



November 27, 2022

## TODAY'S SERVICE

**THIS SUNDAY:** We will be worshipping together through one service in person and over live stream at 10:00 a.m. To join us online, go to Bethel's home page and click on the button that says: "Worship Online With Us."

On Sunday Advent begins; the hopeful expectation of Christ's coming at his birth and with his return. This year, we will journey together through Advent by reflecting on The Gifts of Christmas, our next sermon series. Through Jesus' birth and the promise of his second coming, God has provided us with specific "gifts" that help us to see Jesus more clearly and receive him wholeheartedly. Our first "gift" is hope, specifically the new birth into a "living hope" as Peter describes it (1 Peter 1:3). Through this hope, God sustains us in the wonder and waiting of a busy season for many of us, a gift that reorders our desires and longings to be in line with his. Just as Mary gave birth to Jesus for the hope he would bring the entire world, so also this hope is born in us that we might behold and become like Christ.

Our message Sunday will focus: 1 Peter 1:3-13, "The Thrill of Hope."

*\*For resources in how you might behold and practice The Gifts of Christmas this year, visit our Advent page: [discoverbethel.com/advent](https://discoverbethel.com/advent)*

Following the message, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

For those attending in-person, we will invite you to come forward to receive the elements at the front. You can then eat and drink the elements individually as you receive them. If you are not able to come forward, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is available for those who desire this option.

For everyone online, please have communion elements ready at home (bread, juice/wine) to join with us in sharing the meal. You can partake of the elements at home while they are being served in the sanctuary.

We look forward to celebrating Christ's meal of grace with you Sunday. Please prepare your hearts for this time of remembrance and celebration in light of our forgiveness through the cross.

## OUR OFFERINGS THIS MORNING

- 1) **BETHEL MINISTRIES & MISSION:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **BETHEL WORLD MISSION VISION:** This support goes towards the missionary endeavors Bethel has identified in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

**NEXT WEEK – MINISTRY SHARES:** Supports various CRC initiatives that send missionaries around the world, start new churches, train pastors and leaders, and use media to spread the gospel.

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Our condolence goes to the **WIN** family as they grieve with the passing of **PaPa's** mother in Myanmar.

We also grieve with **HARVEY and JOANNE HAZELAAR** as Harvey's mother **RITA** passed away this past week. We pray for safety as they travel to Medicine Hat for the funeral.

Please pray for **MONICA CHAMBERLAIN** as she has torn a ligament in her bicep.

Please continue to pray for **CURTIS COENEN, ELLA JENSEN, HAWA LENDEIN, ELEANOR PROKUDA, MARY RIETVELD, JILL SNEEP, and WILLY VROON.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE:

- Please make sure that you have reviewed our churchwide update [video](#) about the church pulse and our ministry focuses for this year: Be with Jesus, Be with one another, Play your role and develop new leaders. You can review the updated Dream for Bethel on our mission and vision page [here](#).
- During our congregational meeting we held an affirmation vote for Marjean Verseveldt who was nominated to serve Bethel as a deacon. This vote passed. We will be scheduling an installation for Marjean in the new year.

**STAFFING UPDATE:** Jason Wisselink and Lisa Vander Heide – We are excited to announce that we have made the roles of Jason Wisselink (as Media and Technology Director) and Lisa Vander Heide (as Worship Director) permanent this past week. We finalized their roles following our search, interview and discernment process. The process was led by representatives from Worship and Media ministry. Thank you for your prayers throughout this process, and make sure to congratulate Jason and Lisa when you see them!

**A SENIORS MOMENT:** All the young at heart and over 65 are invited to a Christmas Open House on December 11. Come and celebrate with us at the Vleeming's home from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The address is 325 Estate Drive, Sherwood Park. Coffee, tea, punch, and wine will be served. Please bring a favorite dish or beverage to share. There will be lots of games to play and prizes to be won. We are hoping to have a great turnout and are looking forward to seeing you there.

**WAFFLES AND WORSHIP: Young Adults** join us next week Saturday, December 3 for our next worship night! It will be held in the downstairs chapel, with waffles beginning at 6:00 pm and worship beginning at 7:00 pm. Feel free to spread the word, invite a friend, and come enjoy and evening of food, fellowship, and worship.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING -- and so is your opportunity to bless the Bannerman community.** The annual Christmas hampers & gift program is back, and we need Bethel's support. Last year, we blessed families and children with gift cards for groceries and gifts. This year, we're providing gift cards for hampers and physical gifts for families -- and you, your family, or your small group can play a special role in two different ways:

1. Make a financial donation to "Christmas Hampers and Gifts" through all the usual Bethel giving methods.
2. On November 27, visit the Christmas tree set up at the back of the church, choose a gift tag (or multiple tags!), and purchase gifts to bless kids in the Bannerman community. Each tag has the age and gender of a child in need of a present, as well as a number. Pick the gift tag, fill out the attached info card, and leave the information card so we know which gift you are buying. Please bring all gifts & the attached gift tag to the church before Sunday, December 11.

