

FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Pastor Joan DeVries
Jan. 7, 2018

Welcome to Fellowship Church this first Sunday of 2018. Our planned service for Christmas Day was cancelled, so today we are finishing up our series on the Gifts of Christmas by considering a heavenly perspective on the birth of Jesus. The picture that Revelation 12 paints is very different than most Christmas cards. The message will also include a whimsical reading that imagines a heavenly conversation between a senior and junior angel.
Please join with others in the Church Hall for coffee and other refreshments after the service.

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

Welcome

Please stand as you are able

Opening Song of Praise: **"Joy to the World"**, LU 92 vs. 1, 4

Call to Worship

Song: **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**, LU 76 vs. 1, 2

The Apostles' Creed

Opening Prayer

God's Greeting

Song of Praise: **"What Child is This"**, LU 95 vs. 1, vs.2 from 96, vs. 3 from 95

Please be seated...

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Assurance: **"Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come"**, LU 103 vs. 1 (verse 1 by song leaders, all on refrain), 2, 5 by all.

OPENING GOD'S GIFT

Review of Gifts - Open Gift

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer

Children Leave for Sunday school

WE OFFER GIFTS AND PRAYERS

Offerings: 1. Church Fund (white env.) 2.) Beginnings (yellow env.)

Please rise...

Song: **"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**, LU 104

Please be seated...

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Prayer for Illumination

GOD SPEAKS & WE RESPOND**Scripture Reading: Revelation 12:1-12 (page 1223)****Message: "Christmas From Heaven's Perspective "**

including dramatic reading of "The Visited Planet"

Prayer

*Please rise...*Song of Response: **"Meekness and Majesty" LU 157****WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD**

Call to Service

The Blessing is Given and Received: **All - Amen**Closing Song: **"Go Tell It On The Mountain" LU 93 vs. 1, 3**

Our Fellowship in Prayer

-We pray for students and teachers as they return to classes this coming week.

-We continue to lift up those who are grieving.

Sunday Mornings

OFFERINGS Today:	1. Church Fund (white env.)
	2. Beginnings (yellow env.)
Jan. 14	2. Youth Unlimited

January 7 – Beginnings Family Services

Today's second collection will support Beginnings Family Services.

Beginnings is a non-profit, faith-based agency providing pregnancy counseling and adoption services as well as infertility counseling and embryo donation services to clients of all ethnic backgrounds, religious affiliations and walks of life. Beginnings' approach is child centered and dedicated to building and supporting healthy family relationships. For more information go to <http://www.beginnings.ca>

Calendar of Our Upcoming Events

COFFEE BREAK: This Wednesday, Jan. 10, we will begin our Bible study on the Book of Ephesians, Lesson 1. Ladies, please join us in studying God's Word this year. Coffee is ready at 9:30a.m.

COUNCIL: will meet Tuesday evening at 7:00p.m.

DEACONS: will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00p.m.

Community Events

HAVE YOU MADE PLANS FOR SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 2018? No plans, then join The Lighthouse in participating in the Coldest Night of the Year Walk in Scarborough. The Lighthouse is looking for 100+ walkers to walk for The Lighthouse and celebrate its 50th year anniversary by raising over \$25,000. For more information you can contact Rob at 416-802-5943 or rob@lighthousecentre.ca. Come and join the celebration with your family, church or youth group by supporting The Lighthouse through this walk.

YOUNG ADULT WINTER RETREAT: Join other wonderful folks aged 18-30ish from across Ontario for the 2018 installment of the Young Adult Winter Retreat on January 26-28th, at Maranatha CRC in Woodstock! This year, we will focus on the theme "Culture" and how we're to represent Christ to our neighbours around us. It will be a weekend full of spiritual encouragement, faith-based discussions, service, workshops, worship, fellowship, and funtivities! Be sure to register by January 11th to receive the Early Bird rate of just \$60 for the entire weekend (after that it goes up to \$70). For more info and to register, visit our Facebook page "Young Adult Winter Retreat" or email ya.retreat.team@gmail.com. We hope to 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 & 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

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Program Coordinator - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, has a full time opening for a Program Coordinator on the International Disaster Response team, based in Burlington. Please visit our website at www.worldrenew.net/careers for more information, or to apply. The application deadline is January 22, 2018.

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!

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