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EBENEZER

Christian Reformed Church

Glorifying God and Loving All People

Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer, both in person and Livestream. To access the Livestream, visit our website: www.ebenzercrc.com and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS— *Here I Am to Worship*
Almighty

GOD'S GREETING

SONG — *Hosanna*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *This is Amazing Grace*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

THANK OFFERING

1 — Ebenezer Ministries 2 — Edmonton Pro-Life

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Ages 3—Grade 3 are dismissed for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE — **John 17: 1-5**

SERMON — **The High Priestly Prayer, Part 1**

SONG — *We Are One in the Spirit*

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *My Friends May You Grow in Grace*

Church Family

Please continue to pray for **Konrad & Edith B, Margaret & Jim T, Emily M's** sister Heidi, **Grace H's** mother, and **Tim & Bev C**— in particular Bev's sister Angela. We also remember in prayer those who are sick with COVID and those in the healthcare system who care for them.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties,
please speak to your district Elder, a Deacon or contact the church office.
We want to support you on your journey.*

*If you would like a visit with Pastor Jason ...
feel free to contact him directly by phone (780-964-9844) or email
(pastorjason@ebenzercrc.com) and set up a time for him to come and visit. Pastor
Jason also has drop-in hours at the church office from 10AM -2PM on Wednesdays
and all are invited to stop by for a visit.*

HUMAN SEXUALITY REPORT Council is prayerfully reflecting on how to best work through this report with the congregation. We encourage our members to read the report. Paper copies of both the summary and the complete report are available at the Welcome Center.

The **JANUARY BANNER** is available at the Welcome Center.

A NOTE ABOUT USING YOUR CHURCH KEY IN THE MAIN DOOR: Over time our front doors at the church have warped due to settling and propping them open. If you have difficulty opening the door with your key, the locksmith advises using your foot to press the lower right corner of the door back into the frame before turning your key. Also, if you need to prop the door, please do not prop the Handicap door as this will cause further warping. Thank you!

E-TRANSFER: to send an e-transfer donation use finance@ebenzercrc.com. Thank you!

***Please check your mailboxes for a **2022 Congregational Letter** from Council.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Use your talents and strengths for God's glory! Mission Thrift Store - Edmonton 2 is currently recruiting volunteers. This is a volunteer driven, Christian organization providing new and used quality goods in a one-of-a-kind thrift experience, located at 11209 - 149th St. Edmonton. Net revenues go to support Bible League Canada in their leadership and literacy programs in over 40 countries giving people access to the Living Word of God. For more information, please contact the manager at

Email: Edmonton2@missionthriftstore.com OR Edmonton2_Assistant@missionthriftstore.com

Phone 780-454-6400

MANAGER NEEDED Mission Thrift Store - Edmonton 2 is looking for a full time Store Manager to start March 1st . If you feel this is an opportunity for you to serve in this capacity and you understand and support the vision and purpose of BFM Foundation (Canada), please forward your resume and cover letter to admin@missionthriftstore.com by February 1st . A full job description is available upon request.



SAFE CHURCH FACT: Did you know...Every effort is made to make the Church environment safe and secure for everyone.



THE BRIDGE APP Have you checked out Ebenezer's new app yet? We welcome you to join The Bridge app and select Ebenezer as your "Home Church". It contains an online church

directory, upcoming birthdays, current prayer requests and access to the Today devotional booklet, The Banner magazine and more. Please look for the brochure in your mailbox or at the Welcome Desk for more information and instructions on how to find/download The Bridge app, create an account and access Ebenezer CRC as your home church. For detailed step by step instructions, refer to this guide: [The Bridge App Guide](#)

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, January 16	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
	@	7:00 pm	In-person & Livestream Youth—YAC
Wednesday, Jan 19	@	9:30 am	Coffee Break
	@	6:45 pm	GEMS resumes
Saturday, January 22	@	9:30	Cadets
Sunday, January 23	@	10:00 am	Worship Service
			In-person & Livestream

YOUTH — YAC RESUMES TONIGHT! Plan to join us in 2022 for new teaching, discussion, games and snacks! Parents—we have a small group designed just for you! Come out for a time of encouragement while your kids are at YAC. Youth Outing planned for Sunday January 23rd. Contact Jay & Laura A, Jamie B, or Marco & Jason D with any questions.

