEXT WEEK: TCS – F.A.C.E.

Financial Assistance for Christian Education (FACE) is a fund that is set aside to help those who desire to send their children to TCS, but find themselves short of having enough to cover the full cost of Christian Education. For more information, talk to one of the Deacons

Council Report: Despite the pandemic, council continues to meet every month, sometimes via ZOOM, and when allowed they meet in person with proper protocols in place. The following is a summary of the most important discussions of the recent meetings:

1. At most meetings some time is spent discussing how the pastors, deacons and elders and their families are coping spiritually, financially and healthwise. In summary everyone is doing ok despite a year now of restrictions and concerns about the virus. We are thankful for technology that permits worship “together” to continue and we are thankful for a mild winter that enables people to spend more time outside.
2. At every meeting Pastor Gregg reports to council on his activities during the past month. He enjoys preparing for and leading the worship services but misses the personal face-to-face contact with the members of the congregation. He is also involved in the local classis and attended the recent meeting of classis via ZOOM.
3. Pastor Joe also reports at every meeting. The youth group meets weekly, in person when allowed. They have studied a series “Heaven and Hell” and have now begun a series of discussions on human sexuality. The adults meet via ZOOM with other young adults in our classis and have used a video series on personal finances and now are using the video series “Cold Case Christianity.”
4. Council accepted the membership transfer of Bill and Clare Don from Cephas CRC. Bill and Clare live in Winchester.
5. Council recently formed a Tech Committee which will manage all the technological requirements. The members are Pastor Gregg, Anjo Norg, Neil VanderMeer, Tony VanderVeen, Mark Geertsema and Sharon Schuler. All of them are currently involved in some aspect of technology in our church.
6. The church directory is being updated and the information will soon be sent to the printer.
7. Council decided that the financial statements for 2020 would be presented to the congregation at the regular fall congregational meeting. Hopefully by then we will be allowed to meet in person.
8. Council spent some time brainstorming/sharing ideas how to build/rebuild community in our congregation. Because of the pandemic the members of the congregation have been forced to live in much smaller social circles and as a result some of us have not seen each other for a whole year. Some ideas were to have regular outdoor singing events on the back lawn of the church, to have a picnic after a worship service and to help some families with spring lawn cleanup. More details will follow.
9. Council prepared a list of nominees for deacon and elder and in April the congregation will be asked to affirm the nominations.
10. Council will continue to meet and covets your prayers.

BROKEN VESSELS – If you missed the music from last week, you can find it on the WCRC youtube channel: <https://youtu.be/cuesDm8Sp7c>

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THIS WEEK

Mar 14 Grant Cousins
Mar 14 Danielle Haayema
Mar 15 Samuel Schuler
Mar 16 Mary-Kate Staal
Mar 17 Ken Harbers
Mar 17 Margaret Johnston
Mar 20 Kendra Buter

NEXT WEEK

Mar 21 Margaret Westervelt
Mar 22 Peter Helder
Mar 22 Justin Van’t Foort
Mar 22 Hudson Fetterly
Mar 22 Emma McInnis
Mar 23 Lianne Tibben
Mar 24 John Knier
Mar 24 Stuart Staal
Mar 25 Kevin DeJong (Paul)
Mar 26 Justin Brunsveld
Mar 26 Jo-Anne Hoftyzer
Mar 26 Corrie VanBeilen
Mar 27 Lindsey Woods
Mar 27 Lori Barkley
Mar 27 Jayden Ponson

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

Congratulations to

Grant Cousins (79) and John Knier (78)

VIRTUAL CHOIR

Virtual Children’s Choir – “Hosanna” for Palm Sunday. Due date is **March 21**.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1g5xNByCcxpJJFifHv4OpADhv4PZS-J16?usp=sharing>

Virtual Easter choir – “Just as I am – I come broken”. Due date is **March 28**:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1E56-WeOonPu9ujG9DvyszaaMYFBkNHvZ?usp=sharing>

