



PALM
SUNDAY
HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday is a day of celebration but is also tinged with irony and tragedy. This is the day on which Jesus entered the city in triumph, but as part of his journey to the cross. The "Hosannas" shouted by the crowd will soon turn to cries of "Crucify!" Today we worship Christ the King, confess our complicity in misunderstanding his mission, and begin this week that holds both agony and hope.

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 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

Liturgist: Matthias Mostert

Elder-in-Charge: Nicole Mohle

GATHERING AND GREETING

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Sentences & Gestures

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

“Hosanna”

God’s Greeting and Mutual Greeting

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Song of Confession

“Lord I Need You”

Assurance of Pardon

Children’s Blessing

Ages 3 – grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday school

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

“Speak, O Lord” (LUYH #755)

Scripture Reading

Mark 11: 1-11

Sermon

“The Story Goes Like This”

Prayer of Application

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song of Response

“Christ Is Lower Still”

Prayers of the People

Offering

1) Ministries of Community CRC

2) Calvin Theological Seminary

Offertory Song

“The Power Of The Cross (Oh To See The Dawn)” (LUYH #177)

Blessing

Doxology

“O Praise The Name (Anastasis)”

(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

Sunday School | All children ages 3 to Grade 3 are asked to meet in the gym before the service starts as they will be participating in this morning's service with palm branches.

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 the Multi-Purpose Room (off the gym) 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.

Knifty Knitters | Our next meeting will take place at the church on Thursday, April 2 at 9:30 AM. We would like to thank everyone who donated supplies for Faith's Orphans in Zambia. We sent 56 blankets, 27 sweaters, 36 dresses, along with underwear and school supplies.

Youth Group | Calling all students in Grades 5 through 12! We are hosting our next Youth Event on Friday, April 10 from 7 – 8:30 PM in the gym and we'd love to see you there. It's going to be a relaxed night of connection, meaningful discussion, and a whole lot of fun. We're pairing an encouraging devotion with a "multi-sport" showdown in the gym. Whether you're an athlete or just here for the snacks (we don't blame you!), there's a spot for you.

Care Team Commissioning | On Sunday, April 19, we will commission our new Care Team caregivers. These gifted people will follow in Jesus' footsteps by providing the gift of caring ministry to those in our congregation who are going through a variety of life difficulties. Let us celebrate the completion of their training for this ministry and thank God for their generous response to his call, keeping the success of their ministry in our prayers.

Summer Camp | CCRC will host six weeks of EPIC & Onside camps this summer for children in SK to grade 6 (as of September 2026). Camps include Art (July 6-10), Multi-Sport (July 13-17), EPIC (July 20-24), Multi-Sport (July 27-31), STEM (August 4-7), and Ball Hockey (August 10-14). Visit ccrc.on.ca/summercamp for more details and to register.

Note of Thanks | **Agnes Byma** has served our congregation for many years through coordinating food preparation for funeral luncheons. We wish to thank her for her long-term dedication in this role! Thank you to **Judy Hansma** who has agreed to take on this responsibility going forward.

Admin Council Meeting Highlights | March 24, 2026

- Present: Tasha VA, Derrick G, Alisa G, Harriette M, Nick V, Pastor Tom V, Pete H, and Rebecca C.
- Absent with Notice: Annette N. and Jared D.
- Admin Council has been using a series of devotions based on the book of Nehemiah for study and reflection. This month's reading (Nehemiah 4) related to facing opposition.
- Council received, reviewed, and discussed various staff and ministry reports. The date of the Spring Congregational Meeting has been set for May 31. Pastor Tom was thanked for the conversations and visits he has been having with members.
- Role of the Care Team was clarified. Congregation members who wish to meet with someone from the Care Team can contact the church office at office@ccrc.on.ca or approach someone on the Care Team directly.
- Nominations Committee has been formed. If you are nominated, please prayerfully consider this role of service to the Lord and to our congregation.

- Classis Huron’s Church Visitors requested a meeting with Council in April, date to be determined.

