



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday October 25, 2026

Worship: 10am

Teacher: Nick Geleynse

Musicians: Sandra Visscher

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* Song: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty # 249**

* God's Greeting

* Song: **Beautiful Saviour # 461**

God Renews us in His Grace

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **And Can it Be That I Should Gain # 267**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Lord, I lift your Name on High**

Dismissal of Children ages 3– Grade 6

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Genesis 9: 1-8

Message: Life Under the Rainbow

* Song: **His Mercy is More**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Turning Point

Offering Song: **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **Jerusalem the Golden LUYH # 488**

* 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. Nursery is available for all children up to age 3. 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

Upcoming Services:

<u>Oct 25:</u>	Nick Geleynse (Pastor Jay at Classical Appointment in Orangeville today)
<u>Nov 1:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Nov 8:</u>	Pastor Jay
<u>Nov 15:</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 Turning Point

<u>Nov 1:</u>	World Renew - World Hunger Sunday
<u>Nov 8:</u>	Teen Challenge
<u>Nov 15:</u>	Huron County Christmas Bureau

The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to 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

Food Drive Thank You: The Deacons wish to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who supported our recent Food Drive. Your generosity makes a tangible difference for those in our community who are facing food insecurity. May God bless you for your cheerful giving!

Volunteer Services Coordinator: After several years of service, Michael Buckman is stepping down from his role as VSC. Thank you, Michael, for all the meals, rides and other services that you coordinated for the members of our congregation. Thank you to everyone who answered and responded to those requests when Michael called on you. We are pleased to welcome Norma Vanderlaan as our new Volunteer Services Coordinator.

World Hunger Sunday is Next Week: In a world where there is more than enough food to feed everyone, millions of people do not have enough to eat. Together, let's work to end world hunger for good. Join World Renew in sharing Christ's hope with families facing hunger by giving through next Sunday's offering. With your gifts, we can help provide the training and tools families need to journey away from hunger. Learn more and give at worldrenew.org/worldhunger.



MemberCare⁺ is a free counselling program for Exeter CRC members provided through By Peaceful Waters. Please call **519-886-8577** or email **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.

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

Coffee Clean-up Volunteers: To ensure we can continue to enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service each Sunday morning. There is a request that starting in June those on the list for coffee also put the coffee and sugar and creamers out. There will be a list in the kitchen of the duties needed. Thank you for all those who serve in this capacity. Any question reach out to Leo or Harry.

Craft & Connect will resume on Tuesday's. Pack up your current craft project and join us in the church library from 12:30-3:30. For more information contact Dianne Soer

Women's Young Adults Bible Study (ages 18-35): We are excited to re-launch our fall session of the Women's Young Adults Bible Study. Come join a great group of ladies seeking deeper relationships with one another and with Jesus. We plan to meet **bi-weekly** throughout the fall (Tuesday or Wednesday evenings). Further details will be posted on the Young Adults Facebook page. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Kaumanns or Rachel Boersma.

Bible Ready Group: Any one wanting to connect and read through scripture together is encouraged to come to the church the first Friday of every month @ 3:00 pm. Currently we are reading through Psalms

Women's Retreat Church can feel lonely sometimes. We often long for a deeper connection to others and to God. That's what this Women's Retreat is all about.

On Friday November 6 and Saturday November 7 We will have opportunity to worship together, laugh together and hear stories of God's goodness and faithfulness in our everyday lives.

Our stories for God's glory!

"Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. Psalm 145:4

We have room for 16 participants. Cost is \$20 Please let us know of any food allergies.

Invites are in your mail slots. Please contact Kiera Vanderlaan to register

Keirawiersema14@gmail.com or text @ 519-851-7841

Common Plate is looking for more volunteers! Would you like to love our neighbors by helping to provide a meal and fellowship opportunity for them? Would you like to get to know and strengthen your ties with other Christians in Exeter by serving alongside them? Come join our Common Plate team! Did you know that 7 local churches are working together to provide complimentary weekly meals for our community!?! We are currently looking for people who would be willing to volunteer on one Tuesday every seven weeks. Please contact Marique Crossen if you are interested or have any questions.

