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Sunday, March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude - Jim Hoogsteen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 117*)

L: Praise the LORD, all nations!

P: **Extol him, all peoples!**

L: For great is his steadfast love toward us,

P: **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

***SONGS OF APPROACH**

#101 - All People that on Earth Do Dwell (*Psalm 100*)

#562 - Be Thou My Vision

COMMUNION PREPARATION - Tony VanderLey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*2 Samuel 24:10*)

ALL: I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O Lord, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Romans 6:20-23*)

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

***SONG OF PRAISE**

#8 - Come, Thou Almighty King

TO HEAR HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE: Luke 20:41-44 [p. 1130]

Reader: Lisa London

SERMON: "The State of the Kingdom" - Jacob London

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

AND RESPOND TO HIS WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER – OFFERING

* #815 - Doxology

CLOSING PRAYER

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

#235 - Take the Name of Jesus With You (verses 2 & 4)

** Indicates where congregation is to stand, if able.*

Please join us downstairs after the service for refreshments and fellowship.

Sermon Notes

ERC THIS WEEK

Sun 25th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Palm Sunday

Mon 26th
Tues 27th
Wed 28th
Thu 29th
Fri 30th Good Friday Service 10:00 am; Communion
Sat 31st
Sun 1st Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Easter Sunday
Library open after service



PRAYER CORNER

Carly Hippern	Fred Hippern
Mina Trachsler	Allan Blake
Nelly VandenBrink	Ken Reinsma
John & Hennie Ryken	

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.

**Elizabeth Raaphorst
Ken & Joanne Reinsma
Ron & Ann Reitsma**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to **Barb DeJong** (birthday 28th) and **Tony Duivesteyn** (birthday 28th).

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Please join us on Good Friday, March 30 at 10:00 am, for a special Communion service.

EASTER SUNDAY: Church on Easter Sunday will be at the regular time. We will still have Sunday school at 9:30 and the service at 10:30.

BIBLE STUDY: We are pleased to announce that the new mid-week Bible study will begin Wednesday, April 4, at 7:00 pm in Room 4 (across the hall from the nursery). All are welcome to attend! Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so that we have an idea how many will be coming.

Dear friends at Emmanuel.

Although we couldn't have the planned open house for our 60th wedding anniversary due to Ken's illness, we were and are overwhelmed by the many tokens of love we received.

The many cards, bouquets of flowers and gifts are so much appreciated, as well as the wonderful get well wishes for Ken. It is so good to belong to the family of God. Please accept our sincere thanks. The Reinsma's

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS From our meeting on March 20:

- Bible study to start April 4.
- Good Friday service 10:00 w/Communion

MISSIONARY UPDATES: There is a 2017 yearly report from the Fords and a regional report from India where our GFA missionary Simon Itty serves, both posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Hope Fellowship Church will host the 5th Women's Together Day! Saturday, April 7 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, 1685 Bloor Street, Courtice. Speaker Donna Carter. Praise team Colleen & Grace. Cost \$35 includes lunch. Phone number 905-571-6004. For more information, see poster in the fellowship hall or phone Jane or Anne D.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Durham Christian Homes will be hosting its 1st Golf Tournament at Deer Creek in support of Glen Hill Terrace, our new, 160 bed long-term care home in Whitby. Tournament packages will be available in April 2018. Join us on the green or tell your friends and family to come out and join us! Visit www.dchomes.ca or send us an email after April 1, 2018, for more information.

STAND IN THE GAP: It's non-stop FUN for the whole family! Countryside Camp and Conference Centre invites YOU to "Brent and Sarah's Comedy Magic Show!" Friday, April 13th, 7pm at Cedar Creek Community Church, Highway 97 in Ayr. This fundraiser for "Stand In The Gap" will help children, youth and individuals with special needs enjoy the experience of a Christ-Centred Summer Camp! Tickets are \$5 for ages 4 to Adult and are available at the door, on-line at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/brent-and-sarahs-comedy-magic-show-tickets-42506607407> or when you click on "events" at countrysidecamp.com.

DISABILITY TRAINING EVENT: A training event called "Aging: Challenges and Opportunities" will help pastors, elders, deacons, disability advocates, and people in their third third and their loved ones minister within and embrace the life God gives us as we age. Dr. Syd Hielema will keynote this event at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock ON, on Saturday, April 21. Sponsored by Disability Concerns, the keynote and workshop topics will include growing in faith in the third third of life, resources for ministry with older adults, caring for aging parents, and aging and mental health. For more information and to register, see www.disabilityconference.org.

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Welcome Greeters

March 25 John Wolters & Harry Sintniklaas

April 1 Ken & Joanne Reinsma

April 8 Leo Cnossen & Marinus Rensink

April 15 Kevin & Tricia Groeneveld

Scripture Readers

March 25 Lisa London

April 1 Garry Warren

April 8 Susan Duivesteyn

April 15 Tricia Groeneveld

Coffee Fellowship

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

March 25 Harry & Helen Zylstra with Michael & Catherine Brady

April 1 Michael & Marion Fulcher with Trudy Van Staveren

April 8 Kryn & Anne Duivesteyn with Elizabeth Raaphorst

April 15 Herman & Susan Duivesteyn with Tony Duivesteyn

Nursery Helpers

March 25 Cathy Warren

April 1 Barb DeJong

April 8 Pat Pluister

April 15 Kathy Wielinga

PowerPoint Operators

March 25; April 1 Tricia Groeneveld

April 8, 15 Cathy Warren

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.