



TRANSCONA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



WELCOME TO ALL

A warm welcome to those visiting with us today.
Nursery is available for infants and toddlers up to 3 years.
Children & Worship is offered for ages 3 to 6 years
(dismissed during the service).
Please join us for coffee in the fellowship hall after the service.

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November 26, 2023 Worship Service at 10:00 AM

led by Pastor Brian Bolkema

Prelude

*Call to Worship from Psalm 108:1-4 (responsively)

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

*God's Greeting

*Opening Songs of Praise LUYH 574 How Great Is Our God
In the Presence

Welcome Betty Cherrie as a Member

*The Apostles' Creed

*Song LUYH 770 In Christ Alone

Congregational Prayer

Offering for World Renew (During, we'll watch a video from the youth ministry)

Children's Message

(After the message, children ages 3 to 6 will be dismissed for Children & Worship)

*Song LUYH 761 I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: 1 John 2:3-14

Sermon: The New Old Command

Prayer of Application

*Song of Response LUYH 676 Oh, How I Love Jesus

*God's Blessing

*Doxology LUYH 927 God, the Father of Your People

** = stand if you are able*

Serving God

*** indicates a change from previous bulletins**

Nov 26

Audio/Visual
Children & Worship

*Akin Ayo-Lawal, Owen Westervelt
Brandon Vaags, Deanna Kunkel
Following Jesus Lesson 12: Jesus Feeds Five Thousand People
Roger & Irene Vaags
Ted Jeninga
Erika Sloos
Arlene Bakker, Lynda Boorsma*
Ted & Yvonne Jeninga

Coffee
Elder
Musician
Nursery
Ushers

Dec 03

Audio/Visual
Children & Worship

*Carter Jeninga, Hendrik Brien
Grace Zylstra, Norah Zylstra
Lesson 17: The Prophets (Advent I)
Mike & Carrie Stienstra
Rick Bakker
Bev Steendam
Irene Reinink* , Haleigh Boorsma
Sam & Netty Zwiers

Coffee
Elder
Musician
Nursery
Ushers

Dec 10

Audio/Visual
Children & Worship

Nathan Stienstra, Andrew Steendam
Katherine/Mikayla/Caden Bolkema
Lesson 18: Mary and Joseph (Advent II)
Rick & Arlene Bakker
Roger Vaags
Bev Steendam
Anna Steendam, Cindy Kampman
Randy & Margaret Kunkel

Coffee
Elder
Musician
Nursery
Ushers

Dec 17 AM

Audio/Visual
Children & Worship

Akin Ayo-Lawal, Owen Westervelt
Mike Stienstra, Nathan Jeninga
Lesson 19: The Shepherds (Advent III)
Rob & Irene Reinink
John Boorsma
Bev Steendam
Grace Zylstra, Regan Vaags
Brandon Vaags

Coffee
Elder
Musician
Nursery
Ushers

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday	Worship Service 10 am
Sunday	Kids Praise 11 am
Sunday	Catechism 11:15 am
Sunday	Connections
Sunday	Sr. Youth

Collection Schedule

Dec 3	Hope Center Ministries
Dec 10	Reframe Ministries
Dec 17	Mid America Reformed Seminary
Dec 24	Resonate Global Ministries (The Friesens)
Dec 25	Jews for Jesus

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Dec 5	Council Meeting
Dec 5	Seniors Coffee Christmas Lunch Social (Tue)
Dec 7	Jr. Youth
Dec 10	Sr. Youth Christmas Party

Prayer & Praise

- Please keep Anne deVries in your prayers as her health is declining.
- Please pray for Thede Bakker and family during their time of loss after Anje Bakker's passing on Saturday, Nov 11.
- Gordon Zylstra had his last radiation treatment on Tuesday but can expect side effects for the next month or so. He will have a follow-up appointment in three months to see if the treatment was effective in getting rid of the prostate cancer. Please pray for good results. We also ask for prayer for the Zylstra family as they gathered last weekend for John's memorial service. The support of our church community through all of this has been such a blessing.
- Please continue to remember Rick Reimer as he lives with cancer and its ongoing effects.

Prayer requests can be emailed to office@transconacrc.ca

Please Remember our Shut-in Members:

George Brakel, Bill and Wilma Devos, John and Anne deVries, Kees Geschiere, Frances Jeeninga, Frances Jeninga, Florence Meulenkamp, and Hetty Wiersema.

Addresses for the above are in the Church Directory and the Bridge App.

Announcements

Council Report

- Since the Compassionate Care Committee has shut down, the deacons would like to ensure that church members in need are still being looked after. If you or someone you know is in need, please share this with your ward deacon so that we may help. We will soon be reviewing the list of those willing to prepare meals, etc. If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact a deacon to be added to the list.
- The Transcona Food Bank is looking for specific donations in order to put together 100+ Holiday Breakfast Baskets for our community to use while the food bank is closed for Christmas. Please consider donating these items needed by December 15th.
 - Cereal Boxes
 - Pancake Mix
 - Pancake Syrup
 - Jars of toppings like Peanut Butter, Jam, Cheese wiz, etc.
 - Jugs of Juice

Thank you for all the support during the time of Gord's diagnosis and treatment for prostate cancer and his brother's passing. We were so blessed by the prayers, cards, kind words of encouragement and sympathy, and the help given so freely in our time of need. We have felt God's love through the caring of our church community.

