

**FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
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**April 8, 2018**

Welcome to this church, to the community that is especially glad you have come to join in worship here. May you sense God's welcome and presence in our worship. Rev. Lisa Vander Leek is our preacher today.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Sung by Leaders only: **"Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down" LU 510**

Welcome

*Please stand in body or in spirit.....*

Gathering Song: **"Come Away From Rush and Hurry" LU 527**

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

God's Greeting & Mutual Greeting

Song of Invitation & Praise: **"See, What a Morning" LU 181**

*Please be seated...*

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Please stand as you are able...*

Songs of Thanksgiving/Dedication: **"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" LU 188: "He is Lord" LU 227:**

*Please be seated...*

**WE OFFER GIFTS AND PRAYERS**

Offerings: 1. Church Fund (white envelope) 2. Timothy Christian School (yellow envelope)

*Please rise in body or spirit...*

Song: **"Because He Lives" LU 361**

*Please be seated...*

Dismissal of children to Sunday school

Prayers of the People & Prayer for Illumination

**GOD SPEAKS & WE RESPOND**

**Scripture: Psalm 23**

**Message: The Shepherd's Voice**

Prayer of Application

*Please rise in body or spirit...*

Song of Response **"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna" LU 204**

**WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD**

Benediction

Closing song **"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" LU 938**

## Sunday Mornings

Next Sunday our preacher will be Rev. Shiao Chong

**OFFERINGS** Today:           1. Church Fund (white env.)  
   2. Timothy Christian School (yellow env.)  
 Apr 15 2. Denominational Ministry Shares  
 Apr 22 2. World Renew – Refugee Sunday

### April 8 – Timothy Christian School

Today's second collection will support Timothy Christian School. TCS is an independent elementary school serving the west Toronto Christian community. The school has grown to include families from as many as forty-six different churches - parents who want their children taught in a school that acknowledges God as Creator and Jesus as Redeemer, and celebrates our Christian heritage. They thank God for providing the faith, facilities, dedicated supporters, students and teachers that make Christian education possible. Please help keep Christian education affordable by giving and praying for TCS. For more information call 416-741-5770.

### April 15 –Denominational Shares – Resonate Global Mission

Next week's second collection will support Denomination Shares. In 2018 Fellowship CRC will have 10 collections in support of Denomination Shares including Resonate Global Mission (formerly Home Missions). Loving Our Neighbors. Working through regional teams, Resonate Global Mission supports a diverse group of church planters, pastors, campus ministers, and others who are called to renew communities together. They form local partnerships, collaborating formally and through grass roots efforts. Resonate Global Mission teams up with congregations and classes to strengthen educational ministries. It cultivates leaders, encourages church planting, and brings a mission focus to churches while promoting spiritual growth through prayer and small groups. New churches and campus ministries are multiplied. Existing church bodies are taught how to more actively engage. The result? Renewed lives, communities, and culture — all through God's Spirit. For more information go to [www.crcna.org/ministries/resonate-global-mission](http://www.crcna.org/ministries/resonate-global-mission)

## Calendar of Our Upcoming Events

**COFFEE BREAK** A week and a half ago we had our Easter brunch and Mark Broadus spoke to us on Psalm 22. This past week we studied Lesson 1 "The Power of God's Forgiveness." A lively discussion followed. God's love is so great, we can't measure it. He forgives all our sins, all we have to do is ask Him. This coming week Wednesday we will be studying Lesson 2 – "The Response of the Forgiven Heart." You are invited to join in our discussions. Coffee is ready at 9:30 am.

**DEACONS** will meet on Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**ELDERS** will meet on Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Those involved in Music Ministry at Fellowship will meet for Music Night practices in April on Thursday April 12 & April 26, 7pm in the Sanctuary. Please PYOM (print-your-own-music) or come early to MYOP (make-your-own-photocopies)! We love new members! If you like singing, or making music, please join us. Speak to Emily Harrison (Worship Coordinator) after the service, or email [emily\\_harrison@fellowshipchurchto.org](mailto:emily_harrison@fellowshipchurchto.org)

## Council & Committee News

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** is planned for right after the service on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be seeking your approval on the 2017 Financial Statements.

### FROM THE MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

As part of the congregational meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, following the finance presentation, we will hold an extended ministry session. This will be an interactive session during which members will receive information and provide input on ministry opportunities to help us pursue our five directional statements. As programs, events and activities for the remainder of the calendar year will come from this session, your participation is needed. Please, if possible, make every effort to be at this meeting. You can expect to be done by 12:45.

The City of Toronto has already registered over 1000 Community Cleanups for Earth Day 2018. As previously reported, we have signed up to clean the litter from the creek in Bloordale Park, one-block east of our building, starting at noon on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Informational posters and online ads have been put up, inviting our neighbours to participate. If you plan to take part, please register on the "Events" page of the church's new website. Bring a change of clothes and a bag lunch, and we will eat together before we head to the park.

A local elementary school (Forest Glen PS on Ponytrail) is in need of new or used hats, scarves, and water-resistant mitts, as well as children's pants, for students who show up at school unprepared for cold days. As you (and your neighbours and extended family) are doing your spring cleaning, please set these aside. A collection box has been placed in the fellowship hall.

