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Sunday, September 29, 2019



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

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WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude - Leo Cnossen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP - *Philippians 4:4-9*

L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

P: Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.

L: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

P: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

SILENT CONFESSION

***SONG OF APPROACH**

#79 - My Jesus, I Love Thee

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION (*John 15:1-5*)

L: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 73

Q. Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the washing of rebirth and the washing away of sins?

A. God has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ wash away our sins just as water washes away dirt from our bodies. But more important, He wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that the washing away of our sins spiritually is as real as physical washing with water.

SONG OF PRAISE

#642 - Abide with Me

OPENING PRAYER - PRAYING FOR OTHERS - LORD'S PRAYER

***SONG**

#638 - I need Thee Every Hour

TO HEAR HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE - Colossians 1:3-11

Jacob London

SERMON - Prayers and Thanksgiving to God, Part 2 - Jacob London

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

AND RESPOND TO HIS WORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERING

#815 - Doxology

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING SONG**

#641 - Hear Our Prayer, O Lord (*based on Psalm 143:1*)

** 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 29th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
- Mon 30th
- Tues 1st
- Wed 2nd Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm
- Thu 3rd
- Fri 4th
- Sat 5th Vision 2020 Meeting in Hamilton 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Ride for Refuge (for Gate 3:16) 9:00 am
- Sun 6th Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Library Open After Service



PRAYER CORNER

Janet VanderMeulen	Lis Wiersma
Nelly VandenBrink	Margaret Duivesteyn
John & Hennie Ryken	Carly Hippern
Allan Blake	Joanne Reinsma
Zach Bonura	John & Pat Pluister

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Garry & Cathy Warren
Bill & Kathy Wielinga
Lis Wiersma

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS and God's blessings to **Garry Warren** (birthday Tuesday), **Kevin and Tricia Groeneveld** (anniversary Tuesday) and **Narda Hoogkamp** (birthday Thursday).

THANKSGIVING COFFEE: After speaking with several people, we are unable to find someone who is able to do the coffee and treats on October 13, Thanksgiving Sunday. Please let Tricia know as soon as possible if you can do it. If no one does, we will not have coffee fellowship that Sunday after the service.

THANK YOU: Thank you for your prayers. All the lovely cards and "words of wisdom" much appreciated. Learning to cope with a snail pace going. Narda Hoogkamp

RIDE FOR REFUGE: Thank you to those who have given towards our ride this Saturday! You have given \$585.00 in support of Gate 3:16. Today is the last Sunday to contribute. You may put it in your offering envelope with the designation "bike ride". Please pray for good weather.

FUN FAIR TOTAL: Thank you so much for all you did to make this day a success! The total was \$46,000. To God be the glory!

RCW MEETING: October 8 at 1:30 pm. As we start a new season, we will go out to Denny's, 75 Consumers Lane for lunch at 12:30. Bible study: Anne Duivesteyn. Scripture: Numbers 25:10-13 & 1 Sam. 2:30-36 (S.S. Guide Nov 5, 2017). Hostess: Elizabeth Raaphorst, Apart. 507 Providence. All ladies welcome!

VISION 2020 MEETING: Join us at a Classis Feedback Event about the future of our denomination! As some of you know, the RCA is at a crossroads. Over many years, our denomination, like almost every other denomination in the US and Canada, has been experiencing conflict related to gender, human sexuality and the interpretation of Scripture. At General Synod 2018, a Vision 2020 Task Force was formed to research and discern possible strategies and solutions for the RCA's future. That team made a preliminary report to General Synod 2019, and will make a final recommendation to General Synod 2020.

The General Synod delegates will vote on a way forward. In order to do their discernment well, the team is hosting regional feedback events to receive RCA members' thoughts, prayers, ideas, and suggestions about the future of the RCA. Ontario's event will be on **Saturday, October 5th at Westdale Reformed Church, from 10 am – 4 pm**. Will you join us to learn about the scenarios that are being researched for the future, to pray with us, to discuss the options, and to offer your opinion on how the RCA can move forward into God's will? The event is open to all RCA members in Ontario. We hope you can come!

ADDRESS CHANGE: Harry Sintniklaas has moved. His new address is 309 - 200 Glen Hill Dr S, Whitby L1N 9W2. His phone number remains the same.

CONSISTORY UPDATES:

- We encourage people to go to the Vision 2020 meeting in Hamilton. John DeJong can take 3 passengers.
- Communion has been moved to October 27.
- We have officially extended Jacob's contract through August 2020.

FALL CONCERT: Durham Christian Homes is hosting a Seniors' Fall Concert on Thursday, October 17th at 6:30pm. There is no cost for admission, but a free will offering will be taken up; all money raised will be donated to Glen Hill Terrace, our newest Not For Profit and Charitable Long Term Care home being built right here in Whitby! Cheques of \$25 or more will receive a donation receipt (make cheques out to Durham Christian Homes Society).

PRAYER REQUEST: Please join us in prayer for the Vision 2020 team in regards to their upcoming decision at the 2020 Synod. Consider the words, "that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:11). Join us in praying fervently for oneness in Christ. For more information on Vision 2020, please visit <https://www.rca.org/news/delegates-approve-formation-vision-group-discern-rcas-future>

Welcome Greeters

September 29 Paul & Carly Hippern

October 6 Sheldon & Sofie Huitema

October 13 Beatrice Koster & Trudy VanStaveren

October 20 Ron & Ann Reitsma

Scripture Readers

September 29 Jacob London

October 6 Zach Bonura

October 13 Susan Duivesteyn

October 20 Tricia Groeneveld

Coffee Fellowship

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

Sept 29 Neil & Ann VanStaveren with Pat Pluister

Oct 6 Kevin & Tricia Groeneveld with Paul & Carly Hippern

Oct 13 Teunis & Alie Verhoog with Joanne & Linda Verhoog

Oct 20 Ron & Ann Reitsma with Lillian Hammers

Nursery Helpers

September 29 Joanne Verhoog & Alie Verhoog

October 6 Trudy & Ann Van Staveren

October 13 Cathy & Garry Warren

October 20 Kathy Wielinga & Anne Duivesteyn

Service Projection

Sept 29; Oct 6, 13 Paul Hippern

Oct 20 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.