

THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF STRATFORD

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

“But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5. We come to worship to with thanksgiving for the sacrifice of our precious Saviour, Jesus Christ. Christ’s suffering brings us restoration and forgiveness. Please join us downstairs after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

ORDER OF SERVICE

10:00 am – Pastor Nick Bierma

This morning 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.

God Calls Us to Worship: Psalm 99:3-4

Welcome & Call to Worship

Silent Prayer & Song of Response: “In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified” LH 861

*God’s Greeting

*Mutual Greeting

*Opening Praise: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LH 521

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” LH 538 v 1

We Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1. General Fund / Ministry Shares 2. Stratford House of Blessing

Offertory: “Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God”

God Speaks His Word to Us

Children’s Message

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

Song of Approach: Song: “Here I Am, Lord” LH 869

Prayer of Illumination

Text: Acts 1:1-11

Sermon: “Mission in Action | This is Not a Drill”

*Hymn of Response: Facing a Task Unfinished”

We Come to Good’s Table

Celebration of Lord’s Supper

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

We Go with God’s Blessing

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” PH 638

**means stand if you are able*

TODAY’S OFFERING: Stratford House of Blessing – The House of Blessing helps people in our community in their immediate time of need through emergency food and personal care items; programs to reduce childhood inequity; and the provision of essential supplies for unique needs (weather wear, blankets and supplies for people who are homeless and steel-toed work boots for those seeking a return to work). The primary focus of House of Blessing is the food bank which provides people with fresh, frozen and shelf-stable food along with toiletries and hygiene products by way of free home delivery and in-house appointments. The children’s programs include healthy snacks, diapers and formula, Welcome to the World Baskets for new babies, Off to School Smiling Kits and the Christmas Toy Program. To learn more about how you can help or to access our services please visit shob.org or call us at 519-273-3433. Thank you for your support!

ORDER OF SERVICE

6:30 pm – Pastor Martin Dam

Welcome & Call to Worship: Psalm 117

Silent Prayer & Hymn of Response: “Seek Ye First” LH 899

*God’s Greeting

*Songs of Praise: “Bless the Lord, O My Soul 9Ten thousand Reasons” LH 559
“Before the Throne of God Above” LH 682

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Belgic Confession Article 3

Sermon: “The Doctrine of Scripture”

*Hymn of Response: ‘May the Mind of Christ My Saviour’ LH 334

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Apostles Creed

*Benediction

*Closing Song: “Rejoice the Lord is King” LH 224