

*Hosanna*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**John 12:13**



**THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF  
STRATFORD  
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026**

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***“Israel put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.” Psalm 130:7-8.*** Our hope rests with God. On this Palm Sunday we are reminded that God’s love is unfailing – we are His redeemed people – we are His forgiven people because Jesus came to Jerusalem. May God strengthen our faith here today. Please join us between services for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

8:30 am/10:30 am – Pastor Martin Dam

#### **God Calls Us to Worship**

Welcome and Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:3

Silent Prayer & Song of Response: “My Jesus, I Love Thee” PH 557 v 1, 2

\*God’s Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

\*Opening Praise: “Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

#### **We Come to God in Confession**

Reading from Psalm 89

Song: “Blessed Be Your Name”

Assurance of Pardon

#### **God Speaks His Word to Us**

Children’s Message

Hymn of Approach: “Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest”

*(During the Hymn of Approach children aged 3 to Grade 3 leave for Sunday school.)*

Prayer of Illumination

**Text: 2 Samuel 7:8-16**

**Sermon: An Everlasting Yes | The Davidic Covenant | The Eternal Throne**

\*Hymn of Response: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” PH 410

#### **We Bring our Prayers and Offerings to God**

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1. General Fund / Ministry Shares 2. Wycliffe - VanderMeers

Offertory: “To You My Life Belongs (David’s Song)”

#### **We Go with God’s Blessing**

Benediction

\*Closing Song: “O To See the Dawn”

*\*means stand if you are able*

**Elder:** 8:30 am – Jordan Van de Kemp

10:30 am – Jordan Van de Kemp

**Hall Monitor:** 8:30 am – Anthony DeWeerd  
**Ushers:** Pol Family  
**Music:** Esther Roth

10:30 am – Anthony DeWeerd  
**Greeter:** Fran Timmermans  
**Readers:** Tania VanderHeide,  
 Jane Sinden, Gary vanZandwijk  
 10:30 am – Luca Pol  
 10:30 am – Luke Olbach

**Sound:** 8:30 am – Justin Otten  
**Projection:** 8:30 am – Dibora Roth  
**Streaming:** 8:30 am – Geena DeWeerd

**TODAY'S OFFERING:** Wycliffe – the VanderMeers. Wycliffe serves minority language groups worldwide by fostering an understanding of God's Word through Bible translation, while nurturing literacy, education and stronger communities.

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING:** Resonate Global Mission - Our vision is to bring the Gospel to people, neighbourhoods, communities, churches and the world to embolden them in participating in God's mission and faithfully proclaiming and living out the good news of Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and support as we pursue this mission together.

**RESONATE GLOBAL MISSIONS** - The second collection for our April 5<sup>th</sup> services is for Resonate Global Missions. A group of donors has agreed to match any donations given to this organization up until April 30. In light of this, please consider contributing to this collection. Donors should indicate "Where Most Needed" or fund code 801210 on the memo line of any cheques to ensure their gift is directed and matched correctly. Donations made by cash or through another method will be designated for this offer by the Treasurer accordingly.

**FROM THE OFFICE:** All bulletin announcements for the coming week need to be in by Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 pm.

### **OFFERING SCHEDULE**

Apr 5: Resonate Global Mission                      April 12: GEMS  
 Apr 19: Ramoth House                                      Apr 26: SERVE

### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

Apr 3: 10:00 am – **Good Friday Service**              Apr 5: 8:30 am/10:30 am – **Easter Sunday**  
 Apr 12: 10:00 am    Apr 19: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
 Apr 26: 10:00 am    May 3: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

**EASTER FOOD DRIVE:** The Deacons are holding a Food Drive **until March 29<sup>th</sup> (TODAY).** All donations will be given to the House of Blessing, a local organization that runs a food bank to provide people in need with fresh, frozen, and shelf-stable food. Please consider supporting this initiative. Donations can be left on the table in the upstairs overflow by the Deacon's Room so that they can be delivered in time for the Easter weekend.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** *“Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10.* Please hold in prayer those in our congregation who continue to need our encouragement and God’s healing: Ann Berg, Darryl Berg, MaryAnn Frankruyter, Jeff Geleynse, Trix Heida, Maria Post, David Scheele, Gwen Soepboer, Henk Vanmeurs, and Theresa Wesseling. Pray for peace and strength for those who may be quietly struggling with illnesses or the illness of family members.

