



Advent

The Candle of Joy

Today is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. God sent himself to us to bring us life and never-ending joy. Today, as we celebrate Advent and think of joy, let's not forget. Let's remember and live each day in the knowledge and understanding of what God has done for us. We are delivered! How can we not be joyful?



**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 Evening
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 16 9:30 a.m. - Love

**Dec 23 9:30 a.m. - Peace
Sunday School
Christmas Presentation**

**Dec 23 6 p.m.
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**

**Dec 30 9:30 a.m.
Traditional New Years Eve Service
(No afternoon Bible Study)**

January 1 10 a.m.

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.

Gathering Songs

God Calls us to Worship Him

*Call to Worship

*Silent Prayer followed by

884 Hear Our Prayer O Lord

*God’s Greeting

*Songs of Praise

581 Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

72 Imagine

We Celebrate the Advent Season

Advent reading & Candle Lighting

Advent song: *92 Joy to the World*

GEMS Creative Movement

3-5 year old’s depart for Sunday School

We Response with Thanksgiving and Prayer

Offerings:

a. Local and Denominational Ministries

b. EduDeo Ministries

Offertory Prayer

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation:

M62 Speak O Lord

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture:

Exodus 18:9-12; Luke 2:10; Matthew 2:9-12

Sermon -

Living with Joy – a reaction to deliverance!

Prayer of Application

God Sends Us into the World with His Blessing

*Song of Response:

56 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Affirmation of Faith: 771 The Nicene Creed 1

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Doxology: *93 Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

(*indicates please stand if able)

Prayer items: We continue to keep in prayer the VanBruinessen and Doesburg families as they process diagnosis and treatment for cancer. The Lord is our “Shepherd” always.

Thank you Lord for the successful surgery Gertie DeJong underwent this week.

We pray for family and friends for whom the Christmas season is difficult as a loved one is no longer with them. Thank you Holy Spirit – you are our “Comforter”!

We grieve with the Wubs family, especially Jennifer and her 3 young children as Dennis passed away last Sunday evening.

We continue to remember college/university/ seminary students completing final assignments and exams.

In our Classis we pray for:

Outreach Ministries Developer

In South Dundas we pray for:

Community Christian Reformed, Dixons Corners
Pastor Aaron Thompson

Offerings received last Sunday

Budget	\$ 6,725
Community Foodshare	\$ 977
Karen Lubbers	\$ 100

Offering Schedule

December 9 - EduDeo 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.

December 16 - Our Kenyan Kids

“Our Kenyan Kids is a charitable organization based in Brockville, Ontario. Their mission is to (offering schedule cont. on page 3)

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support children and youth affected by poverty, HIV and AIDS in Kenya by providing education, training, humanitarian aid and nurturing relationships, one child at a time. Any support you can offer will be very much appreciated. For more information on our projects check out our website, www.ourkenyankids.com”

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/>

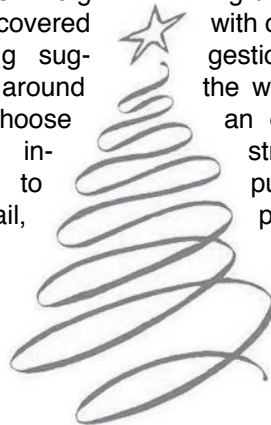
December 25 - Pro-Life Cornwall celebrates life at all of its stages, from conception to natural death. They are committed to educating the community to keep current on the subject, to speak out in an informed manner, to petition when needed, and to be present and supportive to those around us who are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

December 30 - World Renew - General Fund

If you want to contribute to the budget on the 31st please put it in the collection on the 30th.
Thank you

World Renew Giving Tree: UZIMA is a Swahili word that means 'full of life.' In this season of giving, help people who live in extreme poverty experience Uzima –the fullness of life God intends. The giving tree in the front foyer is covered with ornaments that have giving suggestions for people in need around the world. You are invited to choose an ornament and follow the instructions on the back to purchase your gift (by mail, phone or on-line.)

Consider giving a chicken, a goat, or a children's nutrition kit to those on your list that have all they need. Ask for an acknowledgment card (if you order before December 4) or send an e-Card, that lets your loved one know you have made a life changing purchase in their name. Copies of the full gift catalogue are also available. Feel free to take one home, look through it with your family, and together choose gifts that speak to you. **Please speak to one of the deacons if you have any questions, or need help completing your gift.**



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.



Coming Events Calendar

TCS Christmas Performance: You are all invited to our Christmas Performance titled Unto Us A Child Is Born. We will celebrate the birth of our Saviour through music and readings. Performance times are Wednesday, **Dec 19 at 7pm** and Thursday, **Dec 20 at 10am**. Please rsvp for the Thursday morning performance as there will be special refreshments. You can contact the school at 613-535-2687 or office@tcswilliamsburg.ca.