DISASTER RESPONSE FOR BC FLOODING - On Nov. 14-15, vast areas of the lower Fraser River flooded; the rebuild will likely be measured in years. The Gateway CRC sprang into action right away to support flood victims, and also helped to form the Abbotsford Disaster Response Coalition. This group is partnering with World Renew's Disaster Response Services to make a long-term impact on flood-ravaged lives. Donations can be made to the work of this coalition through World Renew (send a cheque with Abbotsford Disaster Response Coalition in the memo line).

REQUEST FROM ADMIN COMMITTEE: We are looking for volunteers to help out with snow removal on the sidewalks and emergency exits. If you can help out with this, please contact Roy V. Thank you.

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering — EBENEZER MINISTRIES This offering is used to cover day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering — EDMONTON PRO-LIFE The Edmonton Pro Life Society aims to promote respect for all human life from conception to natural death. This will include educating and developing understanding how our citizens can uphold and defend the right to life, a basic right on which all other rights depend.

NEXT WEEK 2nd Offering — DIACONATE Deacons are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus, administering the mercy of Christ to all people. The deacons are called upon to motivate the members of the church to be faithful with their resources. The deacons encourage others to serve along with them so God's work will be accomplished.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022, all coupons purchased by members will be laminated for sanitary reasons. The colour will be the same for all dollar amounts.

Of course, coupons currently in circulation will continue to be usable and the 'old' style will be phased out as they are redeemed. For more information, please contact a member of the Ebenezer Finance Team.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP SERVICES - Is there a charity close to your heart that you would love to see thrive for years to come? Christian Stewardship Services is hosting open Q&A sessions every week this winter to answer all of your questions on charitable giving and estate planning. Explore the topics and register on our website at: <https://csservices.ca/winter-conversations-series/>. Each session will have a 10 minute introduction, and then an interactive Q&A. The first four topics are: Multiplying your Gift, Pets, Life Insurance, adding a Charity Child, and Cryptocurrency.

Denominational News & Resources

THE CLIMATE WITNESS PROJECT is excited to host [Dr. Katharine Hayhoe](#) January 18, 2022 at 7pm ET for a discussion of her new book *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. Katharine Hayhoe is a very positive, uplifting speaker and you will not be disappointed! Here is the link to register for this discussion. <https://mailchi.mp/crcna/climate-huddle-172061?e=34de14f684>

OPEN TO WONDER We explore all kinds of faith questions here: big ones, small ones, weird ones, and hard-to-talk-about-in-church ones. Hosted by Faith Formation Ministries, Open to Wonder is a podcast that helps us imagine together what faith looks like in our day-to-day lives. In each episode, we'll ask our guest to share insights from where their experience intersects our shared wonderings. Join us for a communal conversation about where we are struggling, growing, and wondering as we live out our faith together. <https://anchor.fm/open-to-wonder>

PLEASE PRAY - On Saturday, January 29, 2022, delegates, the Canada CRCNA staff, and Canada Corp members will gather online to converse together about how we can grow deeper into God's mission in our Canadian context. The primary hope is that we might emerge from this Canadian Catalytic Conversation with some clarity on what structure might help CRCNA ministry in Canada flourish. In the readings and conversations, those gathered will hear about some of the related opportunities and challenges. Each Classis has been invited to designate 4 delegates to participate in this Canada-wide event. Please pray for our denominational staff, board members, organizing team, classes, and churches as together we seek God's guidance for the CRCNA within its Canadian context.

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: KerryAnne/Sam

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Matt/Jamie

SERVING ELDER: Roy V

GREETERS: Roy & Teena V

USHERS: Dennis & Ineke V

WELCOME CENTER: Tammy H

NURSERY: Christina V, Mariska Z

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

AGE 3/4: Karen H, Sylvia, Lily

K/Grade 1: Maricha, Levi

Grade 2/3: Karen G, Amy

NEXT WEEK: Susan B (Marilyn)

NEXT WEEK: Pete/Wes

NEXT WEEK: John W

NEXT WEEK: Fred & Linda K

NEXT WEEK: Dennis & Ruby P

NEXT WEEK: Bea V

NEXT WEEK: James H, Carol W, Sophia M

NEXT WEEK:

Age 3/4: Laura A, Pippa, Rory

K/Grade 1: Seth/Shane, Klaret

Grade 2/3: Joanne K, Clara