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Nellie Tiemens was released from hospital after a week-long stay due to shortness of breath. She is recovering very well and almost back to full strength. For now she is at River Gardens Retirement Residence for a 1-month trial period. Her temporary phone number is 519-276-3519 and is in Room 233. The family covets your prayers during this transition.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS:** Wishing Theresa Wesseling a blessed 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. May God continue to bless Theresa and give her all that she will stand in need of in the coming year.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:** *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28.* Please remember in prayer those missionaries that we as a congregation are encouraging and supporting – John and Marion Vandermeer, Benj & Brie Gillen, Stephanie Ten Hove, Tom & Beth Scott and Makayla Meinen.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASSES:** We will be meeting this Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:00 pm in the Library.

**SWITCH TO ONE MORNING SERVICE:** Council has made the decision to switch to a single morning worship service, starting Sunday April 12, 2026, at 10:00 am. Sunday school will remain to be offered during the service for age 4 through Grade 3. Catechism will continue to be held during the evening service for the remainder of the education year. We trust that the Lord Himself will continue to lead and direct this body of believers through the power of His Holy Spirit, may this be your prayer also.

**SERVE PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED:** The servants are on their way to Stratford this summer once again and we would love to match them up with members of our congregation who will commit to upholding them in prayer each and every day. You'll be matched with a student or leader, be asked to provide daily notes of encouragement for their mailboxes, have the opportunity to meet them in person and be an integral part of a transformative week. Please message Amy Van de Kemp 519-508-9887 or [jordamyvdk@hotmail.com](mailto:jordamyvdk@hotmail.com) if you're able to help in this way. Thanks for considering!

**WORKSITE COORDINATOR NEEDED:** We are looking for a volunteer to serve as a Worksite Coordinator for Emily Murphy Centre or Festival City Homes as part of our SERVE project. The Emily Murphy Centre is a second-stage housing facility that supports women and children by providing a safe alternative to living with violence. Festival City Homes (located across the road from our church): this is a non-profit facility that provides 13 market value units and 32 subsidized rental units. We are seeking someone who would be willing to help organize and facilitate SERVE worksites at these locations. This role would involve coordinating with the centre, helping plan projects, and supporting volunteers as they serve in a meaningful and respectful way. If you are interested or would like more information, please connect with Tanya Duiker by email [rtduiker@gmail.com](mailto:rtduiker@gmail.com) or text 226-921-4776

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** is looking for someone to take over the role of **coordinator/organizer** for this coming September. We are also looking for more helpers so we can keep this awesome program running! If you are interested or have any questions on how Friendship runs, please reach out to Stacy Armstrong. Thanks! 519-274-4764 or [stacytimms.rmt@hotmail.com](mailto:stacytimms.rmt@hotmail.com)

**Happy Birthday!**

\*Seniors

Sun Mar 29 – Eric Olbach

Mon Mar 30 – Theresa Wesseling, Evan DeWeerd

Tues Mar 31 – Stacy Armstrong, Rebecca DeWeerd

Thurs Apr 2 – Ethan Boersma, Martin Dam, Brynn Hagedorn

Fri Apr 3 – Jillian Balfour

Sat Apr 4 – Arthur Mosterd

**YOU ARE INVITED:** Exeter CRC is celebrating 75 years this year and on April 26 @ 10:00 am we are having a special service celebrating God's Faithfulness. All are welcome and please join us after the service for lunch.

**STRATFORD AND DISTRICT RIGHT TO LIFE** invites you to participate in the **Toronto March for Life** on Saturday May 23, 2026. There is a bus sponsored for this event and we hope to leave Stratford around 7:30 am. Last year 2000 participated in this March. A poster about this and upcoming events are posted on the Community board in fellowship hall. If you have any questions or would like to book a seat call Bonnie DeWeerd

**SDCS ANNUAL AUCTION:** It's the time of the year that you have been waiting for: The SDCS Annual Auction! We are well on our way to providing you with an online auction full of exciting goods and services that you may bid on. Our auction this year will run online from **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, ending at 8:00 p.m.** Don't forget to save

the date on your calendar!! Interested in donating goods or services to our auction? We'd love to hear from you! Send us an email at [auction@sdcson.ca](mailto:auction@sdcson.ca) .

**YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE – LISTOWEL:** Please join us tonight at 4:00pm for a Youth Worship Service. Andrew Nunn will be leading an interactive message about the Gospel and worship will be led by the Wingham – Listowel Youth Band. Soup and Buns to follow.

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AT 7:00 pm?** Stratford CRC Young Adults would you to invite you to join them for a fun and lively Square Dance Night hosted by the Y.A. Dancing, laughter, and community—no experience needed! We will have a caller to guide you, live music to keep things moving, and a photo booth to capture the memories. Open to all ages 18+, food and drinks provided, and it's all by donation! Bring friends. We can't wait to see you there!"

