

Emmanuel Reformed Church

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Sunday, April 22, 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, April 22, 2018

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude - Harriet Chepesiuk

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Hebrews 4:14-16*)

L: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***SONGS OF APPROACH**

#572 - Blessed Assurance

#526 - The Solid Rock

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Galatians 3:11*)

L: "Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for 'The righteous shall live by faith!'"
Therefore if we are not justified by God's holy Law, let us confess
confess our sins and approach him in faith.
(*Time for silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Romans 6:15-23*)

L: What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to

more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

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

***SONG OF PRAISE**

#631 - The Lord's Prayer

TO HEAR HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE: Luke 20:45-47 [*p. 1130*]

Reader: Cathy Warren

SERMON: "Jesus, Our Perfect Pastor" - Jacob London

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

AND RESPOND TO HIS WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER – OFFERING

* #815 - Doxology

CLOSING PRAYER

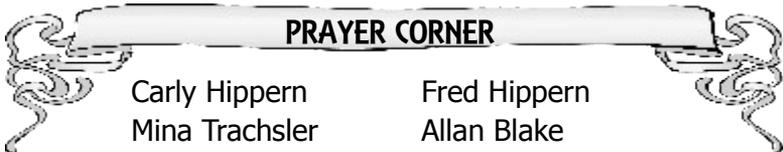
***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

#564 - Just a Closer Walk with Thee (verse 1)

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

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



PRAYER CORNER

Carly Hippern	Fred Hippern
Mina Trachsler	Allan Blake
Nelly VandenBrink	Janet VanderMeulen
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.

**Nelly VandenBrink
Adrie VanderLey
Tony VanderLey**

ERC THIS WEEK

Sun 22nd Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Mon 23rd
Tues 24th
Wed 25th Bible study 7:00 pm
Thu 26th
Fri 27th
Sat 28th
Sun 29th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Missions Offering

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS and God's blessings to **Margaret Duivesteyn** (birthday 26th), **Teunis Verhoog** (birthday 27th), and **Joanne Verhoog** (birthday 28th).

DIRECTORY CHANGE: The new phone number for John and Pat Pluister is 905-666-9110.

BIBLE STUDY: Our mid-week Bible study meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in Room 4 (across the hall from the nursery). All are welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris and Sam Groeneveld at the birth of their daughter, Olivia Ashley Groeneveld! She was born at 1:23pm on Tuesday, April 17th. 8lb 4oz, just under 21 inches.

JEAN HONKEN: The bulletin from Jean Honken's funeral is posted in the Fellowship Hall for those who may like to read it.

PRAYER REQUEST: For a number of years, Janet VanderMeulen has been treated for a chemical imbalance which can lead to deep depression. Several months ago she stopped taking her medications. Since then, her family noticed she never wanted to go anywhere, even to church, and was showing other behaviours related to her condition. She went into Lakeridge Health on Good Friday and is still there, on the Mental Medicine floor. Visitation by non-family is not recommended. She will probably have to go into long-term care rather than returning home, where she lived with her 100-year-old mother. Janet's sister asks her church family to pray for Janet.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Durham Christian Homes will be hosting its 1st Golf Tournament at Deer Creek on June 21, 2018 in support of Glen Hill Terrace, our new, 160 bed long-term care home in Whitby. First come-first served. 144 golfers maximum. Visit our website at www.dchomes.ca for more details and Registration Forms.

SPRING TEA AT 2: Get out your fascinators and white gloves...and join us for tea/coffee, sandwiches and sweets! Saturday, May 5th at 2:00 pm, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 209 Cochrane St, Whitby
Tickets—\$12.00
If interested in attending, please contact Heather, in the church office, to purchase your ticket! (905)668-4022 or standrewswhitby@bellnet.ca

CAMP SHALOM SUMMER STAFF: Camp Shalom is looking for summer staff. If you love Jesus and like working with kids or individuals with special needs, then this might be for you. Work outdoors, with great people, while making a meaningful impact on camper's lives. All positions are paid and you must be 17 before Dec. 31st, 2018. Visit www.countrysidecamp.com to apply.

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Looking at doing a community barbecue in the summer.
- In future, special services (Christmas, Good Friday, etc.) will start at the same time as Sunday services.
- Spring cleanup day coming, date to be determined.
- Since Art VanSlageren has resigned as our classis supervisor after becoming Vice President of Consistory, our new supervisor is Pastor Bruno Ferreira from New Life Church in Toronto.

THE REFUGE FUNDRAISER: The Refuge's Annual Dinner and Cake Auction is BACK - and with a beautifully rustic twist. This year the event will be held on Saturday, May 26th, 2018 at Heritage Hall in the Purple Woods Conservation Area in Oshawa (5 minutes North of UOIT). Doors will open at 6:00pm with hors d'oeuvres followed by a scrumptious maple-themed dinner at 7:00pm. The event is catered by The Refuge's social enterprise, New Leaf, that trains and employs our youth. Dinner will be followed by a message of hope from The Refuge youth, and the evening concludes with a live cake auction featuring delicious designer cakes made by local chefs and celebrities. Dan Carter, our hysterically funny and captivating auctioneer (and Oshawa's Regional and City Councillor), will be returning again this year to lead us in an evening of guaranteed gut-busting laughter that you won't want to miss!

Seating is limited! Be sure to get your tickets before they sell out:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-refuge-youth-outreach-centre/events/annual-dinner-and-cake-auction/>

Treasurer's Report through March 31		
	March	2018
General Offerings:	\$6,489.00	\$21,400.90
Other General Income:	\$966.60	\$2,139.54
Total General Income:	\$7,455.60	\$23,540.44
Average Weekly Income:	\$1,863.90	\$1,961.70
Average Weekly General Budget:	\$2,197.00	
Missions through March 31: \$1,155.00		

Welcome Greeters

April 22 Kryn & Anne Duivesteyn

April 29 Michael & Marion Fulcher

May 6 Neil & Ann VanStaveren

May 13 Pat Pluister & Jo Veenstra

Scripture Readers

April 22 Cathy Warren

April 29 Pat Pluister

May 6 Lisa London

May 13 Garry Warren

Coffee Fellowship

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

April 22 Sheldon & Sofie Huitema with Nelly VandenBrink

April 29 Ken & Joanne Reinsma with Marinus Rensink

May 6 Bill & Kathy Wielinga with Mina Trachsler

May 13 Garry & Cathy Warren with Jane Van Slageren

Nursery Helpers

April 22 Trudy Van Staveren

April 29 John DeJong

May 6 Elizabeth VandenBos

May 13 Joanne Verhoog

PowerPoint Operators

April 22, 29 Paul Hippern

May 6, 13 Tricia 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.