PASTOR TOM’S POST-IT NOTE

"When you come to a fork in the road, take it," said Yogi Berra. But what if the fork is a parting of ways? Can we live with that?

This week in Kitchener: Tuesday and Wednesday

STAFF INFORMATION

The church office will be closed Friday, April 3 for Good Friday.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Date	Time	Details
Apr. 3	10 AM	Good Friday Service
Apr. 5	10 AM	Pastor Tom van Milligen Easter Lord’s Supper
Apr. 12	10 AM	Dr. Peter Schuurman Care Team Commissioning
Apr. 19	10 AM	Pastor Tom van Milligen Baptism of Remi Joy Vyn

Baptism Sundays | The next Baptism Sundays are April 19 and May 31. If interested in baptism, contact the church office at office@ccrc.on.ca.

OFFERING

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

Upcoming Offerings:

- April 5 | Resonate Global Mission
- April 12 | Laurentian Hills Christian School
- April 19 | Thrive – Pastor & Church Support

Offerings Received as of March 22, 2026:

Budget Offerings		
March 22, 2026 (not incl. online)	\$	4,641
Year-to-date Budget Contributions	\$	93,712
Budgeted 2026 Total Contributions	\$	675,000
Second Offerings (not including online)		
Woodland Christian High School	\$	784
Benevolence Fund	\$	600
World Renew	\$	284
Various Causes (\$100 or less)	\$	200

* Bridge App donations are reported once a month

Today’s Offering | Calvin Theological Seminary

Since 1876, Calvin Theological Seminary has been faithfully preparing leaders who nurture disciples and serve the Church. As we partner with the seminary through prayers and giving, we are helping form pastors, chaplains, and other ministry leaders who will engage our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH FAMILY

Our condolences are extended to **Stephanie & Zach, Jordan, Noah & Zara Schiedel** (4-Laurentian) in the passing of Stephanie's father Mr. Paul Eidt on Saturday, March 21 at the age of 81. The funeral was held on Thursday, March 26.

Willy Wigboldus (2-North) peacefully went home to be with her Lord and Saviour, with family at her side on Tuesday, March 24. Our condolences are extended to **Jacque & Fred Wigboldus-Brouwer** (1-West) and extended family during this difficult time.

Continue to pray for all who grieve the loss of loved ones, specifically the **Groot, Devries, Schiedel/Eidt, and Wigboldus** families. May God surround all who mourn with His comfort and peace in their time of sorrow.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS

Youth Service | Bethel CRC in Listowel welcomes you to a youth service this afternoon, Sunday, March 29 at 4 PM (345 Elizabeth St E, Listowel). Andrew Nunn will be leading an interactive message about the gospel, and worship will be led by the Wingham/Listowel Youth Band. There will be soup and buns to follow. We hope you can join us in worship!

Congregational Survey...FINAL DAYS!!! | 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.

Beyond the Headlines: Faith, Community, and the Stories that Shape Us | Join a new justice education series from Thrive, World Renew, and the Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue. This four-part series explores immigration, food justice, climate justice, and gender justice through a biblical lens—equipping participants to recognize harmful narratives, understand root causes, and take meaningful, faith-informed action. Learn more and register today: tinyurl.com/yrhe9a6b

Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations Workshop | Co-hosted by Resonate Global Mission and the CRC's Indigenous and Intercultural Ministries, this 4-day immersive workshop will engage you in meaningful practices of healing and reconciliation, and equip you to repair and rebuild relationships in your local communities. You will experience: Personal healing and forgiveness, Tools for

Intercultural teamwork, Examples of trauma-informed ministry, and Biblical frameworks to care for divided communities. Join us July 6–10, 2026, at the Five Oaks Retreat Centre in Paris, ON. Cost: \$400 (\$500 after May 1st). Learn more and register: tinyurl.com/yj972wxw

SOCO Beach Project Update | This week, meet the first three participants from the SOCO 2026 cohort. Calling all young adults - save the dates for Sunday Night SOCO and the SOCO Camping Retreat. Tickets for the spring fundraiser are coming soon—another performance of the one-woman show, *The Downs*. Read all about it: [SOCO Beach Project Update](#)

Kids Corner Devotions: Courageous Twists and Turns | Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Courageous Twists and Turns," at kidscorner.net. Feeling scared is okay, and being brave means trying even when your heart feels nervous. With God's help, you can face hard things and do what's right, just like Jesus did.

