



teach us to
PRAY

This morning Pastor Tom van Milligen will continue our worship series “Teach us to pray” which was the humble and heart-felt request by the disciples of their Rabbi, Jesus. In this worship series, we’ll explore prayers found in Scripture and look at biblical teaching of how to pray. During this season of Epiphany, may our prayers seek the expansion of God’s kingdom and the drawing of all people to the light of Christ. May God bless your time of worship with us today!

Welcome | If you are new to Community CRC, we would like to get to know you! Fill out the Connect card at the Information Centre, or scan the QR code to fill it out electronically.



Childcare | There is nursery for infants, toddlers, and 2-year-olds in the back hall of the church.

Sunday School | Children ages 3 to grade 3 are invited to Sunday School following the children’s blessing in the worship service. Children ages 3-5 must be signed in and out by a parent/guardian.

Sermon Discussion Group | Children in grades 4 to 6 are invited to take a clipboard and note-taking sheet from the bin at the Children’s Worship Centre. Following the sermon, they are dismissed to join for a snack and discussion in classroom 10-11 (across from the 2-year-old nursery).

Children’s Worship Centre | Located in the foyer just past the Info Centre, our Children's Worship Centre has children’s bulletins, books, sermon note-taking sheets, and more to help our young members stay present and engaged in our worship service.

Accessibility | The sanctuary is equipped with a T-loop or listening devices are at the tech booth.

Worship Info | If you need to leave the sanctuary due to sensory concerns, feeling unwell, or to feed an infant, you are welcome to use the viewing windows that look into the sanctuary, including the one in the Community Room. An usher can direct you to the volume knob for the speakers near the window.

10:00 AM Worship Service

Preacher: Pastor Tom van Milligen Elder-in-Charge: Tasha VanAnkum

GATHERING AND GREETING

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

“Amid The Thronging Worshippers” (LUYH #511)
“Cornerstone”

God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Dedication

“All I Have Is Christ”

The Lord’s Prayer

The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones

Children’s Blessing

Ages 3 – grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday school

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Song of Preparation

“How Firm A Foundation” (LUYH #427) vs. 1,3,5

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7: 7-12, James 1:1-8

Sermon

“Pray With Confidence”

Prayer of Application

Grades 4-6 are dismissed for sermon discussion group

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace” (LUYH #690)

Prayers of the People

Offering

1) Ministries of Community CRC
2) Cadets

Offertory Song

“None Like You”

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 27

Blessing

Doxology

“My Friends, May You Grow In Grace” (LUYH #938)

(LUYH numbers) refer to the Lift Up Your Hearts hymnals available at the back of the sanctuary.

Join us for coffee, tea, and juice in the gym following the service.

The library is open 30 minutes before and after the service.

COMMUNITY CRC NEWS

This Week's Events | www.ccrcc.on.ca/events

Profession of Faith and Newcomers Class | Profession of Faith class will be held this Sunday at 9 AM (3rd office) and a Newcomers Class at 11:15 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room (off the gym beside the library). If you would like to learn more about our church and the possibility of becoming a member, come join us after the service!

Coffee Conversations | Any member who would like to ask questions or communicate with elders about recent activities and decisions of church Council, bring your coffee or tea to Classroom 10/11 (across from the 2-year old nursery) after the morning service. This will be an informal time of sharing open to all which takes place on the last Sunday of every month.

1-West Potluck | All members of the 1-West Community are invited for a potluck after the morning service which will be held in the Community Room.

LAFF (Life After Fifty Five) | Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 27 starting with a coffee social at 10:15 AM. Our guest speaker is Keith Oosthoek, who will speak about financial topics of special interest for seniors and "life experiences". There will be lots of time for any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Youth Group | Attention all youth grades 5-12! Look out for a future announcement in the bulletin for the upcoming 2026 youth season! As the youth leaders plan this out, our scheduled Bible studies are postponed. We look forward to seeing you at our future events! A [survey](#) was emailed to all youth and parents of grades 5-12 for feedback on which night of the week is preferred, so vote on the poll and have your say!

Games Anyone? | Due to inclement weather, our games afternoon was cancelled this past Wednesday. It has been rescheduled to this coming Wednesday, January 28 at 1:30 PM at the church. Bring a favourite game and your own beverage. There will be some baking to enjoy too! Mark your calendars for future dates: February 18, March 18 (March Break family friendly), April 22, and May 20. For more information, speak with Linda DeJonge at bernieandlindadejonge@gmail.com or Judy Hansma at judyhansma@hotmail.com.

GEMS | The GEMS group has grown over the past few months, and we would love another counsellor to join our team. This individual would break into small group sessions and help facilitate discussions. Join an exciting and fun-filled girls' group that meets on Wednesdays from 7 – 8:30 PM. For more information, email Colleen at csyrier@aol.com.

