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## WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Gregg Lawson

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Call to Worship and Greeting

92 "Joy to the World"

#### Lighting the candle of Love

76 O Come all Ye Faithful

#### Confession and Assurance

#### Song of Assurance

61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VS 1,2,6

#### Sunday School Program

(Children 3-5 years old dismissed for Sunday School)

#### Offerings

#### Congregational Prayer

#### The Songs of Christmas

"O Holy Night"

#### God Speaks to Us

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14, Luke 2:1-21  
Message: "The Night of Pure Love"

#### Song of Response

Grey 353 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

#### Blessing and Doxology

80 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

### PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- We pray for our communities in this holy season that they may come to know the love of Christ and experience the richness of a personal relationship with Him.
- We pray for those who are feeling the effects of the season with colds and other ailments. We pray for healing and rest, we pray especially for the children who are sick and our health care system as it feels the strain of demands on it.
- We pray for our Christmas Eve service, that we might feel the passion to invite a friend or family member to attend
- We pray for our schools this week as they prepare for their Christmas break.
- We pray for those who will be traveling over the Holidays.

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

We are meeting at John & Nancy DeJong's this Wednesday, Dec 21st at 7:30pm for swimming and a gift exchange - see you then! Snacks and drinks will be provided. For the Christmas Eve Candlelight service, please arrive at the church at 5pm. The next Wednesday night youth group at the church will be on January 11.

### VOLUNTEER LIST

	18-Dec	24-Dec	25-Dec	01-Jan
<b>SERVICE ELDER</b>	Chris J. Andrew D.	Andrew D, Mike D	Mike D, Jim K	Jim K, John G.
<b>DEACON</b>	Andy V.	Josh G.	Jason S.	Claude H.
<b>FRONT DOOR</b>	Jack V.	Betty-Ann V.	Joanne H.	Neil V.
<b>COFFEE</b>	A&B Vanveen		J&S Geertsema	N&C Vandermeer
<b>COFFEE</b>			Y&G Vanderveen	D&J Noort
<b>MUSICIAN</b>	Margo	Pam/Youth	Margo/Jess V.	Pam
<b>PROJECTOR</b>	Josh	Chris	Tony	John
<b>LIVE STREAM</b>	Sharon	Sharon	Cameron	Cameron
<b>SOUND</b>	Neil	Anjo	Neil	Anjo
<b>JUNIOR TEACHER &amp; HELPER</b>	Kristin, Thomas*		Siena, Ben, Sam*	Crystal, Emma*
<b>1/2/3 Teacher</b>	Christine		No Sunday School	No Sunday School
<b>3/4/5 Teacher</b>	Melissa			
<b>5/6 Teacher</b>	Dan			
<b>7/8 Teacher</b>	Lindsey			
<b>NURSERY</b>	Grace D, Shannon G.		Kaley. M, Stacey D.	
<b>2nd OFFERING</b>	Hope and Healing (CBM)	Youth	World Renew	Budget

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
This week	18-Dec	19-Dec	20-Dec	21-Dec	22-Dec	23-Dec	24-Dec
	Prayer Calendar for Classis Eastern Quinte: Pray for Bethel, Brockville, Pastor Jack Van de Hoef						
Next	Prayer Calendar for Classis Eastern Quinte: Pray for Christmas Day services in our churches						
	25-Dec	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec

The Deacons would like to thank all those who helped out and attended the Seniors Luncheon. Special mention to Jessica and the Gems who were excellent servers. Big thank you to Sarah, Betty Ann and Josh in the kitchen. We appreciate the Seniors that participated to make this a memorable event.

**CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Council is looking for two volunteers to organize the picture taking for a new church photo directory. There is no cost to the church and families will have the opportunity to order family photos from the photo company. Please contact Jack VG if interested.

