

**FELLOWSHIP CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
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**Guest Preacher: Rev. Shiao Chong**  
**April 15, 2018**

Welcome to this church community. We are especially glad to have you join us in worship here. After celebrating the resurrection life of Jesus at Easter, we will explore this morning how the light of that resurrection life will shine in the darkness that pervades our world. May you sense God's life and hope in our service. Pastor Shiao Chong, Editor of *The Banner*, is our preacher today.

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

Welcome

*Please rise in body or spirit...*

Songs of Praise: **"Beautiful One" LU 607; "Shout to The Lord" LU 603**

Call to Worship

Song of Praise: **"Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord"**

Opening Prayer/Prayer of Invocation

Greeting & Mutual Greeting

Song of Invitation: **"Here I Am To Worship" LU 567**

*Please be seated...*

**WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD**

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Song: **"Welcome Into This Place" LU 530**

Words of Assurance

**WE OFFER GIFTS AND PRAYERS**

Offerings: 1. Church Fund (white envelope) 2. Denominational Shares (yellow envelope)

*Please rise in body or spirit....*

Offering Song: **"Your Grace Is Enough" LU 698**

*\*children can come forward during the last verse\**

Children's Talk/Dismissal

Prayers of the People & Prayer of Illumination

**GOD SPEAKS & WE RESPOND**

**Message: *Light and Life***

**Scripture: John 1:1-5, John 8:12, Matthew 5:14-16**

Prayer of Application: Spontaneous Prayer

*Please rise in body or spirit...*

Song of Response: **"Before the Throne of God Above" LU 682**

**WE LEAVE TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD**

Closing Song: **"Bring Forth the Kingdom of God"**

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## Sunday Mornings

-Next Sunday our preacher will be Rev. Bruce Adema from the Bethel, Waterdown CRC. (See the announcement from the Search Committee)

-Next Sunday the Korean Presbyterian Church (Our Sunday afternoon tenants) will hold a bake sale during our coffee social. The proceeds will go to help support a child they sponsor in Zimbabwe.

**OFFERINGS** Today:       1. Church Fund (white env.)  
                                  2. Denominational Ministry Shares (yellow env.)  
Apr 22 2. World Renew – Refugee Sunday  
Apr 29 2. Shalem Mental Health Network

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

Today's second collection will support Denominational Shares. In 2018 Fellowship CRC will have 10 collections in support of Denominational 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) (Denominational Shares Report"- After the 1st quarter of 2018, we are at 14% of our giving to Denominational Shares. To meet our quota for the year, each member owes \$312.00./ annually, or \$286.00 for the balance of the year. The information above is one example of how your money goes to help.)

### April 22 – World Renew - Refugee Sunday

Next week's collection is for World Renew - Refugee Sunday. For those who cannot return home, a second solution is for the refugee to create a new life in their country of asylum. However, if neither of these solutions is possible, refugees may be resettled to a third country, like Canada, the U.S, or many others. In the midst of a growing refugee crisis, we have a great opportunity and responsibility to reach out in love to people who have been forced from their countries due to persecution and war. Please give generously. Canada is unique among nations that welcome refugees. That's because it is the only country that allows sponsorship of refugees by private organizations. World Renew is one of the Canadian agencies that has been granted a sponsorship agreement by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. World Renew's sponsorship agreement allows CRC congregations in Canada to sponsor refugees. Please call the World Renew Refugee office, 1-800-730-3490. For more information go to [worldrenew.org](http://worldrenew.org)

## Calendar of Our Upcoming Events

**COFFEE BREAK** This past Wednesday we discussed "The Response of the Forgiven Heart."

This coming Wednesday we will discuss how many times we need to forgive, Lesson 3.

Join us for coffee at 9:30 a.m. and an insightful discussion on the topic of forgiveness.

**COUNCIL EXECUTIVE** will meet this Tuesday at 7:00 pm

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Those involved in Music Ministry at Fellowship will meet for Music Night practices in April on Thursday 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**

**COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION** is looking for new members and volunteers. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact any member of the committee.

**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. As part of the congregational meeting, following the finance presentation, we will hold an extended ministry session. This will be an interactive session for the entire congregation, during which you 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 flow out of this session, your participation is needed. Please make every effort to be at this meeting. You can expect to be done by 12:45pm. (Please look for the agenda and financial statement in your mailslot.)

#### **FROM THE MINISTRY DIRECTOR:**

To all who are participating in the Earth Day Community Cleanup of Bloordale Park next Sunday, here's what you need to know. Bring good footwear, a change of clothes and a bag lunch, and we will eat together before we head over to the park. Garbage/recycling bags and rubber gloves will be provided. Anything else you need, such as garbage pickers, please bring from home. Thank you for helping to clean our neighbourhood!

-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\\_broadus@fellowshipchurchto.org](mailto:mark_broadus@fellowshipchurchto.org))

### **Community Events**

**AN ACT OF REMEMBERING** is an interactive, story based-workshop that shares Canada's nations-to-nations history using a variety of voices, including your own. This learning even is hosted by the CRC Race Relations Ministry. April 17, 10 am-4pm, Meadowvale Community Church, 2630 Inlake Court, Mississauga. Register: 289-527-6345 or <http://bit.ly/aar042018>

**"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.

**CALVIN PRISON INITIATIVE:** Reforming Our Prisons through Education - (CPI). A partnership between Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary, CPI provides a Christian liberal arts education to inmates at Handlon Prison. Come hear the amazing story of how CPI has been bringing hope, dignity, and the opportunity for real accomplishment to these students in prison. Join us Thursday, May 3 (2:30-3:30pm) in Harmony Hall at Holland Christian Home, Brampton. RSVP by Monday, April 30 to 616-957-6037 or [semevents@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:semevents@calvinseminary.edu)

**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 [the school 905-451-3236](tel:905-451-3236).

**“BULLY BRAVE”** Join us at John Knox Christian School on Thursday, April 19 from 7:00-8:30pm for a Free Parent Training Session by BULLY BRAVE. This session focuses on what bullying is, what it is not, what to do if your child is being bullied and what to do if your child is bullying others. RSVP to the school if you will require childcare. 82 McLaughlin Road South. 905-451-3236. All are welcome! See you there!

**“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.tcga.ca/](http://www.tcga.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.

**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.

**PASTORAL VISITORS** are available to visit hospitalized members, shut-ins, and in emergency situations. This team can be contacted through either Margaret Antonides (416 – 233 – 0978) or Herman Praamsma (905 – 452 – 7183).

**Miscellanea**

**JOB OPENING:** 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!

**UPDATE FROM ST. JAMES FOOD BASKET: Second Harvest Deliveries:** Over 6 months, from September, 2017 to February, 2018 Second Harvest delivered 59,845 pounds of food to St James Food Basket. At an average value of \$2.50 per pound, that's a donation valued at \$149,612! Second Harvest is a food-rescue organization; if we and other food banks did not take this food and give it

out, then it would have ended up as garbage. So as well as providing food, we are helping the environment.

**Student Food-Recipients on the Rise:** Among our food-recipients, we have noticed an increase in people going to school. Of course, we have many people learning English at the Burnhamthorpe Adult Centre and at LINC on The West Mall. We also have many people taking high school credit courses at Burnhamthorpe Adult Centre in order to qualify for college programs. We have students attending Humber College, Seneca College, York University and several other colleges and training organizations. We work to accommodate everyone's schedule so that students can still pick up food while also attending school and taking care of a family.

**Donations:** Thank you for donating your Loblaws \$25 cards to us. We are very grateful and will spend them soon on feminine hygiene products.