



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday, Dec 7, 2025

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 **He Shall Reign Forevermore** CCLI #7050416

God's Greeting:

* Song **Light of the World** (Sing Hallelujah CCLI # 7163734

God Renews Us In His Grace

Advent Litany

Advent Prayer

Song: **O Come O Come Immanuel** LUYH # 61

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **Silent Night** LUYH # 85

Children (Dismissal age 3-Grade 6) for Sunday School Grade 7 & 8 Catechism

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ruth 2

Message: Gleaning Grace: Peace Found in Fields of Provision

*Song: **Christmas Offering** CCLI # 3956562

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Indwell

Offertory **When I Think Upon Christmas** CCLI # 7095539

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

*God's Sending and Blessing

*Song: **Hark the Herald/King of Heaven** CCLI # 7019799

* 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 (519-639-7827), through Facebook or via email at michaelbuckman@hotmail.com

Upcoming Services:

<u>Dec 7:</u>	Pastor Jay (Advent 2)
<u>Dec 14:</u>	Pastor Jay (Sunday School Program) (Advent 3)
<u>Dec 21:</u>	Pastor Jay (Advent 4) Preparatory for Lord's Supper (and Candlelight Service pm)
<u>Dec 25:</u>	Pastor Jay (Christmas)
<u>Dec 28:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper)

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 Indwell



<u>Dec 14:</u>	South Coast Beach Project (SoCo)
<u>Dec 21:</u>	Food Grain Bank
<u>Dec 25:</u>	Mission Services of London
<u>Dec 28:</u>	The Common Plate

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.



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

Common Plate Community Meals Come on out from 5:30-7pm at Precious Blood Catholic Church for weekly dinners starting on September 2 to enjoy a complimentary meal, Common Plate, and build relationships with our broader community?

Common Plate Community Meals: We are looking for some more volunteers for Common Plate Community Meals. We need at least 2 more people to help with meal prep on a 7-week rotation. We could also use more people to help with cleanup. We are specifically in need of people capable of taking down tables and stacking chairs at 7pm. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Marique Crossen.

Common Plate A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows donations@Exetercommonplate.org

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.

Smile! immediately following the service on December 14, we are all asked to remain in our pews for 4 minutes after the benediction for a congregational picture. Many thanks from the 75th anniversary committee

Men's Breakfast To all men young and old, there will be a men's breakfast on Dec. 13th at 8 am. Mike Zandwyk will be speaking. Please RSVP to pastor Jay or Mike Zandwyk

Blue Christmas - There will be a Blue Christmas service Friday December 19, 2025, at 7pm at Exeter CRC hosted by the Exeter Ministerial (the local Exeter pastors working together). This collaborative service acknowledges that Christmas is not always so Jolly for everyone, and names the truth of the pain that many people carry around the holiday season and

BOA is taking tenders for both Landscaping and Custodial contracts. If you are interested in submitting a tender for either of these, please contact Rick Hulshof or Greg Langendyk for a copy of the mandate. Contract is for a 3-year term. Tenders must be submitted by Dec 19, 2025. Please send tenders to exetercrcboa@gmail.com

CHOIR - Please note there will be no choir practice this Monday evening. Instead, we will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30.

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SAVE THE DATE! If you are between 18 and 30, this is for you! On Friday, January 2, 2026, the Young Adults of Stratford CRC are hosting a New Year's Banquet. Doors open at 7 pm. All Young Adults are called on to **"dress-your-best"** for a dinner, followed by a game show, and door prizes. Reserve your seat by e-transferring 15\$ to:

treasurer@stratfordcrc.org Include your first and last name with this transfer. For further questions, you can reach out to: estherlucille99@gmail.com It will be an evening to remember!

https://www.instagram.com/youngadults.stratfordcrc?igsh=MXZwcTQ4eG1ybnQxOA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Groundwork: Waiting for the Light of the World. - Advent is a season of waiting. We're waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 18:27-28, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 11:1-3, and Romans 13:11-14 to explore the Bible's theme of light and gain a fuller understanding of what we're waiting for as we begin to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus at his birth at Christmas. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Huron Christian School invites you and your family to join us for this year's Christmas program, *Handel's Messiah for Young Voices*. Come celebrate the joy of Christmas as our students share the story of Jesus' birth through beautiful music and praise. Performances will take place on: Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 PM, Friday, December 12 at 1:00 PM and Friday, December 12 at 7:00 PM. We look forward to worshiping and celebrating the Christmas season with you! Follow the link to reserve your spot at one of the performances: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/handels-messiah-for-young-voices>

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 Frielink 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](https://www.instagram.com/yawinterretreat)), Facebook (Young Adult Winter Retreat), or email us at ya.retreat.team@gmail.com

Thank you from Huron Hub for Newcomers: Thank you for your generous donation to the Huron Welcome Hub for Newcomers.

SOCO Beach Project Update: Call all young adults (ages 18 - 29). Recruitment for this summer's SOCO 2026 has begun - and applications are available. Keep SOCO in mind for this upcoming #Giving Tuesday and stay tuned for the Polar Bear Plunge Campaign. Newsletter:

<https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-november-27-8572567>

This Week Dec 7-13 2025						
Sunday 10am Worship Sunday School age 3 to Grade 6 Catechism Grade 7 & 8	Monday Gems 7-8:30 pm	Tuesday Youth Group 7-9 pm NHS Queensway 5:45 pm	Wednesday Choir 7:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting 7:30 pm	Thursday Cadets 7:00 pm	Friday	Saturday Men's Breakfast 8:00 am

SERVING SCHEDULE				
	Dec 7	Dec14	Dec 21	Dec 25
Elder	Leo Weverink	Al Vanderlaan	Jake Zantingh	Gerald Kodde
Deacon	Anthony & Dianne	Dianne & Marian	Marian & Joy	Joy & Anthony
Coffee Clean-Up	Sandra Ducharme Al and Sylvia	Scott & Lisa Derek & Sylvia	Greg & Kaitlyn Albert & Frances	Worship Committee
Greeters	Lori Triebner Albert Hummel	Anne Zwaan Sandra Newton	Jean Vanderlaan Wendy Westerik	Bert Visscher Sam Vanderlaan
Ushers	Colton Mulder & Gerald Kodde	Betty Toornstra & Joe Lubbers	Tim DeWeerd & George Poortinga	Sylvia Hulshoff & Jake Zantingh
Children's Message	Sylvia	Sunday School Program	Bert	Teresa
Nursery	Kevin Mulder, Joanne Branderhorst, Avery Poortinga	Amanda Desgagne, Curtis Heyink, Lily Denhollander	Marion deBoer, Savannah Zantingh, Angela Nyman	Danielle Dykstra, Jody Mulder, Sandra Ducharme
Sunday School	Jolene deBoer, Sarah Mulder, Jordan Boersma, Janelle Bouman, Tanya Steenbeek	Jolene deBoer, Sarah Mulder, Janelle Bouman, Tanya Steenbeek	Sunday School is only for 3,4- & 5- year-olds Lauren Hoonard , Keira Vanderlaan	No Sunday School
Valet	Mike Zandwyk	Greg Langendyk	Tim DeWeerd	Teresa Buckman