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# Advent

## The Candle of Peace

*This morning we come to the 4th Sunday of Advent and reflect on the theme of peace.*

*Jesus is the "Prince of Peace" who has brought the firstfruits of peace and shalom to the world and will bring final peace one day.*



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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 2013, 2014, 2015  
Dismissed during the worship service.

**Sunday School & Catechism**  
for grades 1 to 12  
after the worship service.

**Sunday Afternoon  
Bible Study  
4:30 - 5:30 pm**

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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 SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Dec 23 9:30 a.m. - Peace**  
Pastor Joe  
**Sunday School Christmas Program**

**Dec 23 6 p.m.**  
Pastor Joe  
**Annual Candlelight Service  
- Light of the World**  
Everyone is invited to this special service where we'll celebrate that Jesus has come as the light of the world. The youth group will lead us.

**Dec 25 10 a.m.**  
**Christmas Day Service**  
Intern Silvio Esteves.

**Dec 30 9:30 a.m.**  
**Traditional New Years Eve Service**  
Pastor Bernie  
**The Lord's Supper will be served.  
(No afternoon Bible Study)**

**January 1 10 a.m.**  
Pastor Bernie

Pastor Joe, Kristin and family will be visiting their families during Christmas week..



### Christmas Program

The congregation is asked to join in on the 2nd stanza of each song. Songs are found in the grey hymnal.

Narrator : Annika

*Song #346 Once in Royal David's City*

Narrator: Sam D.

*Song #349 Away in a Manger*

Narrator: Cadie

*Song #337 Joy to the World*

Narrator: Kaley

Entry of Junior Sunday School students

*Song #214 Ere zij God*

(Please join in at 'Vre-de op aarde')

A thank you to Shannon and Sienna  
for sharing their musical talents.

Junior Sunday School students should exit the sanctuary  
to the Council Room.

### Gathering Songs:

*87 Once in Royal David's City*

*224 Rejoice The Lord is King*

### God Calls us to Worship Him

\* Call to Worship

\* Silent Prayer followed by:

*M94 Beautiful One*

\* God's Greeting

\* Songs of Praise:

*57 All Earth is Waiting*

*598 You are Holy*

### We Mark the Season of Advent

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

Advent Song: 67 Blessed Be the God of Israel

Sunday School Children's Program

Offerings:

a. Local & Denominational Ministries

b. Habitat for Humanity

Offertory Prayer

Congregational Prayer

\* Song of Preparation: *72 Imagine*

### God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Genesis 49:8-12, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:13-14

Sermon: Living with Peace – Accomplished  
through Jesus

Prayer of Application

### God Sends Us into the World with His Blessing

\* Song of Response:

*60 Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

\* Confession of Faith:

Our World Belongs to God #23, 58

\* God's Parting Blessing

\* Doxology: *932:1,4 Savior, Again to Your Dear  
Name We Raise*

(\*indicates please stand if able)

### Prayer items: Our church family

- We continue to keep John and Marguerite Van-Bruinessen in our prayers as John recuperates from radiation treatments and Marguerite waits to have a biopsy in the New Year.

- John Doesburg had a strong radiation treatment on Monday. We prayer this helps with eating.

- Grietje Joldersma who is in discomfort and getting weaker.

- Frances Mulder is scheduled for knee surgery on December 27. We pray for the peace of the Lord to be with her is this time of waiting.

- May all who deal with illness, depression and personal concerns experience the Comfort and Peace of the Holy Spirit in this season as we are pointed to our Heavenly Father and Saviour.

### In our Classis we pray for:

Christmas Day services in our churches  
celebrating the coming of Christ

**In South Dundas we pray for:** Cardinal  
Pentecostal Church Rev. Duncan Perry

**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.

**Offerings received last Sunday**

Budget	\$ 6150
Our Kenyan Kids	\$ 1865
EduDeo Ministries	\$ 120
P.A.R. for Dec 2018	\$7,065

**Offering Schedule**

**December 23 a.m.**

**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 23 p.m. Candle Light Service**

**Youth Group SERVE Trip**

From July 13-20, 2019, 12 of our youth and leaders are heading to St. Catharines, Ontario for the Niagara SERVE mission trip. Hosted by local CRC's, this trip will include several youth groups who will spend the days doing service projects such as painting, yard work, food/clothing banks, youth drop-in center, etc. In the evenings are worship services and small groups. For more information: <https://www.youthunlimited.org/trip-locations/niagara-ontario/>

**December 25 - Pro-Life Cornwall** celebrates life at all of its stages, from conception to natural death. They are committed to educating the community to keep current on the subject, to speak out in an informed manner, to petition when needed, and to be present and supportive to those around us who are vulnerable.