With thanks, Gord and Grace Zylstra

Help Plan Advent!

Advent and Christmas are just around the corner! (The first Sunday of Advent is December 3!) If you're willing to help plan and organize these services, please let Pastor Brian know! We'll plan the Advent candle lighting and readings, as well as the Candlelight, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day services.

Seniors Coffee Christmas Lunch

Calling all Seniors: On **Tuesday, December 5 at 12 p.m.** we will be having a Christmas Luncheon for our Seniors, in lieu of our coffee morning.

(Please note the date and time change) This will be an opportunity for us to gather and celebrate the Christmas season and especially the birth of our Lord and Saviour. We hope to do some singing and if anyone would like to share a poem, or special memories you are more than welcome to do so. Feel free to invite friends and neighbours who might enjoy this time together.

Connections

We had a lovely first week getting to sit down with one another and share our insights and experiences together! I hope your groups did as well. This week we will focus on Chapter 2. A photocopy of Chapter 2 can be found by the mailboxes. We are delighted to have such good participation that more books needed to be ordered! Additional study guides should be delivered this week.

Soxs 4 the Box

It's that time of year again where we collect as many new socks (hats and mitts) for the people who need the help of Union Gospel Mission. There will be a box set up by the mailboxes. If you are able to supply some cold feet with warm socks it would be so appreciated. I will collect until December 22 then deliver them in time for Christmas. If you have any questions contact me, Arlene.

GEMS Call for Cutlery - At GEMS this season we want to Rise Up and shine our lights in our community. Siloam Mission has issued a Call for Cutlery and we'd like to help! Soon there will be a ban on plastic cutlery so they need many, many forks, knives and spoons. Will you look for extra cutlery in your home and give it to GEMS? Let's see how many pieces of cutlery we can collect! 100? 1000? You can find the Call for Cutlery box in the church foyer or give the cutlery to Grace Zylstra,

Thanks to those who have donated cutlery so far!

The deadline for bringing in cutlery is December 3rd.

Handel's Messiah Fundraising Choral and Orchestral Concert

Covenant Church (653 Knowles Ave) invites you to celebrate the coming of the King this Christmas season with three fundraising performances of **Handel's Messiah** on Fri, Dec. 15th, Sat, Dec. 16th and Sun, Dec. 17th. The Friday and Saturday's performances will be at 7:00 PM and the shortened Sunday matinee at 3:00 PM will have exciting features for families with young children. The concerts will feature a 90-voice community choir, including members of TCRC, highlighted by up-and-coming soloists and a 20-member chamber orchestra directed by Dr. Stuart Sladden. Admission is \$30 for the Friday and Saturday performances and \$15 for Sunday (children 12 and under are free on Sunday). Tickets can be purchased by following the link at covenantcrc.ca All proceeds from the event will be going towards [Harvest Manitoba](http://HarvestManitoba), a charity that collects and distributes nutritious food to hungry Manitobans.

Toward CRC Canada

Is it time for an independent distinctly Canadian CRC?

Toward CRC Canada thinks so and invites you to join the conversation at Canada's Kitchen Table conversations. We have set up zoom meetings Nov 27 @ 7 pm, Nov 29 @ 2 pm and Dec 2 @ 10 am for you to listen in and participate in this initiative. Contact office@transconacrc.ca or email: towardcrrccanada@gmail.com with your preferred date and time and we will provide the zoom link for you to join.

Thrive

Position Opening: Administrative Coordinator (Thrive) - The successful candidate for this position will provide administrative coordination for Thrive as it supports congregations and local ministry leaders. Tasks will include event logistics in collaboration with Thrive staff; fostering communications and relationships with church leaders and members; preparing presentations, reports, invoices, cheque requests, and expense reports; and other administrative support to Thrive staff. This position offers a flexible work schedule, attractive benefits package, including Group RRSP program and generous paid time off policies. The successful applicant will be able to work either at our Burlington office, hybrid, or remotely in Canada.

The Banner

CRCNA Position Opening - The Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part-time (10-15 hrs/wk) Sales Representative for The Banner. The Banner Sales Representative is responsible for meeting Banner advertising sales objectives by maintaining excellent relationships with our existing advertisers, developing new accounts, and managing the workflow of display ads. This position is hybrid (Grand Rapids, MI, or Burlington, ON, area) or remote anywhere else in the US or Canada. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for details or to apply.

ReFrame Ministries

Groundwork: Love God By Loving One Another - Differences and disagreements are inevitable, even among Christians, because the gospel calls people of many ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Join Groundwork as we study Paul's instructions for Christian living in Romans 14-16 to discover what it looks like to live in a community and to hear the heart of Paul's message—love for God and love for each other. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

PEG CITY YOUTH Is our joint Youth Ministry program between Covenant and Transcona CRC for grades 7-9 and 10-12 with the mission to LOVE-GROW-SERVE! They hold regular youth evenings and look for different opportunities to LOVE and SERVE others throughout the year.

Jr Youth

Our next Jr Youth event is December 7. We will be getting into the Christmas spirit by having a "Home Alone" watch party at Covenant CRC from 7-9 p.m.

Sr Youth

Our next Sr Youth event is Tonight! We will meet at Covenant at our usual time of 7 - 9 p.m. We'll start with some games and then we will be continuing on our lesson series "Can I Ask That 2" session 4 - Why do bad things happen to good people? If this question interests you stop by and join in our discussion!