St. James Food Basket at 400 Burnhamthorpe has asked our congregation for the help of an energetic, responsible volunteer for 4 Wednesdays (May 9, 16, 30, June 6) to close the market for the day. Please speak to Mark for more information

I am in the church office most weekday afternoons.  
(Mark: 647-280-6275, [mark\\_broadus@fellowshipchurchto.org](mailto:mark_broadus@fellowshipchurchto.org))

## Community Events

**"AGING: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES"** is the theme of a one day event planned for April 21, 2018. How we deal with the many issues we face in "the third third" of our life as individual believers, as well as the response of the Christian community, will be dealt with by keynote speaker Dr. Syd Hielema and four well qualified workshop leaders.

Aspects such as our faith life, our ability or inability to live independently, ending up parenting our parents, our interpersonal relationships and changes in our mental capabilities will all come under scrutiny. The help we can give involves all of us at some time. The question of the assistance we need and of what might be available faces many of us even **to-day!**

Disability Concerns sponsors this conference in Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Woodstock. To register online go to <https://www.crcna.org/disability>. Groups of three or more can still get the discount rate of \$35.

**JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL** invites you to attend our combined Golf Tournament and Gala Dinner and Auction at Lionhead Golf and Country Club on May 12. Join us for a round of golf starting at 1:00pm and then stick around to enjoy a delicious dinner and put your bid on some fantastic auction items – doors open at 6:00pm. To register go online to our website [www.bramptonjkcs.org](http://www.bramptonjkcs.org). You can sign up for golf only, or just the Gala and Auction, or join us for both! For more information or to donate an item to our auction, please contact the school 905-451-3236.

**“LEARNING HOW TO GROW RESTORATIVE CHURCHES”:** Conflicts within churches are real but we can deal with them in a way that deepens relationship, strengthens community, and builds our faith. Join us for a three day hands-on training, including support afterwards, on **“Learning How to Grow Restorative Churches”**. The training is offered through *Shalem Mental Health Network* and will be in Ajax, ON on April 27, 28 and May 12, 2018. If you attend a CAP church, you are eligible for a 10% discount on the training fee. For more information and to register for the training, visit: <http://shalemnetwork.org>, or call 905.528.0353 or toll free 866.347.0041

**LOAVES & FISHES** growing project upcoming event:

**Wed April 18th @ 7pm** at St John’s Anglican Church, 29 Church St. Cookstown Information Meeting, “Working Together – the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank

**THE LIGHTHOUSE** celebrates 50 years in 2018. On Sunday April 22, 2018, at 6:30p.m. the Lighthouse will host a celebration service at First CRC in Toronto (67 Taunton Road). You are invited to come and celebrate with The Lighthouse its first 50 years. There will be a time for reflection and sharing as well as a time of giving thanks and praise. For more information, please contact Rob at 416-535-6262 | 416-802-5943 or [rob@lighthousecentre.ca](mailto:rob@lighthousecentre.ca)

**TEEN CHALLENGE GALA** - Plan to join us on Thursday, April 26, 2018, for our 10th Anniversary Gala at Bellvue Manor in Vaughan, ON. Come hear the powerful testimonies of the Teen Challenge Ontario Women’s Choir & past graduates as we celebrate our Past, Present & Future. It will be a night to remember! Buy a ticket for yourself and a friend. For more information, go to [www.tcgt.ca/](http://www.tcgt.ca/)

**TDCHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL Grandparents Day is Coming** All grandparents and seniors are invited to TDChristian High School's annual Grandparents Day on Thursday, April 26, starting at 9. Enjoy refreshments, visit a class, be a part of our assembly and enjoy lunch with our students.

#### **Upcoming High School Reunions**

The Class of 2008 celebrates its 10 Year Reunion on Saturday May 5 at 7:30 pm in the TDChristian High School atrium. Tell your friends and enjoy getting together to share stories and see each other again! If you are part of the Class of ‘91, ‘92, ‘93, you are invited to a 25 Year Reunion also on Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 pm, in the TDChristian Commons. Check out the Facebook invitation and plan on coming out for a great evening of strolling down memory lane. Any questions about either reunion? Contact Patty Schuurman at [schuurman@tdchristian.ca](mailto:schuurman@tdchristian.ca). Interested in a 40 Year Reunion? Contact William Groot (Class of ‘78) at [groot@tdchristian.ca](mailto:groot@tdchristian.ca). Who knows what may happen?!

### **Guest and Member Information**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR** is in the office weekdays from 9a.m. to noon p.m. **The bulletin deadline is noon on Thursday.** Church email: [fellowshipcrcto@gmail.com](mailto:fellowshipcrcto@gmail.com). **OR 416-622-9647.**

**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 Administrative Coordinator.

### **Miscellanea**

**JOB OPENINGS:** -Disability Concerns and Safe Church ministry have a 30-hour-per-week position open at the Burlington office to assist Christian Reformed Churches in Canada in becoming safer communities where everybody belongs and everybody serves. Find full job description and application information at [bit.ly/DCSCjob](http://bit.ly/DCSCjob).

-World Renew, an agency of the CRCNA, has an opening for a part-time-Administrative Specialist in Burlington. Please visit our website at [www.worldrenew.net/careers](http://www.worldrenew.net/careers) for more info, or to apply.

**LIGHTHOUSE NEEDS:** We are always in need of egg cartons (cardboard only) 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](http://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](http://www.crcna.org/Canada). Join The Network ([www.crcna.org/Network](http://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.***