

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Welcome to Fellowship Church.

We are continuing an Advent series called "The Gifts of Christmas" as we anticipate celebrating the coming of Jesus into our world. Each Sunday the children will unwrap one gift, we will light one candle on our Advent wreath, and hear someone share a brief testimony of God at work in their lives. Today we celebrate God's gift of joy as proclaimed to his people through the prophet Isaiah long ago.

There will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Please stay if you can. Our Sunday school children are also holding a bake sale. See the note on page 2.

SECOND ADVENT SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Please stand as you are able...

Song: **"My Soul Cries Out / Canticle of the Turning" LU 69**

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer/Prayer of Invocation

God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

WE LIGHT THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT

Song: **"Sing for Joy"** (*children, and those participating in the lighting of the Advent wreath, may come forward during the last verse of this song*)

Please be seated...

Lighting of the candle. (*Children are then dismissed for Sunday school.*)

Testimony: "Joy"

Prayer

Song: **"Prepare the Way" LU 58 - Sung 3X**

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Call to Confession

Song: **"I Need You Every Hour" LU 322**

Song: **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LU 61**

WE OFFER GIFTS AND PRAYERS

Offerings: 1. Church Fund (white envelope) 2. St. James Food Basket (yellow envelope)

Prayers of the People & Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 55 (page 733)

Message: "Going Out with Joy"

Prayer of Application

Please rise if you are able...

Song of Response: **"The Trees of the Field" PsH 197**

WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD

Blessing

Closing Song: **"Shout To the Lord" LU 603**

Sunday Mornings

A BAKE SALE! Over the last few weeks the Sunday school students have been discussing some of Jesus' parables about living out our faith, and who is our neighbour. In response to this, as well as in line with Fellowship's Directional Proposals to be more outward facing and responding to the needs of the community around us, the Sunday school students will be holding a bake sale today after church in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your toonies and loonies to purchase individual items for \$1.00 or a small plate of goodies for \$5.00. The money raised will be used to purchase \$10 Walmart cards for 12-18yr olds who visit the St. James Food Bank in the month of December. Thank you for your support!

OFFERINGS Today: 1. Church Fund (white env.)
 2. St. James Food Basket (yellow env.)
 Dec. 10 2. Yonge Street Mission
 Dec. 17 2. Christian Horizons

December 3 – St. James Food Basket

Today's second collection is for the **St. James Food Basket** in Etobicoke. Each Wednesday volunteers set up the St. James Food Basket in the St. James United Church Fellowship Hall. Working with the Daily Bread Food Bank, Second Harvest and local suppliers, they provide perishable and non-perishable food items and sundries to individuals and families in need. They serve senior citizens, new Canadians, individuals receiving social assistance, the homeless and families that are simply down on their luck. St. James Food Basket seeks to provide a positive, relaxed environment providing an opportunity for participants to sit, chat and share a cup of coffee, bowl of soup or whatever we have on hand. For more information please go to <http://www.stjamesunitedchurch.com/foodbasket.htm>

December 10 – Yonge Street Mission

Next week's second collection will go to support the Yonge Street Mission.

Yonge Street Mission is called to demonstrate God's love, peace and justice to people living with economic, social and spiritual poverty in Toronto. As a not-for-profit Christian faith community, they assist as many people as possible to experience full participation in society. Since 1896, Yonge Street Mission has been reaching out to meet the needs of people living with poverty in Toronto. Their diverse programs have made a positive difference in the lives of families, seniors, socially isolated adults, street-involved youth and children growing up in our low-income community. For information go to www.ysm.ca.

Calendar of Our Upcoming Events

COFFEE BREAK –This coming Tuesday, December 5, we will have our annual Christmas potluck supper, starting at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish and a small gift for an exchange.

Ladies, come and join us in lots of carol singing and delicious food.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: will be held next Sunday, **December 10th** after the morning service for the purpose of approving next year's budget. Look for a copy of the agenda and budget in your mailslots.

COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION will meet this Tuesday at 7p.m.

COUNCIL EXECUTIVE will meet this Tuesday at 7p.m.

Community Events

JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Brampton. Mark your calendar for our upcoming Christmas Program featuring the JKCS bands followed by the musical "The Bethlehem Project" on Thursday, December 21st. The Matinee begins at 1:15pm and the evening performance will begin at 7:00pm. 82 McLaughlin Road South. Hope to see you there.

Looking for something for the whole family to do on Boxing Day? John Knox Christian School - Brampton is holding its 25th Annual Boxing Day Hockey Tournament at the Vaughan Iceplex. There will be family skating from 10am-2pm, face painting, games, prizes and more. If you are interested in signing up your Hockey team to compete in the tournament, please email us at hockey@bramptonjkcs.org or call the school at 905-451-3236.

Maybe Hockey isn't your thing? Plan to come out to our Annual Golf Tournament on May 12. This year it will be held at the Lionhead Golf and Country Club in Brampton and will be followed by our Gala Dinner and Auction. Watch our website or Facebook page for registration and ticket information.

TDCHRISTIAN: Christmas Concert- TDChristian High School's annual Christmas Concert is a wonderful family tradition. Come hear our jazz band, concert band, praise team, and choir celebrate our saviour's birth. It's Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm, see you there!

Guest and Member Information

ALLERGIES: Some of our members are highly allergic to peanuts and tree nuts, e.g. cashews, almonds, hazelnuts, pecans, etc. **Please don't bring peanuts, tree nuts or anything containing these items to the church. Thank you.** (For the benefit and peace of mind of those with allergies or food sensitivities please label any homemade item you bring to church.)

ANY CONCERNS WITH THE CHURCH BUILDING: Contact any member of the Committee of Administration.

CHILDREN: Kids Bulletins are available. **Nursery** is provided.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: for guests (or members who may have forgotten theirs) are available at the entrance beside the guest book.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES are available. They are located on the shelf in the church office.

IF YOU ARE AWAY FROM CHURCH due to illness, vacation, etc. and you wish to have the bulletin emailed to you, please advise the Ministry Coordinator.

MINISTRY COORDINATOR is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9a.m. to noon p.m. **The bulletin deadline is noon on Thursday.** Church email: rehofellowcrc@bellnet.ca. **OR 416-622-9647.**

Miscellanea

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SERIES - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at reframemedia.com/advent.

LIGHTHOUSE NEEDS: We are always in need of egg cartons and plastic bags to pack fresh foods for our food bank clients. It is a fun and easy way to help out our neighbours in need. Drop off your egg cartons and plastic bags today!

PREPARE YOUR HEART: - Celebrating Christmas isn't a day, it's a season. Welcome Immanuel, Incarnate in 2017 with Advent devotions from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting tomorrow, Dec. 4. Join an exploration of the Incarnation of Christ and his presence in our lives as we prepare to celebrate his birth. To sign up, go to crcna.org/advent.

WORLD RENEW GIFT CATALOGUE - This Advent season, you can stand in the gap with people in need by following Jesus into the lives of the poor through the World Renew 2017-2018 Gift Catalogue. Have fun together while giving gifts that are meaningful and powerful in this world and the next by helping people who live in scarcity to embrace the fullness that God intends for them. You can also check out the gift catalogue online at worldrenewgifts.net.

www.crcna.org/Canada - The website for the Christian Reformed Church Ministry in Canada. If you want to understand and be resourced for ministry in Canada, check out www.crcna.org/Canada. Join The Network (www.crcna.org/Network) to find blogs, discussion topics, ministry Q&A, church jobs, and much more!?

Our Vision

We are a fellowship rooted in Biblical faith.

We share the love of Jesus Christ,

Reaching out to one another

And to the communities in which God has placed us.