



# Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, January 4, 2026

Worship: 10am

Pastor Jay Crossen

Musicians: Michelle, Shawn,  
Sylvia, Marian, Al, Shaun, Josh,  
Orrin

## God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

\* Song **Cornerstone CCLI 6158927**

God's Greeting:

\* Song **He Knows My Name LUYH # 339**

## God Renews Us In His Grace

Baptism: Ashlynn Diane Heyink

Song: **Blessed Assurance LUYH # 363**

## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message & Song

Song: **I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy LUYH # 363**

Children (Dismissal age 3-to Grade 6) for Sunday School

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3: 17-18, Romans 8:28-30

Message: The God Who Forms Us

\*Song: **Yet Not I But Though Christ in Me CCLI 7121852**

## God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Therefore Go Ministry

Offertory **You are My All in All CCLI 825356**

## God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

\*God's Sending and Blessing

\*Song: **Agnus Dei CCLI # 626713**

\* Indicates to please stand if you are able LUYH stands for Lift Up Your Hearts (the red song book in the pews)

## Gathering for Worship

**LARGE PRINT** copies of the Lift Up Your Hearts hymn book are available for use during worship. They are located on the bookcase in the foyer next to the administrator's office. Large print copies of songs not in LUYH are available from the ushers.

**Nursery and Sunday School** programs will be available during the church service for those parents who wish their children to participate. We have classes for children aged 3 to Grade 6. Children will be dismissed during the worship gathering. The Education Committee, Sunday School, and Nursery, with the support of Council, have developed a plan to safely care

**Valet service** - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available for free with advance arrangements. Simply drive your car up to the east door (under the car port) and one of our friendly drivers will meet you, help unload your mobility device and park your car for you! If you are interested, please contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), by text (519-630-7827), through Facebook or via email at [michaelbuckman@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelbuckman@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming Services:

<u>Jan 4:</u>	Pastor Jay (Baptism Ashlynn Heyink)
<u>Jan 11:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Jan 18:</u>	Timothy DeWeerd
<u>Jan 25:</u>	Pastor Jay

Exeter CRC strives to be a healthy community. If you are feeling unwell in any way join our worship gathering on-line. We continue to worship together as a community of God's people. **YouTube:** <https://bit.ly/3yYa4ze>



Exeter CRC is accessible for those with hearing impairment. If you are hard of hearing, please have an usher direct you to the sound booth for an assistive device.

## From the Deacons

The offering this Sunday is Therefore Go Ministry

<u>Jan 11:</u>	Mississippi Christian Family Services
<u>Jan 18:</u>	Deacons Benevolence
<u>Jan 25:</u>	John & Marian Vandermeer – Wycliffe
<u>Feb 1:</u>	Christian School Bursary Fund



The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to [ecrcgiving@gmail.com](mailto:ecrcgiving@gmail.com). Please state in the memo the cause(s) you are supporting. Coupons for the offering are available in the office; please ask one of the deacons for assistance if you are interested in buying coupons.

**Common Plate** A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows [donations@Exetercommonplate.org](mailto:donations@Exetercommonplate.org)



**MemberCare**<sup>+</sup> is a free counselling program for Exeter CRC members provided through By Peaceful Waters. Please call **519-886-8577** or email [mail@bypeacefulwaters.ca](mailto:mail@bypeacefulwaters.ca) for more information.

## Our Church Family

**Calendar of Events:** One of the features of our website is a calendar of meetings and events to help keep you up to date. Click on this [link](#) to have a look at everything happening at ECRC.

**Thank You** "I would like to thank everyone for the birthday visits, cards, prayers, and messages. It was a wonderful day. I am truly blessed." Alice DeWeerd

**For those who have a prayer request or are sharing a thanksgiving, please feel free to include it on the church's Facebook page, or please contact your elder or the church office if you wish to include it in the bulletin or The Bridge App.**

## Exeter CRC Announcements

**Common Plate Community Meals** Come on out from 5:30-7pm at Precious Blood Catholic Church for weekly dinners starting on January 6, 2026, to enjoy a complimentary meal, Common Plate, and build relationships with our broader community?

### **Celebrating 75 Year's of God's Faithfulness at Exeter CRC!**

Hello Church Family!

With great excitement, we are making plans for a special weekend of celebrations to take place **April 24-26, 2026, D. V.** In your mailboxes, you will find a **"Save the Date"** card with more details. Please mark your calendars and help spread the word to former members and friends of Exeter CRC. Extra cards are available by the church office – feel free to take a few to share. Stay tuned for more information in the new year! We look forward to celebrating 75 years of God's goodness and faithfulness together in Exeter.

