

New Year's Day Worship Service

Rev. John Moelker • January 1, 2012 • 10:00
a.m.

*Please stand, if you are able

Welcome and announcements

* Psalm 146

* Gathering Song: **Bless His Holy Name** PH #627

* Call to Worship:

Pastor: God makes the sun rise and set.

People: He is faithful from generation to generation.

Pastor: God makes summer and winter come and go.

People: He is faithful from generation to generation.

Pastor: God helps plants grow and flowers bloom.

People: He is faithful from generation to generation.

Pastor: God gives us food to eat, places to live, and
people to love us.

People: He is faithful from generation to generation.

Pastor: God is always with us.

People: He is faithful from generation to generation.

Pastor: God keeps his promises to us.

People: He is faithful from generation to generation.

Pastor: Let us praise our faithful God.

* Song of Praise: **Shout to the North**

* God Greet Us and Our Mutual Greeting

* Sing: **Standing on the Promises**

Children's message – Rita Vriesema

Children leave for Sunday School

Call to Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Sing: **Here I am to Worship**

Prayers of the people

Offering: Friendship Groups (During the offering, we will take a look back at 2011 with a beautiful video that Heather and Marianne put together for us.)

Prayer for Illumination (in unison):

**Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor.
The radiance of your incarnate Word
pierces the night that covers the earth
and signals the dawn of justice and peace.
May his brightness illumine our lives
and invite all nations to walk as one in your light
even now as your Word is read and proclaimed.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever.
Amen.**

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: ***“Scandalous Grace”***

Prayer for Application

* Hymn of Application: **I Know Not Why God's Wondrous
Grace** PH # 495

* Benediction

* Doxology: **My Friends, May You Grow in Grace**

let's visit! Please join us for refreshments
after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

upcoming

Offerings:

January 8	a.m. Redeemer University College
	p.m. Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
January 15	a.m. “The Mess” London Outreach
	p.m. Denominational Services

our family circle

BIRTHDAY: Blessings to Charles Devries who will be celebrating his birthday on January 5.

PRAYER JAR: Many names have been placed in the prayer jar. They are the names of sons, daughters, grandchildren, siblings, neighbours and friends. Our prayer is that these loved ones will come to acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. The candle beside the jar will be lit when one of these individuals comes to know Jesus as his/her Saviour. If you have received an answer to your prayer, and would like the candle lit, please inform Pastor John of this wonderful news. The jar is a visual reminder for all of us to pray daily, even though we may be unaware of the names that have been placed in it.

announcements

There will be **no evening service** tonight.

Mom to Mom will be starting again on Jan. 12th.

Women's Bible study will begin on Jan. 17th.

Attention Youth: We are taking a holiday/ 1st semester exam break for the month of January. See you at Joanie's on Feb. 1.

Thank you for all the cards, calls, and prayers.
Richard & Michelle VanGorkum.

Council Briefs for meeting held Dec 27:

- Opening devotions (Jeremiah 31:27-40) were led by the Chairman
- Minutes of November meeting were read and approved
- Clerk received confirmation from Calvary that they received membership papers of Kristen Nywening

- Classis church visitors are scheduled to meet with council Jan. 11 at 8:00 p.m. Any members who would like to meet with the church visitors are welcome to.
- Classis will be held on Jan. 24 at Strathroy Westmount. Pastor John, Ernie Kramer and Jasper Smids will be attending. Please keep Classis in your prayers
- The Congregational Annual Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 23
- Names were submitted for the Finance committee as Ed Hooyers term is finished. Thank you Ed for your 6 plus years of service.
- New collection list will be made
- Committee reports were heard
- Pastor John reported on his work and how he is being lead by the God in his ministry and council encouraged him in his work
- Our next meeting is on Jan. 11 when we meet with the church visitors
- Pastor John led us in a time of prayer

Celebration of Praise will be held January 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dresden Community Church. It is sponsored by the Dresden & Area Christian Ministerial Association. Rev. Troy Tobey from Bright's Grove, ON will be speaking on the theme "Renewal: God is doing a new thing" based on Isaiah 43:19. There will be special music by the Wallaceburg Christian School Choir.

"We FIT" coming soon:

"We Fit" will begin its first six-week session beginning on Saturday, January 14th from 9:30AM-11AM at the church. We Fit will be a group of people who are committed to being faithful to God's calling to glorify God with their bodies. We Fit will be made up of people who realize that they have fallen short in this calling. But; We Fit will be a group of brothers and sisters from this church family as well as extended family and friends who want to make some changes. We Fit members will set goals and adjust goals. We Fit members will encourage each other to achieve goals and help each other overcome obstacles that get in the way of these goals.