**December 30 - World Renew - General Fund**

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.

**January 1 - Christian Blind Mission**

**January 7 - Redeemer CHS - Transportation**

**January 14 - Benevolent Fund**

**Canadian Foodgrains Bank: Thank you** for your generous gifts designated to World Renew's account at the CFGB. In the last year, World Renew has received over \$1.7 million from individuals, businesses churches and growing projects for its Foodgrains Bank projects. With additional matching funds from the Canadian government and other organizations, World Renew has multiplied this many times over, providing \$9.9 million in assistance to 425,000 people through emergency food assistance programs, nutrition programs and agriculture and livelihoods programs. Our local growing project was blessed by the following individuals and businesses who donated products (seed, fertilizer and sprays) and services: Gasser Ag Services (Tim VanGilst), Finch Feed and Seed (Paul Oosterhof), Maizex Seeds, Agri-Partners Crop Center—Winchester, Renny VanGilst, and VandenBosch Elevators. Because of their support we were able to donate \$6249 to the World Renew account and this will be matched up to 4 times by our federal government and will help many families around the world.



# Happy Birthday

## This Week - December

- 23 Tanya TerHorst
- 26 Randy Tibben
- 29 Marissa Belmonte  
Amber Haayema

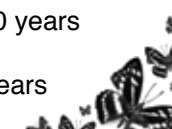
## Next Week -

- 30 Barbara Bern  
Jason Pickup

## January

- 2 Linda Vandemheen
- 3 Mark Geertsema  
Jeanette VandenEykel  
Annika Wagensveld
- 4 Riley Korvar
- 5 Debra De Jong  
Rodney Schell  
Kevin Witteveen

We rejoice with those celebrating more than 70 years  
- Barbara Berns  
celebrating 72 years  
next Sunday



Thank you! We would like to give a **big** thank you for all your prayers and cards in the past weeks.

John and Marg VanBruinessen



*Greetings Saints in Williamsburg!*

*I want to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!*

*Thank-you so much for all the ongoing love, encouragement and support. May God bless you all richly.*

*Cheers Karen Lubbers*



We want to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It continues to give us much joy to live and serve in the Williamsburg community. We look forward to sharing one another's joys and burdens in the coming year knowing that we are always being cared for by the Good Shepherd. Pastor Joe, Kristin and family.



*Thank you congregation for your hospitality to Jane and myself. We look forward to the new year as we get to know more of you. Blessings to all in this Christmas season and as we enter a new year. Above all else we know our Father, Saviour and Comforter are with us, always...Emmanuel!!!*  
*Pastor Bernie*



**Greetings Williamsburg CRC.** Tena and I wish you all a Very Blessed and Merry Christmas season and hope for a Happy New Year. We continue to uphold the Williamsburg CRC Church family in prayer. May our Lord bless you all abundantly with much joy, peace, and love in this season and beyond. All is well with us. We still own our house out west in Ft. McMurray, still unable to sell it, but we have managed to get it rented out, so that takes some pressure off of us.

We are hoping 2019 will see us settled into a home of our own in the Kingston area.

Tena continues working at the local airport, working for Air Canada Jazz; and Pastor George continues serving in an Interim position at the Trenton Ebenezer CRC, but that will end when Pastor Adam Veenstra, who has accepted the call to Trenton, arrives sometime early in the new year. Then we'll see what the Lord has in store for serving the church.

Pastor George Holthof



**Please check your 2019 budget envelopes** to make sure the envelopes you have, has your name on it. Some budget envelope boxes were moved around in the mailslots; as a result you may have the wrong envelopes. Please contact Brent DeVries if you have any issue with your envelopes. Thank You

**Treasurer:** Being the treasurer of our church involves tasks such as: collecting invoices and entering them into a computerized accounting system, maintaining paper copies in an organized system, keeping accounts payable current, looking after payroll and submitting monthly payroll deductions, preparing statements of income and expenses and attending FAC meetings to keep the committee members current on the church's financial affairs. Our current treasurer, Renny VanGilst, has been keeping up with all of this and much more and has decided that after about 13 years it is time to resign from this position. As members of council and the FAC we thank him for his diligent work and we thank him for his willingness to continue with this on the short term until a new treasurer is found. If God has given you the gifts applicable to this position, please consider if you could fill this position.