Coffee Break: Wednesday's from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Child care will be available. We will be studying the book of Job. All welcome! link to material <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/> The Book of Job by Francis Chan

Volunteers Needed: Coffee Break is starting Wednesday, October 7/26 and will run weekly from 9:30-11:00am till December 9/26. Once again, childcare will be provided. Volunteers will be needed to help care for the little ones in the nursery. If you can help out, even for one morning, please contact Karen Knip.

Small groups will soon be starting up again. Are you interested in joining a group this fall? Please speak to Sheila Vanderlaan to sign up or find out more information.

From the Safe Church Committee (Laura Garritsen, Joe Dykstra, Mikayla Vink, Leo Weverink, Cam Knip)

Hello all if you are in a position of supervision with vulnerable persons (Council, Cadets, Gems, Nursery, Youth, Sunday School, Senior Care Team) you will be receiving an email on Monday, October 5, including a Safe Church training module, please take the time to complete this by Friday, October 23.

This will satisfy your annual training requirement per the Safe Church Policy.

Thank you for your cooperation, if you have any questions feel free to contact members of the Safe Church Committee.

Catechism will be starting up again this fall starting Sunday October 18th and will run for 8 weeks until December 6th for grades 7 & 8.

Budgets: It's that time of year again please submit your budget requests by Oct 30, 2026 to either Rick Hulshof or Greg Langendyk.

Nursery: A donation jar will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for those who would like to contribute toward a gift for the Boersma family as they celebrate the Lord's blessing of their recent addition to the family. - the nursery committee

A Few Reminders from the Nursery Committee Regarding Safe Church Guidelines

- A reminder to all parents and guardians that children must be signed in and out each Sunday.
- Nursery volunteers are asked to please sign their name at the top of the sign-in sheet each Sunday.
- If a child requires an immediate diaper change, a nursery volunteer will come and find the child's parent or guardian during the service so that they can attend to their child.

there will be a copy of the safe church guidelines posted in the nursery for parents and volunteers to look over when they are in there.

Thank you to all of our parents, guardians, and volunteers for helping us maintain a safe and caring environment for our little ones!

Worship Committee is looking for readers for the upcoming Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to participate in a service, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the gym. We will need readers for the following dates: Nov. 29th(2), Dec. 6th(2), Dec. 13th(2), Dec. 20th (morning service (2)/ Candlelight service(4?), and Dec. 25th(2). If you have a preferred date, please add that behind your name. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve!"

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update Have an amazing evening of entertainment while supporting SOCO - The Downs on Friday, Oct. 23 at Faith CRC, Burlington. What does success look like in God's kingdom? Bigger isn't always better! Discover how God works through the slow, small, and often-unassuming moments of life—and why ministry happens at the speed of relationship. Read the latest newsletter for a fresh perspective on kingdom impact!

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-october-15-8578664>

Groundwork: Prayer and Discerning God's Will - God invites his people to communicate with him through prayer, a foundational discipline in the Christian life. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 16, Philippians 4:4-7, James 5:13-16, Psalm 143:7-10, Psalm 25:4-9, and Matthew 26:36-46 to understand how consistent prayer practice helps us listen to God's voice and discern his will for our lives. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Family Outreach Ontario Addiction to alcohol and/or drugs; how bad is it? Not that bad? Is *“that bad”* a skid row drunk, losing your family, home, job.....??? *“That bad”* is irrelevant -- what is relevant is help before it gets “that bad”, for yourself and your loved one. We are available to share our experience, strength and hope. Confidentiality guaranteed. 905-933-3994 or www.familyoutreachontario.com.

Bethel CRC Young Adults invite you to a worship night on October 25. Come join us in worship and hear a message from Kevin Nethercott. Doors open at 7:00 PM for refreshments and worship starts at 7:30 PM.

