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Sunday, December 31, 2017



A CONGREGATION CALLED BY GOD

TRANSFORMING AND

BEING TRANSFORMED

“A warm welcome to guests”

Jacob London
Interim Pastor

The Entire Congregation
Ministers

Worship Celebrations:
Sunday 10:30 am

Sunday, December 31, 2017

New Year's Eve

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude - Leo Cnossen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Amos 4:13*)

L: For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind,
and declares to man what is his thought,
who makes the morning darkness,
and treads on the heights of the earth—
the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name!

***SONGS OF APPROACH**

#540 - My Hope Is in the Lord

#3 - Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalm 119:33-37*)

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

P: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

P: Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

L: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Psalm 91:14-15*)

L: The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honour them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

P: Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER - PRAYERS FOR OTHERS - THE LORD'S PRAYER

***SONG OF PRAISE**

#33 - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

TO HEAR HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 3:1-3 [*p 1315*] Reader: Susan Duivesteyn

SERMON: "What We Will Be in the Second Advent" - Jacob London

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

AND RESPOND TO HIS WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER – OFFERING

* #815 - Doxology

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

#753 - Jesus Is Coming Again (verse 1)

* Indicates where congregation is to stand, if able.

1 John 3:1-3

New International Version (NIV)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Sermon Notes

ERC THIS WEEK

Sun 31st Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
New Year's Eve
Mon 1st New Year's Day
Tues 2nd
Wed 3rd
Thu 4th
Fri 5th
Sat 6th
Sun 7th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Library open after service



PRAYER CORNER

Carly Hippern

Hennie Ryken

Nelly VandenBrink

Fred Hippern

Allan Blake

Mina Trachsler

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

James 5:16 (LEB) Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous person accomplishes much.

Jo Veenstra
Joanne Verhoog
Linda Verhoog

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to **Jasper & Elizabeth VandenBos** (anniversary today), **Tony VanderLey** (birthday 3rd), **Leo Crossen** (birthday 4th) and **Sofie Huitema** (birthday 5th).

CONSISTORY VOTING: Kryn Duivesteyn has consented to serve as elder for a one-year term. The Deacon nomination ballots are in the mail slots. Please return by January 7.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who came out to help us celebrate our dad's, Marinus', birthday. The Rensinks

JACOB AT DCH: Jacob will be speaking at Durham Christian Homes next Sunday, January 7. The service is at 3:00 pm. All are welcome!

DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE: During the month of December, we'll be holding a food drive for a local food bank. Today is the last day to participate!

WORDS OF HOPE: The new Words of Hope booklets are in! Pick one up today so that you can start with the new year tomorrow.

SENIORS TRIP: Durham Christian Homes is organizing a trip for Seniors to the Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory to see their unique display of Rice Paper butterflies. The trip will be Tuesday, January 16, and will depart Durham Christian Homes at 8:45 am and return at 3:30 pm. Lunch will be at your own expense. Cost is \$70 per person. Call 905-430-1666 by January 9 to reserve your spot.

MISSIONARY LETTER: There is a new letter from the Fords posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2018 offering envelopes have been distributed. If you didn't receive a set and would like one, please speak with Kevin or Tricia Groeneveld.

CONDOLENCES to Pastor Peter Burrill of Emmanuel Reformed Church in Woodstock at the passing of his mother. Visitation is at Williams Funeral Home, 45 Elgin St, St. Thomas on Thursday from 7-9, and the funeral service at Knox Presbyterian, 55 Hincks St, St. Thomas on Friday at 11 am.

Welcome Greeters

December 31 Pat Pluister & Jo Veenstra

January 7 Paul & Carly Hippern

January 14 Ron & Ann Reitsma

January 21 Sheldon & Sofie Huitema

Scripture Readers

December 31 Susan Duivesteyn

January 7 Tricia Groeneveld

January 14 Pat Pluister

January 21 Lisa London

Coffee Fellowship

(An extended list may be found at ercwhitby.com/announcements)

Dec 31 Kryn & Anne Duivesteyn with Elizabeth Raaphorst

Jan 7 Herman & Susan Duivesteyn with Janet Vander Meulen

Jan 14 Sheldon & Sofie Huitema with Tony Duivesteyn

Jan 21 Bill & Kathy Wielinga with Mina Trachsler

Nursery Helpers

December 31 Kathy Wielinga

January 7 Trudy Van Staveren

January 14 John DeJong

January 21 Joanne Verhoog

PowerPoint Operators

December 31, January 7 Paul Hippern

January 14, 21 Tricia Groeneveld

Sound Technicians

December 31, January 7 Chris Groeneveld

January 14, 21 Kevin Groeneveld

We thank everyone who takes the time to share God's love by assisting at the church. If you're unable to meet your commitment, please arrange for somebody to take your place and inform the list manager and the office as soon as possible.