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 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.



If you are planning your 2019 summer vacation, Camp Adonai will be held from August 11 - 16 for junior week at a cost of \$210 and August 17 - 24 for senior week at a cost of \$270. ***This is also a great gift idea.*** Please download the camper registration form from our website at campadonai.ca and send the application form and cheque to Ed Oegema, 791 Ferguslea Rd, R.R. #4, Renfrew Ont., K7V 3Z7 or email and e-transfer the form and fee to ed.oegema@gmail.com. If the registration is a gift going under the Christmas tree, please indicate this with a brief note and a confirmation letter will be sent confirming registration for the week of Camp.

PARCELS FOR SEAFARERS: This is an very important part of the Ministry to Seafarers in Montreal. Bibles



are distributed along with the parcels giving them an opportunity to explain why we celebrate Christmas and brings joy to the lives of

the men who spend months on ships away from their families. A box of simple gifts has a great impact! Please leave your gifts in the front lobby and the deacons will arrange for them to be brought to Montreal in early December.

Please check the November 18th bulletin for parcel details.

Events Calendar Dec. 9 - Dec. 15

SUNDAY 4:30-5:30pm Back to the Basics - Sunday Evening Series
 Would you benefit from a refresher in your understanding of what it means to be Reformed? The Sunday evening group will be spending December and January discussing this valuable theology using a video series on the Canons of Dort from pastor/theologian R.C. Sproul. Refreshments will be provided, all are welcome.

MONDAY 7pm GEMS, Cadets

TUESDAY 7:30pm Council mtg.

WEDNESDAY 7pm Youth Group

THURSDAY 10am Ladies Bible Study

THURSDAY 7pm Redeemer Christian High School invites you to join us for our annual Christmas Concert and Art Exhibit in the gym. Our choir, the concert band, a small string ensemble, the Grade 9 band, and the worship team will perform. You'll also see art by our Grade 10 Visual Art class. Admission is free and all are welcome.

FRIDAY 7:30pm OTTAWA CARLETON MALE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT
 Come celebrate the Christmas Season with the OTTAWA CARLETON MALE CHOIR's 21st Annual CHRISTMAS CONCERT 'SEASONS GREETINGS' with the OTTAWA CELTIC CHOIR & GUEST SOLOISTS at **WOODROFFE UNITED CHURCH** (207 Woodroffe Ave, Ottawa). Tickets are \$15.00 from choir members or at the door. *Net proceeds will be donated to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation Cancer Research.* Information: henk huizenga at 613-293-9046 and at the choir's website: www.ottawacarletonmalechoir.com.

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. Prices are \$40, \$50 and \$60. Call Wilma Mudde at 613-728-0154 for more information or to order.

Youth Group Schedule

Wed, Dec 5 - NO youth group
 Thurs, Dec 6 - Caroling at the Villa, 7-8:30pm
 Sat, Dec 8 - Seniors/youth luncheon, 10:30-2pm
 Wed, Dec 12 - Youth Group
 Wed Dec 19 - NO youth group
 Sun, Dec 23 - Lead Candlelight Service, 6pm
 Wed, Dec 26 and Jan 2 - OFF

	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 25
Elder Hall Monitor	Jack Menkhorst Jason Wagenveld	Harold Douma Dan Schuler	Ype VanderVeen John Guthrie	Ype VanderVeen John Guthrie
Deacons	Mike Dewar	Mark Geertsema	Peter Venema	Peter Venema
Projector	John M.	Josh G.	Devin G.	Chris J.
Usher Front Door	Jo-Ann H.	Marge N. Ralph N.	Devin G. Brent G.	Betty-Ann v. Anjo N.
Musician Song Leader	Margo Shirley	Tanya Mike	Jessica group of 4	Jessica Harold
Nursery Cuddlers	Jessica M. Kristin G.	Liz M. Amy B.	Stacey D. Crystal B.	Bonnie B. Bridget D.
Nursery Adventurers	Dan B. Nancy D. Devin G.	Karen M. Jeff T. Megan D.	John D. Laura Lee D. David T.	Dan S. Melanie M. Shannon G.
Jr. SS Teacher Helper Craft Helper Helper	Pastor Joe Brent Kristin Jason *Shannon	Crystal Koryn Tracey Melanie *Siena	Christmas program	
SS Grades 1 Grades 2 Grades 3 Grades 4/5 Grades 6/7/8	Christmas Practice	Christmas Practice		
Coffee	Tony & Jessica Koop & Kathy	Gerald & Eva Bill & Tina	Ralph/Lisa Will & Bonnie	Jack & Margo Dave & Brenda

Woodland Villa:

Dec16 J. & J. Menkhorst, J. & K. Menkhorst, P. Venema

Letter to the missionary this week - P. & D. De Jong

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