**FAMILY OUTREACH ONTARIO: SPECIAL EVENT:** Family Outreach Ontario invites you to an information evening on Friday, April 24 at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Crescent, Woodstock, ON N4V 0B1. Our Executive Director, John Kowtecky, will present An Overview of Addiction. Please plan to attend and tell others about it as well. It will be an evening you will be sure to remember. A collection will be taken to cover our costs. 7:00 pm - Doors open, Refreshments/Meet & Greet; 7:30 - 9:00 - Presentation and Q&A period followed by refreshments and opportunity for talk with Mr. Kowtecky or other Family Outreach members.

**ALPHA:** It's not too late to invite someone! ALPHA program started this past Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and it was a blessed evening. We will continue to meet on Monday evenings until June 1st, as well as a full day retreat on May 9th. Please note that it's not too late to invite someone, and you are welcome to come at any time. For more information about ALPHA please explore videos and information on their website at <https://alphacanada.org/preview/alpha-film-series/>, and/or contact Jane Sinden at [jlsinden@redeemer.ca](mailto:jlsinden@redeemer.ca); Gene Veening at [gveening@royceayr.com](mailto:gveening@royceayr.com); Brenda Hordyk at [jbhordyk@gmail.com](mailto:jbhordyk@gmail.com) or Jordan Van de Kemp at [jordamyvdk@hotmail.com](mailto:jordamyvdk@hotmail.com). Thank you for your support and keeping this program in prayer.

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:** We are once again seeking God's provision of faithful leaders for our church community to serve as Elders and Deacons. We believe that a significant part of the process of seeking God's will for leadership in our congregation is to have members of our church prayerfully nominate men to serve as office bearers. The names of those nominated will be considered by Council at its April meeting. If there is an individual you would like to nominate, please bring that forward to a member of Council. As

you prayerfully consider those you nominate for such service in our congregation, you may find the following helpful.

**Elders** are responsible for the spiritual well-being of God's people. They must provide true preaching and teaching, regular celebration of the sacraments, and faithful counsel and discipline while keeping in confidence those matters entrusted to them. They must also promote fellowship and hospitality among believers, ensure good order in the church and stimulate witness to all people.

**Deacons** serve by showing mercy to the church and to all people. Deacons are called to assess needs, promote stewardship and hospitality, collect, and disburse resources for benevolence and develop programs of assistance. They are also called to speak words of Christian encouragement. Thus, in word as well as deed, they demonstrate the care of the Lord himself.

**Qualifications:** Think of individuals who have demonstrated that they have been given gifts by God in leadership and have the willingness and the time to use these gifts. The tasks of elders and deacons call for believers who are Christ-like, who are mature in faith and who will exercise their offices with prayer, patience, and humility.

**Character:** The above gift set and tasks may seem overwhelming, yet what is vital to a faithful leader is their dedication to Jesus Christ. What a person does needs to flow out of who that person is on the inside. Think of people who right now are demonstrating that they have a sincere love for Christ, someone who has a servant attitude towards others, someone who is able to be a team player and who has a willingness to keep on growing and learning.

### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

Mar 29: Warner & Cathy DeWeerd, Steve & Sandy Hiemstra, Adam & Esther Roth

Apr 5: Daryl & Kirby Pol. Raph & Jayme Koskamp, Luke & Heather Olbach

Apr 12: J & Angela Oosterom, Ken & Michelle VanderWal, Fred & Irene Koskamp

### **COFFEE PREP**

Mar 29: Joanne Schreuders, Teresa Peachey

Apr 5: Tim & Betty Van de Kemp

### **USHERS**

Apr 3: Huizinga Family

Apr 5: Gene & Corry Veening

### **PROJECTION**

April 3: 10:00 am – Rebecca Olbach

April 5: 8:30 am – Chris Huizinga

April 5: 10:30 am – Rachel Sikma

### **STREAMING**

Apr 3: Adam VanderHeide

### **LIBRARY**

Mar 29: Irene Koskamp

Apr 5: CLOSED

### **GREETER**

Apr 5: John Timmermans

### **SOUND**

Apr 3: 10:00 am – Joel Koskamp

Apr 5: 8:30 am – Isaiah Super

Apr 5: 10:30 am – Luke Puklicz

Apr 5: Nathaniel DeWeerd

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** To follow our Safe Church Policy, a **parent** needs to sign in/sign out their child. **Parents** will need to bring their child to their **classroom** to sign them in and pick them up from their **classroom** at the end of the service to sign them out.