**Young Adults** (ages 18–35) are invited to go sledding at Morrison Dam on **Sunday, January 4, at 3:00 PM.** Kids are welcome to join! Whether you're eager to sled or simply join us for fellowship, we'd love to see you there. Please bring extra sleds if you have them. Coffee, hot chocolate, and Timbits will be provided. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Savannah Zantingh, Rachel Kaumanns, or Rachel Boersma. We look forward to a fun afternoon together—and stay tuned for the next Young Adults event on **Friday, January 30!**

**Small Group Kickoff Soup Potluck:** As we as a church begin our journey of growing into the spiritual disciplines together let's kickoff with a soup potluck after church on January 11. All are welcome whether part of a small group or not.

## From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

**The Young Adult Winter Retreat (YAWR)** is back again at Maranatha CRC, Woodstock! We would like to encourage all young adults ages 18-30 to join us for this weekend of faith-based discussions, service, fellowship, and funtivities! We are excited to announce that Pastor Harry Frieling from Covenant CRC in Barrie will be leading us in a series of discussions on the importance of Christian friendships. The retreat will take place from January 23 to 25, 2026, with the theme *"The Gift of Friendship."* Early bird registration is \$60. Registration opens December 1st, 2025. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build lasting connections, and have fun! For more information or the registration link, follow us on Instagram (yawinterretreat), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at [ya.retreat.team@gmail.com](mailto:ya.retreat.team@gmail.com)

**SOCO Beach Project Update:** Read some reflections on Christmas Eve as we ponder God's breathtaking love and Mary's audacious yes to being part of his plan. Calling all young adults - ages 18 (one year post highschool) to 29. Recruitment for this summer's SOCO 2026 has begun - and Jan 12, 2026, is the deadline for first consideration. Still time to give to the year end Polar Bear Plunge Campaign - all proceeds strengthen SOCO's mission, opening the door for young adults to say "yes" to an enriching summer experience - and have Willemina wade deeper into the icy waters of Lake Erie as part of Port Dover's New Year's Day Plunge. This week's newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-december-24-8573141>

**Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece** (April 3 - 13. 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or [weimje@calvinseminary.edu](mailto:weimje@calvinseminary.edu).

### **Join Classis Huron as Our Youth Ministry Leader!**

Are you passionate about **equipping and inspiring youth ministry leaders?** Classis Huron is looking for a **Youth Ministry Consultant (YMC)** — a pastoral role (30 hrs/week) focused on **supporting, training, and encouraging youth leaders** in our congregations and Campus Ministries.

This is your chance to **shape vibrant discipleship pathways for youth and young adults**, build strong leader networks, and make a lasting impact in our churches.

#### **What we are looking for:**

- 3–5 years of youth ministry leadership experience
- Bachelor's in theology, ministry, or youth ministry (Master's preferred)
- Ordination/commissioning **preferred but not required.**
- Strong relational, leadership, and organizational skills

**Deadline for applications:** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early applications are strongly encouraged. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

**Start date:** September 01, 2026

Applications or requests for further information may be sent to: [jbrady@crcna.org](mailto:jbrady@crcna.org). A full job description can be found on the [Youth Ministry](#) page on the Classis Huron website.

Be the **catalyst that strengthens youth ministry across Classis Huron!**

**This Week Jan 4-10 2026**

<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

**SERVING SCHEDULE**

	<b>Jan 4</b>	<b>Jan 11</b>	<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Jan 25</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Gerard Steenbeek	George Poortinga	Leo Weverink	Al Vanderlaan
<b>Deacon</b>	Dianne, Marian	Marian, Anthony	Dianne, Anthony	Anthony, Dianne
<b>Coffee Clean-Up</b>	Cliff & Karen Cameron, Josh & Sarah	Gerald & Sharon Greg & Kathryn	Amy & Joe Bernie & Helen	Jason & Jody Mulder Kevin & Sarah Mulder
<b>Greeters</b>	Wibbina Toonk, Yvonne V.S.	Scott & Wendy Stafford	Norma V., Clarence T.	Albert H., Anne Z.
<b>Ushers</b>	Al V., Colton M.	Tim D., Leo	Sylvia H., Anthony	Cliff, Dianne
<b>Children's Message</b>	Leo W.	Karen K.	Joan B.	Sylvia Hulshof
<b>Nursery</b>	Tanya Steenbeek, Joe Dykstra, Leah Branderhorst	Sylvia Heyink, Laura Garritsen, Avery Mulder	Sylvia Hulshof, Lisa Heyink, Avery Poortinga	Marique Crossen, Joanne Boersma, Lisa Heyink
<b>Sunday School</b>	Joy DeWeerd, Sheila Vanderlaan, Danielle Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk	Joy DeWeerd, Sheila Vanderlaan, Danielle Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk	Joy DeWeerd, Sheila Vanderlaan, Danielle Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk	Joy DeWeerd, Sheila Vanderlaan, Danielle Dykstra, Kathryn Langendyk
<b>Valet</b>	Bill Branderhorst	Mike Zandwyk		