The Art of Listening Workshop | On Thursday, February 5 from 7 to 9:15 PM, all office bearers and interested members are invited to join the Care Team for practical training in becoming a better listener. We will be meeting in Classroom 10/11 and encourage you to join us.

CCRC Potluck & Movie Night | You are invited on Friday, February 6 at 5:30 PM for an all-ages potluck and screening of *The Prince of Egypt*. Bring a dish or dessert to share. There's no cost to attend, but donations for St. Mark's – canned/packaged food, hygiene items, or grocery gift cards – will be collected. Enjoy good food, great company, and meaningful fellowship. If you can help with set up or clean up, contact Stephanie at worship@ccrc.on.ca.

Vocalists Needed | We are looking for singers to lead the congregational singing for our a capella service on February 22, the first Sunday of Lent. Rehearsal will be that morning at 8:30 AM prior to the service. Email Stephanie at worship@ccrc.on.ca to sign up.

STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor Tom van Milligen will be out of the office Tuesday, January 27 – Saturday, January 31 as he will be leading a clergy retreat.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Date	Time	Details
Feb. 1	10 AM	Pastor Tom van Milligen
Feb. 8	10 AM	Mr. Shiao Chong Lord's Supper
Feb. 15	10 AM	Pastor Nick Bierma

OFFERING

Give Online | For details on giving through the Bridge App, visit www.crc.on.ca/give.

Upcoming Offerings:

February 1 | Ray of Hope

February 8 | Indwell

February 15 | Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Offerings Received as of January 18, 2026:

Budget Offerings		
January 18, 2026 (not incl. online)	\$	3,805
Year-to-date Budget Contributions	\$	11,922
Budgeted 2026 Total Contributions	\$	675,000
Second Offerings (not including online)		
Beginnings	\$	403
Missionary Support	\$	75
ReFrame Ministries	\$	50

* Bridge App donations are reported once a month

Today's Offering | Cadets

The Calvinist Cadet Corps is an independent youth ministry organization whose purpose is to provide churches with a program that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys in their church and community. Cadets meets weekly and helps boys become more Christlike in all areas of life.

CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to **Frank Roorda** (9-Country Hills) who celebrates his 90th birthday on Monday, January 26. We give thanks for this special milestone and wish him a wonderful celebration with family and friends.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Congregational Survey | Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in a CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. We need as many people from our congregation as possible to participate. Visit crcna.org/survey/5534 to answer the survey questions by March 31. Thanks for your participation and sharing your perspective!

Safe Church Conference | Mark your calendars for the annual Inter-Classis Safe Church Conference that will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 9 AM – 3 PM at Waterloo CRC. At a time of history when truth is being challenged and when power is being abused, join us for a time of learning and discussion. Our plenary speaker will be Dr. James Watson who will be joined by speakers Cathi Watson, Dr. Stephen Vander Klippe, and Julia Rathbun. A poster with details can be found at the Information Centre, the Community Board leading to the gym, or online by clicking [HERE](#) (registration information to follow in the coming weeks). For additional information, contact Pastor Carel Geleynse (Classis Huron Safe Church Coordinator) at carelgeleynse20@gmail.com.

Faithwalking | Feeling reactive or stuck in unhealthy patterns that undermine your life of faith? Faithwalking is a discipleship journey designed to help you grow in self-awareness, deepen your connection with God, and live more freely by aligning your life with the teachings of Jesus. Join this 10-week Zoom course on Monday nights, 7:30–9:00 PM, starting February 23, 2026. Cost is \$50 USD, sponsored by Resonate Global Mission. Space is limited. Contact Pastor Willemina Zwart at wzwart@crcna.org for more information and registration details.

Young Adult Opportunity with Resonate | Are you around 16-20 years old? Speak some Spanish? Interested in getting a taste of ministry in Central America? Join an unforgettable two-week journey with Resonate Global Mission—travel through Guatemala and El Salvador where you'll dive into real-life mission work, get to know Central American young people, experience God's love, and discover how God might be calling you to make a difference now and in the future. The trip is July 1-15, 2026 and the application deadline is February 28, 2026. Visit resonateglobalmission.org/encounter to learn more.

Kids Corner Devotions: Gentleness: It's Your Move | Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Gentleness: It's Your Move," at kidscorner.net. Discover the secret power of gentleness—a strength that helps you stay kind, calm, and caring even when things get tough. Like carefully moving a Jenga® block, your gentle words and actions can help keep hearts standing strong!