**8:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL – AGE 3 to GRADE 3**

3&4 year old – Mar 29: Haley Hummel, Jenn Hummel  
 Apr 5: Charlene Huizinga, Zizipho Roth  
 5&6 year old – Mar 29: Laura Egberts, Sydney Hummel  
 Apr 5: Laura DeWeerd, Naomi Puklicz  
 7&8 year old – Mar 29: Lisa Poortinga, Gideon de Lange  
 Apr 5: Brayden Fischer, Alyssia Mosterd

**10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL – AGE 3 to GRADE 3**

3&4 year old – Mar 29: Bradshaw Family  
 Apr 5: Lydia Dam, Becca Dam  
 5&6 year old – Mar 29: Micah Dam, Paul van Zandwijk  
 Apr 5: Alyson Otten, Dayna Otten  
 7&8 year old – Mar 29: Carly Timmermans, Cheyanne Dennis  
 Apr 5: Ashley DeWeerd, Ava DeWeerd

**10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL – AGE 3 TO GRADE 3 – STARTING APRIL 12**

3 year old: Apr 12: Teresa Peachey, Ellie Van de Kemp  
 Apr 19: Tracy Sumner, Avery DeWitt  
 4 year old Apr 12: Anna Tiemens, Nyah Puklicz  
 Apr 19: Claire Tiemens, Renae Olbach  
 5 year old Apr 12: Grace vanZandwijk, Tamara vanZandwijk  
 Apr 19: Bryanna Fischer, Josh Mosterd  
 6 year old Apr 12: Lori Tiemens, Alyda Tiemens  
 Apr 19: Yvonne de Bruin, Brooklyn Otten  
 7 year old Apr 12: Jayme Koskamp, Noah Puklicz  
 Apr 19: Rita Weima, Kierra Moster  
 8 year old Apr 12: Dianne Fischer  
 Apr 19: Chris Huizinga, Jeriah Van de Kemp

### MARCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mothers of the Month: Jenna DeWitt & Sarah Mc Donnell

*I – Infants C – Crawlers*

**\*Arrives 15 minutes early to welcome parents and children**

- 29 8:30 I/C – **Laura Sjaarda\***, Christine DeWeerd, Alanna Poortinga,  
Shauna DeWeerd
- 10:30 I/C – **Vanessa Koskamp\***, Frank DeWeerd, Lydia Sikma,  
Grace van Zandwijk

### APRIL NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mothers of the Month: Laura Sjaarda & Bryanna Fischer

*I – Infants C – Crawlers*

**\*Arrives 15 minutes early to welcome parents and children**

- 3 10am I/C – **Adrianna Borgdorff\***, Kari Puklicz, Jolene Van Ravenhorst,  
Everett Olbach, Alyda Tiemens
- 5 8:30 I/C – **Nicky Straatsma\***, Vanessa Van Maar, Claire Tiemens,  
Renae Olbach
- 10:30 I/C – **Rebecca DeWeerd\***, Sheila Best, Micah Dam, Dibora Roth  
PM – Lori Tiemens, Natalie Puklicz
- 12 I/C – **Brayden Fischer\***, Rebecca Olbach, Gideon DeLange, Naomi  
Puklicz
- NC – **Elaine de Freese\***, Noah Puklicz
- 19 I/C – **Jenna DeWitt\***, Brittany DeLange, Cheyanne Dennis, Peyton  
Pennings
- NC – **Jayne Koskamp\***, Theodore Olbach  
PM – Lydia Dam
- 26 I/C – **Tracy Sumner\***, Rachel Sikma, Michelle VanderWal, Jocelyn Sikma,  
Nyah Puklicz
- NC – **Sara McDonnell\***, Nadine Sikma

**Sunday March 29 to Saturday April 4**

Mon 30-Mar	9:15 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	One Care Exercise Program Friendship Alpha Program	Gym Fellowship Hall Library
Tues 31-Mar	9:15 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	One Care Exercise Program Praise Team Consistory Meeting Cadets	Gym Sanctuary Library Lower Level
Wed 1-Apr	9:00 AM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Pickleball Youth Profession of Faith Class	Gym Lower Level Library
Thurs 2-Apr	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	One Care Exercise Program GEMS	Gym Lower Level

**Sunday April 5 to Saturday April 11**

Mon 6-Apr	9:15 AM 7:00 PM	One Care Exercise Program Alpha Program	Gym Fellowship Hall
Tues 7-Apr	9:15 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	One Care Exercise Program Cadets Council	Gym Lower Floor Double Classroom
Wed 8-Apr	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM 7:00 PM	Pickleball Coffee Break Prayer Team Youth	Gym Fellowship Hall Library Lower Level/Sanctuary
Thurs 9-Apr	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	One Care Exercise Program GEMS	Gym Lower Level/Sanctuary
Fri 10-Apr	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:30 PM	Pilates Women's Ministry Rental	Gym Double Classroom Lower Level