

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Welcome to Fellowship Church this Sunday during Advent as we open some "Gifts of Christmas." Today we hear more about God's gift of hope. It would be hard to get up in the morning without it. "Faith," it says in Hebrews, "is being sure of what we hope for, and certain of what we do not see." What is your hope in life and death?
As usual, we will have refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after the service. However, we are also hosting a congregational meeting for those who are members of the congregation. We hope to convene that meeting around 11:15.

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

Welcome & Video

Please stand as you are able...

Song of Praise: **"Emmanuel" (Hillsong)**

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

WE LIGHT THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT

Song: **"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" LU 56 (Tune LU 351)** *children, and those participating in the lighting of the Advent wreath, may come forward during the second verse of this song*

Please be seated...

Lighting of Candle - Reading

Testimony: **"Hope"**

Prayer

Children are dismissed for Sunday school.

Song: **"Prepare the Way" LU 58 to be sung 3X**

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD (Service of Reconciliation)

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession & Prayer of Assurance

Please stand as you are able...

Song: **"Jesus, Hope of the Nations"**

Please be seated...

WE OFFER GIFTS AND PRAYERS

Offerings: 1. Church Fund (white envelope) 2. Yonge Street Mission (yellow envelope)

Offertory: "When Hope Came Down"

Prayers of the People & Prayer for Illumination

GOD SPEAKS & WE RESPOND**Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-12 (page 1200)****Message: "Opening the Gift of Hope"**

Prayer of Application

*Please rise if you are able...*Song of Response: **"Lord of All Hopefulness" LU 378 vs.1 All, vs. 2 males, vs. 3 females, vs. 4 All****WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD**

Blessing

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

Upcoming Christmas/New Year's Services**Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve service, 10 am****(PLEASE BRING GOODIES TO SHARE AT OUR DEC. 24 & 25 COFFEE SOCIALS.)****Monday, December 25: Christmas Day service, 10:30 am****Sunday, December 31: New Year's Eve/Day service, 10am
combined with Bloordale United, at our location****Sunday Mornings****CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** will be held today, **December 10th** after the morning service for the purpose of approving next year's budget and hearing updates from our Transition Team and Worship Committee. A copy of the agenda and budget was placed in your mailslots.

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	2. Yonge Street Mission (yellow env.)
Dec. 17	2. Christian Horizons

Calendar of Our Upcoming Events**DEACONS** will meet this Tuesday at 7p.m.**ELDERS** 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!

TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL invites you to our Christmas Program "The Pathway of Promise" at Covenant Reformed Church. 265 Albion Rd. Thursdav. December 21st at 7pm. Join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the program. We look forward to celebrating our Saviour's birth together.

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

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!

SIGN UP FOR ADVENT DEVOTIONS TODAY - It's not too late! Take time to prepare for Immanuel, Incarnate at Christmas time with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday reflections sent to your email inbox from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice through Christmas Day. Join this exploration of the Incarnation of Christ and his daily presence in our lives as we prepare to celebrate his birth. Don't miss out: Sign up today at 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. You can help a family with a filter for clean water to drink, help a child get the food they need to grow well with a nutrition kit, or help a disaster survivor find shelter and restoration. What will you give to help fill the gap? You can check out the gift catalogue online at worldrenewgifts.net.

www.crcna.org/Canada - The website for the Christian Reformed Church Ministry in Canada.

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