Please contact Selikke at 780-499-3731 or Ritta at 780-476-5076 if you have any questions or need more information. Thank you for blessing the Bannerman community!

**ONE-DAY PRAYER SUMMIT:** Trinity Christian Reformed Church is inviting Bethel Church to a full-day prayer summit on Sunday November 27 at 10:00 a.m. Join us for extended times of prayer, worship, testimonies, and learning/practice.

- Day begins with morning service at 10:00 a.m. (feel free to attend your own church service).
- Afternoon starts at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Jim Hall, a local pastor, who has been heading up House of Prayer Edmonton for many years, will bring God's Word.
- At 3:30 p.m. Pastor Victor Ko of mosaicHouse CRC will lead us. We will also meet Selena Headley, a missionary from South Africa, serving with Resonate.
- The day will end with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Please reserve this day as a special day of prayer for our churches, the greater needs of the worldwide church and our world at Trinity Christian Reformed 13427 - 57 Street, Edmonton.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUTH NAKAMUN WINTER RETREAT:** During the weekend of January 6-8, 2023, Bethel Youth will be travelling to Camp Nakamun for their Winter Youth Retreat. Registration will open soon.

**ADVENT BOXES-** Advent is here! Make sure you open up your boxes on Sunday and start using the resources inside. May the devotions and small items help you see Jesus this Christmas. If you don't have a box, you can access all the resources at [discoverbethel.com/advent](https://discoverbethel.com/advent).

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR** is starting up! First practice is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sign up by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by emailing [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com).

**EXPERIENCE WITH WRITING GRANT PROPOSAL REQUESTS:** Bethel is looking for someone with experience or training in writing grant proposal requests. We are currently working on a grant proposal for funds to help develop our worship teams. Work on the proposal can be done at home but you will need to have a secure computer. If you are able help with this task and have an interest in assisting, please contact Lisa Vanderheide at [lisa@discoverbethel.com](mailto:lisa@discoverbethel.com) or Hilda Buisman at [administrator@discoverbethel.com](mailto:administrator@discoverbethel.com).

**THE DEACONS** are looking for someone to help one of our Bethel members with house cleaning for their townhouse. This would include cleaning the bathroom, vacuuming, washing the floor and cleaning the kitchen for about 3 to 4 hours every second week. They are willing to compensate you for your time. If you are interested, please contact Linda Bird at (780)473-2060.

#### **A THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION:**

Thank you for standing with your missionaries and ministry leaders worldwide! Your congregation's support for God's mission through Resonate reaches the hearts and minds of people in more than 40 countries, including places where Christians are vulnerable to persecution, isolation, and prejudice. You make it possible for Christian Reformed ministry leaders to be there for people: you send them to teach, preach, welcome, and encourage—wherever God has called them. What a gift you've given!

Sending missionaries, church planters, and campus ministers remains a vital way that your church can join with others throughout the denomination to share the gospel story, both here at home and overseas. Seekers and new Christians alike need pastors and mentors to help them grow in faith and in their walk with Jesus Christ. Thank you for being part of the family of faith that walks alongside them.

On behalf of Resonate Global Mission, and of all those who are no longer alone or afraid to live out their faith, thank you for all you do. I know you are a faithful witness through prayer and involvement with your own community and I am grateful you also have chosen to bless your brothers and sisters in Christ around the world through Resonate!

In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Acting Canada Director

#### **COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER:**

November 6	Ministry Shares
November 13	Dunamis Fellowship Canada
November 20	EduDeo Ministries
November 27	Bethel World Mission Vision

**GIVING:** Please visit our website at [discoverbethel.com/give](https://discoverbethel.com/give) to see the ways that you can donate and support our different collections. If you have any questions about our giving options, please contact Sara at [sara@discoverbethel.com](mailto:sara@discoverbethel.com).

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**YOU CAN HELP! HOST A UKRAINIAN FAMILY:** More than 7 000 000 Ukrainians have left Ukraine. Do you have a spare bedroom and a willingness to help a newcomer family get on their feet in Edmonton? Temporary Hosting makes a huge difference. Families usually stay about one month. Hosts provide room and board and help them with initial tasks like opening a bank account, getting a SIN, and registering for healthcare. The Kilkenny and Denning families have hosted and are willing to answer any questions. Please see the QR code for more information.



