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Sunday, January 7, 2018



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, January 7, 2018

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude - Leo Cnossen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 9:1-2*)

L: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

P: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

L: I will be glad and exult in you;

P: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

***SONGS OF APPROACH**

#526 - The Solid Rock

#56 - To God Be the Glory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Jeremiah 14:20-21*)

L: We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against you.

P: Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*2 Chronicles 30:9*)

L: For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.

P: Hallelujah and Amen!

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

***SONG OF PRAISE**

#87 - Fairest Lord Jesus

TO HEAR HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:45-48 [p 1128]

Reader: Tricia Groeneveld

SERMON: "Jesus Cleanses the Temple" - Jacob London

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

AND RESPOND TO HIS WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER – OFFERING

* #815 - Doxology

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

#657 - Cleanse Me (verse 1)

* Indicates where congregation is to stand, if able.

Luke 19:45-48

New International Version

⁴⁵ Then he entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling. ⁴⁶ "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

⁴⁷ Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. ⁴⁸ Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

Sermon Notes

ERC THIS WEEK

Sun 7th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Library open after service

Mon 8th
Tues 9th
Wed 10th
Thu 11th
Fri 12th
Sat 13th
Sun 14th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am



PRAYER CORNER

Carly Hippern	Fred Hippern
Hennie Ryken	Allan Blake
Nelly VandenBrink	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.

**Wilma Verhoog
Teunis & Alie Verhoog
Mark & Shannon Verhoog**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to **Ron & Ann Reitsma** (anniversary 12th) and **Harry Zylstra** (birthday 13th).

CONSISTORY VOTING: The Deacon nomination ballots are due TODAY.

JACOB AT DCH: Jacob will be speaking at Durham Christian Homes this afternoon. The service is at 3:00 pm. All are welcome!

CHURCH PAINTING: We are gearing up to paint the kitchen, fellowship hall, and downstairs washrooms. Those who volunteered to help paint, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to indicate what day(s) are better for you to come.

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.

WANTED: BOARD MEMBERS: Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre, located currently at 394 – Simcoe Street S. in Oshawa is looking for dedicated and spiritual individuals to engage as Board of Director members. Meetings are held once per month for approximately one hour and a half. The prime responsibilities and duties are to establish and maintain policies and the centre's organization, ensuring that the provisions of the organization charter and law are followed, maintain fiscal stability and develop and maintain communication link to the community at large. Should you be interested, please contact Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre at 905-432-5316 and ask for Alan Perron or email your note of interest to office@gate316.org

New Year Thoughts

Grace and peace to you in the Name of the One Who lives and reigns forever! Happy New Year everyone, and a blessed 2018 to one and all.

As always, the new year is a time of darkness. Behind us are all the joys and pains of the year gone by. As we try to peek into the future, things become a bit more hazy. The toils and struggles of the past go with us into the new. After all, we don't change overnight just because there is a new year at hand. Pain, suffering and death just don't disappear because it is January 1, 2018. We may well ask ourselves, "How much worse can things get before the Second Coming of Jesus?"

On the other hand, there are the joys and the hopes we had that many of us would love to build on. As many as the conflicts may have been, we pray the Lord trustingly for better tomorrows. After all, God has been faithful in the past, and He remains the same (Hebrews 13:8). Therefore, we can trust Him to be our strength, in the days to come.

There is a song from Hillsong that we sing at church and God placed in my mind as I awakened this morning. The chorus – I think it is the chorus since it repeats several times (and not often enough) – goes like this (although I am taking some freedom to make it speak to Jesus, instead speaking about Him. I trust that is a forgivable sin.)

What a wonderful Name Yours is
What a wonderful Name Yours is
Your Name, Lord Jesus, Christ my King
What a powerful Name Yours is
Nothing compares to this
What a powerful Name Yours is
Your Name of Jesus

God is blessing us with a new Year. May we all trust Him as the Hope of years to come. Let us pray that He will be our "Guide while life shall last and our eternal home,"

Abram Blaak, Clerk of Classis Ontario

Welcome Greeters

January 7 Paul & Carly Hippern

January 14 Ron & Ann Reitsma

January 21 Sheldon & Sofie Huitema

January 28 Beatrice Koster & Trudy VanStaveren

Scripture Readers

January 7 Tricia Groeneveld

January 14 Pat Pluister

January 21 Lisa London

January 28 Susan Duivesteyn

Coffee Fellowship

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

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

Jan 28 Neil & Ann VanStaveren with Pat Pluister

Nursery Helpers

January 7 Trudy Van Staveren

January 14 John DeJong

January 21 Joanne Verhoog

January 28 Elizabeth VandenBos

PowerPoint Operators

January 7, 28 Paul Hippern

January 14, 21 Tricia Groeneveld

Sound Technicians

January 7, 28 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.