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**“Did we remember to get Jesus a present for his birthday?”**

**Winter Mission Project:** Would you be interested in spending a week in the Dominican Republic this winter working with a team from Resonate Global Mission to complete the construction of a small church building? Contact Jack VG for more information.

COUNCIL  
WANTS TO SAY

**thank  
you**

to all of you who serve our church in committees, ministries and many more ways. We appreciate you!  
May God bless you in 2019

**LARGE PRINT Today Booklet:**

There is an extra Large Print TODAY booklet, for every month, available to someone who has difficulty reading the regular, small print. Please contact Jim Kooistra.

**Ottawa Christian Counseling Service:**

Dundas County Divisional office. Please call the Ottawa office at 729-8454 to contact Elizabeth. All new clients must dial 0 for general inquiries.

## Events Calendar Dec. 23 - Dec. 29

Friends of the Apple Tree Ministry are sponsoring a **turkey dinner on Christmas Day** for anyone who wants to share in a community meal.

**Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall in Morrisburg.** Following a dessert of pie topped with whipped cream, there will be a chance to chat over coffee, join our musicians in some Christmas songs, and pick up a small treat from Santa.

While there is no charge for the meal, free will offerings will be accepted. Once the bills are paid, we use any additional funds for community outreach throughout the year.

There will be limited transportation to help people in the local area get to the dinner. Additionally, folks may call registration if they wish a hot meal delivered to them.

People who plan to come or who wish a meal delivered are asked to call Lynn Levere at (613) 543 3904 (church) or email [appletreedinner@gmail.com](mailto:appletreedinner@gmail.com) or Elizabeth Irwin at (613) 543-3158 and let us know. Calling by December 20th will help us to make sure that there is plenty of food for all.

There will be NO Sunday afternoon Bible Study group on Dec 23 or 30th. We will resume on Jan 6th with another insightful discussion on election!

All regular programs and schedules will resume the week of January 6

## Coming Events

**OLIEBOLLEN Optimist Club Fundraiser.:** Come join us for 2 oliebollen and coffee or tea for \$ 5.00 or you can purchase 1 dozen \$ 10.00 (please pre order). We starting to bake at 11am. This all happening at **December 31** at Pieter and Maria Biemond place 4783 Flagg Rd. 613-652-9363.

**A Will is on Everyone's To-Do List: At 7 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 2019,** Redeemer Christian High School will host an Estate Planning Seminar. The Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) seminar leader will walk through the basic questions people have about will preparation. Since this event is sponsored by the Christian School Foundation and CSS, attendance is complimentary. E-mail [info@rchs.on.ca](mailto:info@rchs.on.ca) to confirm your attendance.



Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?  
A. It's Christmas, Eve!

	<b>December 23</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>December 30</b>	<b>January 1</b>
<b>Elder Hall Monitor</b>	Ype VanderVeen John Guthrie	Ype VanderVeen John Guthrie	Jack VanGilst Andrew van Veen	Jack VanGilst Andrew van Veen
<b>Deacons</b>	Peter Venema	Peter Venema	Andrew Harbers	Andrew Harbers
<b>Projector</b>	Devin G.	Chris J.	Tony V.	John M.
<b>Usher Front Door</b>	Devin G. Brent G.	Betty-Ann v. Anjo N.	Lindsey/Alie	John M. Christine V.
<b>Musician Song Leader</b>	Jessica group of 4	Jessica Harold	Margo Mike	Tanya group of 3
<b>Nursery Cuddlers</b>	Stacey D. Crystal B.	Bonnie B. Bridget D.	Jackie L. Sarah G.	
<b>Nursery Adventurers</b>	John D. Laura Lee D. David T.	Dan S. Melanie M. Shannon G.	Ruth D. Koryn W. Brent G.	
<b>Jr. SS Teacher Helper Craft Helper Helper</b>	Christmas program		Sharon Stacey Bridget Jess *Jordan	
<b>SS Grades 1 Grades 2 Grades 3 Grades 4/5 Grades 6/7/8</b>				
<b>Coffee</b>	Ralph/Lisa Will & Bonnie	Jack & Margo Dave & Brenda	George & Robin Ype & Gail	Church Council

**Woodland Villa: December 30** T. & B. Van't Foort, L. & A. Dietrich, P. Venema  
**January 13** D. & A. Howland, J. VanVeen, A. & B. VanVeen, P. Venema

**Letter to the missionary this week** - B. & L. DeVries

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