Groundwork: Saved by Grace Alone. Let Your Works Respond Accordingly | The apostle Paul wrote a lot about salvation and the Christian life. Study Galatians 2:19-21, Galatians 3:1-3, Galatians 5:13-25, Romans 8:1-4, and Colossians

3:12-14 with Groundwork to gain clarity from his teaching on how we walk in step with the Spirit and grow in Christlikeness while keeping grace and Christ's work on the cross at the center of salvation. Listen now at groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

EVENTS

Hymn Sing | Join choristers and instrumentalists for a Mid-Winter Hymn Sing at Waterloo North Mennonite Church tonight, Sunday, January 25 at 7 PM, hosted by Menno Singers and the Menno Youth Ensemble. A variety of selections from the Voices Together hymnal and ample room for requests will be sure to warm your mid-winter spirits as we raise our voices in song. Admission is by donation.

Ministry Fair | Heritage College & Seminary is excited to be hosting our *Explore, Equip, & Engage Ministry Fair* on Friday, January 30, 2026 from 3-8 PM at 175 Holiday Inn Drive, Cambridge. This event is open to everyone who may be searching for a ministry job or volunteer position, or who is interested in networking with local ministries or learning more about serving in ministry. 30+ ministries including camps, mission agencies, churches, and parachurch organizations are hiring permanent staff, interns, and summer employees. We will also have a panelist discussion in the evening with some breakout sessions for those who want to learn more about discerning a call to or serving in ministry. View the full schedule/panelists at discoverheritage.ca/events/explore-equip-engage-ministry-fair. While the event is free to attend, we do ask that you register [HERE](#) so we know numbers for food and breakout sessions. We hope you can join us!

Visit Redeemer | Join us for a Daily Visit to experience campus and meet with an Admissions Counsellor, or sign up for one of our upcoming [Campus Visit Days](#). Thinking about Redeemer for the fall? Apply for FREE by January 31 at redeemer.ca/apply. Be one of the first applicants for Redeemer's Master of Education, the university's first graduate degree and Canada's only Reformed Christian M.Ed. program! Students in the inaugural cohort can also receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Learn more at redeemer.ca/master-of-education.

Ministry Retreat | *"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest."* - Matthew 11:28 (*The Message*). Ministry leaders and pastors are invited to the annual *Listening to God: Leaning into Lent With Hope* retreat. This three-day, two-night retreat will offer guided practices for self-reflection, unhurried time with Jesus, and space for true rest. Dates are February 15 - 17 at Crieff Hills retreat center near Guelph, ON. Registration information and details can be obtained by emailing Joan Brady at jbrady@crcna.org. The retreat is open to all spiritual leaders, and Classis Huron helps support the cost of the retreat.

The Way of Wisdom Women's Conference | Wilmot Women invite you to join them March 6-7, 2026 for a women's conference that's designed to draw us closer to God and to one another. Come be refreshed, encouraged, and challenged as we place our feet firmly on the path of wisdom revealed in the book of Proverbs and learn what it means to walk God's way in God's world. For more information and to register, visit wilmotcentre.church/women. Early bird registration ends February 1st.

Hosanna & Mattaniah Choirs Concert | Tickets are available for the annual combined concert of the Hosanna Choir & Mattaniah Christian

Male Choir concert which will be held at FirstOntario Concert Hall, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton on Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 PM. The choirs will be accompanied by Ryan Vandenberg (Organ), Andre Knevel (Organ), and Naomi Noorduyn (Piano) and the 16-piece Scott Harrison String/Brass/Percussion Ensemble. Tickets are available at \$25 & \$35, and can be purchased through the choir's website www.hosanna-choir.org. If you have any questions, contact Wendy den Hollander at hdenhollander@yahoo.com or (905) 628-1211.

MISCELLANEOUS

Woodland Registration | Registration is open for Woodland Christian High School! Grade 9 enrolment is capped at 100 students, and spaces are filling quickly. Families considering Christian high school for their Grade 8 student are encouraged to apply before the deadline. School tours are available by request. Information about tuition and tuition assistance can be obtained by contacting the Admissions Office at (519) 648-2114 ext. 141 or by emailing admissions@woodland.on.ca. Families whose child has documented learning differences requiring additional academic support are encouraged to apply early, as a limited number of spaces are available in our Academic Support Program.

Camp Shalom Summer Staff | Working at Camp Shalom has been life-changing for so many people. Grow in your faith, meet great new friends, make a meaningful impact on other people and earn money for your future. We're hiring 50 young adults as counselors, lifeguards, kitchen staff, and maintenance staff who are looking for a summer of fun and are interested in sharing the Gospel with those around them! All positions are paid and you must be 16 years old before December 31, 2026 to apply. Visit www.countrysidecamp.com to apply and for a list of available positions.

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