Groundwork: Jesus on the Cross | Jesus' journey to the cross was done. But even as he hung dying on the cross, he showed compassion and mercy when he offered words of salvation to a crucified thief and established a new kind of family. Join Groundwork as we study Luke 23:39-43 and John 19:25-27 to experience the eleventh and twelfth Stations of the Cross and discuss how God continues to offer us that same mercy and belonging today. Listen now at <https://groundworkonline.com> and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip | Today is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time when we remember the final days of Jesus' life and we reflect on the events that led to his crucifixion. Download *God's Big Easter Story: A Holy Week Journey for Families* for a

meaningful way to walk with Jesus in the last moments of his life and to experience the miracle of his resurrection. This simple devotional guide helps people of all ages grow in faith as they reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross—and beyond. Brought to you by Thrive: dwell.faithaliveresources.org/home.html

EVENTS

Considering University of Guelph next year? |

If you're coming to the Guelph campus for a campus tour this spring or summer, make sure to connect with your CRC campus ministry, Guelph Campus Ministry (GCM) while you're there! Send a text or email to Campus Minister Sara DeMoor at 519-732-3517 or sdemoor@uoguelph.ca to let her know when you're going to be on campus, and she will welcome you to the GCM office in Raithby House (right where the campus tours finish!) for a drink and to introduce you to the possibilities for Christian community available to you at UofG. Already a UofG student, or not planning to take a campus tour? Connect with Sara by text or email above and she will find a way to connect with you.

LHCS Spring Auction | Join LHCS at our Spring Auction on Saturday, April 11, 2026, for an evening of fellowship, desserts, a live auction, and—new this year—Trivia, in support of the LHCS Tuition Bursary Fund. Doors open at 7 PM, with the auction at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 (until April 3) and \$20 after. Register and reserve your tickets at the [LHCS Auction Website](#). Tickets will be emailed within 3–4 business days. Can't make it to the live auction? Join our online auction April 7–10! Don't miss the auction catalogue preview on March 24. For additional details: lhcs.net/category/events

100 Women – 1 Heart: You're Invited | On April 18 from 9:30–11:30 AM, 100 women will gather at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby, Ont., for a morning to champion accessibility, pooling our gifts to raise \$10,000 in support of Thrive and Friendship Ministries and their work strengthening churches and promoting full inclusion for people with disabilities. Each year, women show up, chip in \$100, and together create one shared gift that fuels ministry close to a woman's heart. Come enjoy a meaningful morning investing in belonging without barriers. Can't attend? You can still join the celebration by giving in honour of the event as we work toward our \$10,000 goal. Register today: crcna.regfox.com/100-women-1-heart

All Ontario Youth Convention | Reserve May 16-18, 2026 on your calendar and plan to join in the fun of the AOYC! During the weekend, teens are encouraged to grow through engaging, youth-focused speaking and teaching that challenges them to make an impact in the communities where God has placed them. The weekend is filled with worship, teaching sessions, small group discussions, intramurals, activities, and shared meals, creating a life-changing experience. Check allontario.com for details and the latest info or follow on Instagram @allontario to catch all the updates. Early bird registration rates go up April 1st, so register now to get the best rate! The church is providing a \$70 subsidy (for CCRC youth only) to help reduce the cost. During registration, enter the discount code **COMMUNITYKITCHENER** to apply the subsidy. If you have any questions, speak to one of the youth leaders (Adam Herfst, Zach Schiedel or Anita DeHaan).

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