The HCS 39th Annual Auction kicks off with the online portion on Thursday, November 19, closing Friday at 9 PM. The live auction will take place on Saturday, November 21, with bidding starting at 7 PM in the school gym.

We've received an amazing response from both the school and the surrounding community for contributions! If you would still like to donate, please reach out to the auction committee ASAP as the deadline has passed and we are working on getting the booklet to the printer! We appreciate your support for this major fundraiser! Information on how to sign up for the online auction will be available soon! Reach out to auction@huronchristianschool.ca with any questions

Moving Forward in Faith - Registration closes on November 9 for Moving Forward in Faith Conference You don't want to miss this conference which begins Friday evening, November 13, and continues all day Saturday, November 14, in Oakville, ON. Come for all or part of it! With over 20 dynamic workshops, plenary sessions and times of worship and networking, you will be equipped with practical skills and spiritual insights to better serve your local community. Take advantage of group rates and the Young Adult Stream by visiting the event website now:

www.resonateglobalmission.org/moving-forward-2026

Chocolate Letter Fundraiser: Huron Christian School's annual Chocolate Letter Fundraiser is underway! Proceeds support our Student Fund, helping with student resources, playground equipment, and field trips. **Orders are due by October 26.** Submit orders through <https://form.jotform.com/262784912345262> and send e-transfers to office@huronchristianschool.ca. Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten Registration – Huron Christian School: Registration is open for children born in 2022 or 2023 for the 2027/2028 school year! Join us Thursday, November 19, from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Families can meet the JK teacher and Principal, visit the classroom, tour the school, and meet with the local “Calling All Three-Year Olds” program. To request a registration package and schedule an appointment, call **519-482-7851** or email office@huronchristianschool.ca.

This Week Oct 25-31 2026						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Live Streamed Sunday School ages 3- to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7&8	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church Craft & Connect 12:30-3:30 Youth Group 7-9 pm	<u>Wednesday</u> Coffee Break 9:30-11:00 Executive Meeting @ 7:30 p m	<u>Thursday</u> Gems 7-8:45 pm Cadets 7-8:45 pm	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

	Oct 25	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15
Elder	George Poortinga	Jake Zantingh	Leo Weverink	Yvonne VanSoest
Deacon	Marian, Dianne	Teresa, Marian	Cam, Dianne	Marian, Teresa
Coffee Clean-Up	Darren & Janelle. Bill & Cathy * Please note announcement	Dave & Joan Joanne & Leah * Please note announcement	Aaron & Jolene Derek & Miranda * Please note announcement	Joyce Pelley Tony & Marian * Please note announcement
Greeters	Jean, Wendy	Gerben & Ria Steenbeek	Kathryn, Clarence	Scott & Wendy Stafford
Ushers	Betty, Leo	Sylvia, George	Colton, Adrian	Tim, Cliff
Children’s Message	Bert	Joan	Sylvia	N/A
Nursery	Jody Mulder, Joanne Boersma, Alanna Nyman	Lisa Heyink, Laura Garritsen, Avery Poortinga	Melanie Buxton, Sarah Mulder, Lillian Crossen	Sylvia Holshof, Melissa VanSoest, Avery Mulder
Sunday School	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sylvia Hulshof, Tanya Steenbeek, Michelle Meinen, Angela Nyman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman	Sunday School for ages 3-Grade 6 Sandra Ducharme, Kassidy Heyink, Micah Pickering, Mikayla Vink, Janelle Bouman
Valet	Greg Langendyk	Albert Hummel	Mike Zandwyk	
Tech Booth	(P) Clara (A) Nathan (V)Dan	(P) Sam (A Job) (V) Gerard	(P) Greg (A Trevor (V) Aaron	(P)Landon (A) Nathan (V) Tony
Hall Monitor	Leo	George Poortinga	Adrian Bakelaar	Cliff Knip