**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** While there is good reason for the 'celebrative' atmosphere of Christmas, it can also be a challenging, even painful, time for those who live with the reality of brokenness or loss in their lives. It still remains that way this year with all the direct and indirect implications of COVID. A "Blue Christmas Service" is a service that allows that reality to be acknowledged and brought before the Lord, while at the same time recognizing the one who is bigger than a season. You are invited to participate in such a service (with communion) held at West End CRC on Sunday, Dec 11 at 6:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend in-person but would like to participate, please join us via livestream using the link on the West End website, [Welcome to WECRC \(westendcrc.ca\)](https://www.westendcrc.ca).

**EDMONTON NATIVE HEALING CENTRE:** Tawaw! (meaning there is room) Join us on November 30th for our annual general meeting at 7p.m. Our address is 11813 -123 Street. Memberships can be purchased at the door for \$5 or via Interact at [hroscher@e-nhc.org](mailto:hroscher@e-nhc.org). Come hear about our triumphs during the past 3 years and how you can get involved with our new 'Pahpih Weh Kwa Yeh' Project (meaning smile). If you have any questions, please Ph: 780-482-5522 or email [info@e-nhc.org](mailto:info@e-nhc.org).

**CLIMATE WITNESS PROJECT:** is excited to host Professor Debra Rienstra on January 12, 2023, at 8pm ET for a discussion of her new book *Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth*. This is an online event where Debra will discuss her book 'Refugia Faith'. Debra Rienstra is professor of English at Calvin University, and the author of four books—on motherhood, spirituality, worship, and ecotheology/climate change. Rienstra is also the host of the Refugia Podcast and writes bi-weekly for The Twelve, a blog connected with The Reformed Journal. Please register [here](#).

**REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES** is excited to invite you back to our annual **Pancake Breakfast** (served from 9:00 – 11:30 am) and **Christmas Craft Sale** on **December 3, 2022**, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 3920 - 49 Ave. in Stony Plain. Cost for breakfast; \$5.00/adult & \$3.00/child. Come check out the selection of great stocking stuffers and Christmas gifts. Once again, we are pleased to have other vendors join us; call 780-968-4315 for information. We look forward to sharing the festive spirit with you.

**FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS:** Rick Mast, our Campus Minister at the University of Alberta, invites you to a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Advent & Christmas, Mon., Nov. 28 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Winspear Centre! Thrill to the music of the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and Handbell Ringers. Sing carols along with the mighty Davis Concert Organ! Click [here](#) to purchase tickets: \$25 ea. (plus service chg.) or through the Winspear Box Office (428-1414).

**STEVE BELL IN CONCERT:** Steve will be hosting an evening of story and song, featuring music from his latest album, "Wouldn't You Love to Know," as well as classics and favourites. Join him Sunday, December 4, 2022 at Corpus Christi Parish (2707 34 Street NW). Tickets are \$26.00 and are available [here](#).

**KING'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** The King's University invites all members to provide nominations for the Board of Governors commencing in Fall 2023. They are looking for nominees from the broader Christian community who support the [Statement of Faith and Mission Statement](#) of The King's University and who have board or leadership expertise. In particular, we welcome nominations from those who reflect the diversity seen in our students and campus community, including those who have Indigenous background or represent minority communities.

**SOCO BEACH PROJECT - SUMMER YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE:** Are you or is someone you know a young adult (18 - 29) looking to dig deeper into the life of faith and what impact that has on their unfolding life story? Check out the SoCo Beach Project - an intentional Christian community experience from May - August located in Port Dover, Ontario. Applications are open for SoCo 2023- deadline is Jan. 16 '23. For more information or a deeper conversation about this experience, email Pastor Willemina Zwart: [info@southcoastbeachproject.org](mailto:info@southcoastbeachproject.org). Hear the reflections of last year's participants and check out the latest newsletter [here](#).

## THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### **SUNDAY, November 27**

10:00 a.m. Worship - In Person & Live Stream

### **MONDAY, November 28**

7:00 p.m. Prayer (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, November 29**

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

7:00 p.m. Cadets

### **WEDNESDAY, November 30**

6:30 a.m. Prayer - In person & Zoom

9:30 a.m. Oasis - Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. TRC Meeting

8:00 p.m. AA

### **THURSDAY, December 1**

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice

5:00 p.m. Taekwondo

### **FRIDAY, December 2**

1:30 p.m. Food Bank

7:00 p.m. Youth

### **SATURDAY, December 3**

4:00 p.m. Young Adults Worship Service