

THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF STRATFORD

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Celebrating 75 years – God is Faithful – Deuteronomy 7:9

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you.” Psalm 32:8. Welcome to our Kickoff Sunday! Let us worship and rejoice in the One who teaches us; the One who keeps His watchful care on all who trust in Him. May God watch over us and guide our every step. Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

ORDER OF SERVICE

10:00 am – Pastor Nick Bierma

God Calls Us to Worship

Welcome & Call to Worship

Silent Prayer & Song of Response: “Come and Behold Him”

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Opening Praise: “Here for You”

“Sing His Praise Again”

We Celebrate God’s Call to a New Ministry Season

Introduction to “Kick-off Sunday”

Commissioning Prayer for the New Ministry Season

God Speaks His Word to Us

(During the Song of Approach children age 3 to Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday school)

Song of Approach: “Abide”

Prayer of Illumination

Text: Joshua 3

Sermon: A New Season

*Hymn of Response: “His Glory and My Good”

We Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: “Yes and Amen”

Offerings: 1. General Fund / Ministry Shares 2. Ramoth House

We Go with God’s Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “The Lion and the Lamb”

**means stand if you are able*

TODAY’S OFFERING: Ramoth House – Ramoth House is a non-profit, inter denominational agency based in Mount Forest, Ontario dedicated to providing practical support and encouragement to young women between the ages of 16-25 who are either pregnant or parenting an infant. Young women are given the opportunity to realize their parenting potential while acquiring valuable life skills in hopes that the cycle of hurt and poverty may be ended for the next generation. For more information visit their website at www.ramoth.ca

NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING: Resonate Global Mission – Resonate Global Missions 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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

6:30 pm – Pastor Martin Dam

This evening we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. If you are a communicant member in good standing of a church that professes Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, if you love and trust Him alone for your salvation, if you are truly sorry for your sins, and if you sincerely desire to live in obedience to Him, we warmly welcome you to participate with us in the sacrament.

Welcome & Call to Worship: Zechariah 8:16

Silent Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Hymn of Praise: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LH 521

God Speaks His Word to Us

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Illumination

Scripture: Exodus 20:16; Lord's Day 43; Psalm 15

Sermon: "The 9th Commandment"

*Hymn of Response: "Take My Life and Let it Be" LH 863 v 1, 4, 5, 6

We Come to God's Table

Celebration of Communion

Communion Song: "Behold the Lamb of God" LH 840

(Please note: We use gluten free bread. The centre cup and the innermost ring of cups in each communion tray contains juice. The remaining cups contain wine).

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Apostles Creed

*Benediction

*Doxology: We Believe in God the Father:"

*means stand if you are able