COLLECTIONS		THIS WEEK: HOPE AND HEALING
Budget	\$5524	<p>international is about seeing through disability to ability. It is about a community that is enriched by all its neighbours and about a world where everyone is valued as Jesus values them. Hope and Healing International serves as the hands joining Canadians and people living with or affected by disabilities in the poorest communities – working together for the benefit of all. We envision a world in which people living with or affected by disability are: valued as Jesus values them, accepted as equals and able to achieve their God-given potential. <a href="https://www.hopeandhealing.org">https://www.hopeandhealing.org</a></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING: YOUTH GROUP</b></p> <p>The youth group is blessed with events such as retreats and mission trips that encourage them in their faith and build friendships. This coming spring the youth hope to attend the All Ontario Youth Convention in Waterloo and this summer the Niagara Serve trip in St. Catharines. Thank you for your support.</p> <p><b>NEXT WEEK: WORLD RENEW</b> Compelled by God’s passion for justice and mercy, World Renew (General Fund) joins communities around the world to renew hope, reconcile lives, and restore creation. World Renew responds to disasters in North America and in 27 developing countries. It works in 24 of these and other countries in sustainable transformation; it coordinates thousands of local and international volunteers; it encourages advocacy initiatives; and it helps build the capacity of impoverished communities by working with 76 faith-based and government organizations around the world. Last year, it touched the lives of 1.75 million people in more than 4,050 poor communities. <a href="https://worldrenew.ca">https://worldrenew.ca</a></p>
Community	\$25	
Food Share		
Benevolent Fund	\$1083	

Donations by e-transfer [wcrcdonate@gmail.com](mailto:wcrcdonate@gmail.com). 2nd collections should be identified in the comment section. To start or update your PAR withdrawal, contact [vangelstr@gmail.com](mailto:vangelstr@gmail.com) or 613-898-3074

<p><b>YEAR END UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:</b> To meet our expected and committed expenses for 2022, we need to collect \$51,387 by the end of December. Please prayerfully consider your giving. Thank you for your generosity.</p>
<p><b>BUDGET ENVELOPES</b> for 2023 have been placed in the mailboxes. You may have received a different number this year so to avoid confusion please do not use envelopes from a previous year. If you did not receive envelopes but want some, please contact the clerk. Of course, you can also donate to the work of the church with PAR or e-transfers.</p>

**POLICE CHECKS:** To comply with our safe church policy and our liability insurance policy and to protect the vulnerable members of the congregation and community, all teachers/leaders and committee chairpersons must have an up-to-date police check. If you have received an email or a letter requesting that you get a police check, then COUNCIL requests that you complete the on-line form asap.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS			
THIS WEEK		NEXT WEEK	
<b>Dec-18</b>	Sharon Schuler	<b>Dec-26</b>	Randy Tibben
<b>Dec-18</b>	Kevin DeJong (Stacey)	<b>Dec-29</b>	Marissa Belmonte
<b>Dec-18</b>	Eric Jansen	<b>Dec-29</b>	Amber Haayema
<b>Dec-18</b>	Emma Schuler	<b>Dec-30</b>	Jason Pickup
<b>Dec-18</b>	Parker Schell	<b>Dec-30</b>	Barbara Bern
<b>Dec-18</b>	Harrison Van Gilst		
<b>Dec-19</b>	Stephen VandeKemp		
<b>Dec-20</b>	Jeff Friesen	Congratulations to Barbara Bern who is celebrating her 76 <sup>th</sup> birthday	
<b>Dec-22</b>	Martin Westervelt		
<b>Dec-22</b>	Naomi VanVeen		
<b>Dec-23</b>	Tanya TerHorst		
<b>Dec-24</b>	Jason Buter		

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## **COUNCIL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022:**

Council continues to meet monthly and below is a summary of the matters dealt with during the last two months.

1. We want our church to be a safe place for everyone and especially for the vulnerable members of our congregation and community. For this reason all volunteers must have a current police check. If you have been reminded that your police check is not up-to-date then you are reminded to update it asap. It is a very quick process if you use the online portal.
2. The membership of Gayla Postma was transferred to First CRC in Hamilton. Gayla was thanked for sharing her musical gifts with our congregation.
3. Council is having a discussion about the size of the current council. The number of elders and deacons has not changed during the past 20 years but the number of active members has decreased.
4. The last church photo directory was published about 10 years ago. Council is looking for two volunteers who would organize a picture taking day for members of the congregation. Families of the congregation would have the opportunity to purchase family photographs and a picture directory would be organized of all the households of the congregation.
5. The deacons were thanked for hosting the Christmas luncheon for the seniors of the congregation. A note of appreciation was received from one person who was blessed by the meal, the fellowship and the GEMS who served the meal. A special thanks to those who worked in the kitchen to prepare the meal.
6. At every council meeting the FAC (Finance and Administration Committee) reports to council. The congregation is thanked for their financial generosity in supporting the work of the church and also reminded that there is still a significant amount required before the end of the year to meet the financial obligations for 2022. Council approved the purchase of new fridge for the kitchen and council was reminded that there are other repairs that need to be looked after.