We Fit members will NOT judge one another, but will build one another up.

So, whether your goals include weight loss or weight gain, to quit an unhealthy habit or begin new healthy habits, We Fit is the place for you. Brenda, Jennifer and I are very excited about helping you achieve your goals as we achieve our own. With the help of the Holy Spirit and each other, WE will do it! Our bodies WILL become a healthier place for the Holy Spirit to dwell.

For those of you with young families, babysitting will be provided. That being said, we need some people who would be willing to volunteer to babysit during these meetings. If you feel God calling you to help out in this way, please let Brenda, Jennifer or myself know. Also, we would like to have a better idea of numbers, so we're asking that you sign-up by emailing or calling one of us by January 7th. We will also be sending out a form (church mailboxes) that will provide you and us some information about your goals and expectations for this group. This will help us plan our meetings so that they will be beneficial to everyone involved.

God's blessings from the We Fit Team (Brenda Goodreau, Jennifer DeVries, Pastor John)

Rev. Stephen Demitroff: Many of you know Rev. Stephen Demitroff, the pastor of the Anglican church here in Dresden as well as several other Anglican churches in the surrounding area. Rev. Demitroff died of a heart attack on Wednesday, December 28. This is a tragic loss for the communities in which Stephen has ministered, and especially for Stephen's wife Ruth and their family. Please pray for the Demitroff family that God will provide them with a special awareness of his abiding presence at this time.

Visitation at DeBurger's Funeral Home, Dresden:

Saturday 7 - 9

Sunday 2- 4 & 7-9

Funeral at Christ Church Dresden on Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Internment at Riverview Cemetery in Wallaceburg
Reception at Dresden Arena

Married Couples: Valentine's Day will be here before you know it! Decide today to give your spouse an unforgettable gift this Valentine's Day. Why not take your spouse away for a special weekend of communication, reflection and time away from your hectic schedule? Rekindle the joy, intimacy & romance in your relationship.

The next Reformed Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 17-19, 2012 in St. Catharines, ON. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register on-line, visit www.reformedme.org or call David and Danielle at (905) 985-8305. There is no sharing in a group on the weekend. See also www.wvme.org.

denominational announcements

Thank you for your Christmas Gift! - In 2012, your Christmas Day gift to CRWRC is making a real difference among those who live daily with poverty, disease, and oppression. CRWRC can bring help and hope to people in need around the world because you gave. Thank you for generously sharing God's great work of love in the world through your tithes and offerings last week. Happy New Year!

GROUNDWORK - Faith: "Have Faith." "Don't lose faith." We often use phrases like these to comfort and encourage one another. But what exactly IS faith and how do we get it? Join the January 8th Groundwork conversation based on Hebrews 11. Find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Attitude of Gratitude: Do you have an attitude of gratitude? Celebrate being thankful on this week's Kids Corner. Kids Corner is a member of the HisKids.net alliance—working together to provide quality entertainment for kids that is Christ-centered and Bible-based. Visit

www.HisKids.net to find great Christian programs and music for kids.

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	January 1	January 8	January 15
Elder	Fred Smids	Ernie Kramer	Barry Wright
Deacon	Tim Kramer	Jasper Smids	Pete VanderSpek
Greeter	Harry & Joanne Devries	Greg & Jen Devries	Simon & Marg Bruinsma
Accompanist	am Pat Nywening		
	pm -		
Nursery Caregivers	am Jolanda Kramer, Heather Wright, Helen Heath, Jen Devries	Janice Hooyer, Brenda Goodreau, Rachel Goodreau, Tristan Miller	Hedy Kramer, Eraina Grootenboer, Brad Goodreau, Chris Kramer
	pm -	Joanne Devries, Rita Vriesema	Maria VanderBaan, Greg Devries
Sunday School	Alisha Killoran, Emily Wright	Hedy Kramer, Jen Devries	Megan Kramer, Janice Hooyer
Mother of the Month	Jen Devries		
Coffee Clean Up Families	Charles & Jennie Devries, Doug & Wendy Goodreau	Brad & Rachel Goodreau, Brian Devries, Everett & Kay Hooyer	Wayne & Martha Hooyer, Greg & Jen Devries
PowerPoint	Marg Bruinsma	Brenda Goodreau	
Sound	am Cassandra Hooyer	Shawn Hooyer	Rita Vriesema
	pm -	Tim Kramer	Shawn Hooyer
Projection	am Kristal Hooyer	Ed Hooyer	Bob Vriesema
	pm -	Kees Poppe	Kristal Hooyer
Librarian	Megan Kramer		