



GRACE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday April 21, 2024 | Year 63, No. 02

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SUNDAY SERVICE — 10:00AM

Leading us in worship today: Pastor John Span

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Today's Service

Sunday April 21, 2024

Welcome to worship at Grace Church. Today we welcome our missionary Pastor John Span from South Africa to share his ministry and open God's word with us in worship. May God be praised as we worship together.

We enter into Worship

Gathering Songs: "Goodness of Jesus" and "Here I Am to Worship"

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Ps 100

God Greet us - we greet one another.

Opening song: "I Love to Tell the Story"

We see God's Grace

God's good work in Mukhanyo Theological College.

Song of Thanksgiving: "My Redeemer Lives"

We bring our Offerings

1st: Grace Christian Reformed Church

2nd Resonate Global Missions

Offertory Prayer

Children's Message: Pastor Mike

Children's Song: "Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

We Pray in Faith to our loving God

Congregational Prayer

We Hear the Word of God

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4:32-37 and Luke 7: 11-17

Sermon: "Bringing home the resurrection: Jesus and miracles"

Theme: Through the window of the story of the resurrection of the son of the widow of the town of Nain, we will explore a theology of miracles that looks backwards to the Old Testament; shows Jesus as being truly God; and looks at how Jesus' miracles are 'appetizers' of the New Jerusalem. We will learn what the acronym H.A.N.D.S. teaches us about Jesus.

Prayer of Application

We Depart to Serve

Closing Song: "Send Me Lord"

Blessing

Upcoming Services

Next week April 28 we welcome our GEMS girls to share their theme and highlights of their year. Their focus was “Rise Up: Lessons from Queen Esther” based on Isaiah 40:31. Pastor Mike will lead our worship.

Offerings



This week—RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION: As a single agency we equip churches for ministry and join together with what God is already doing around the world. We need expertise in church planting and campus ministry to help people in every nation discover God’s plan for their church, community, and life.



Next week—G.E.M.S. is an acronym for Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior. Our vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others—girls equipped, motivated, and passionately engaged in living out their faith. Our mission is to bring girls everywhere into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Thursday April 25	B & G Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday April 30	A/B Meeting	7:30 pm
Sunday May 5	Lord’s Supper	10:00 am
Monday May 6	Deacon Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday June 12	Elder’s Meeting	7:30 pm

Volunteer Schedule








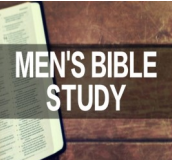

HELPERS	THIS WEEK April 21	NEXT WEEK April 28	TWO WEEKS May 5
USHERS	Michael, Rebecca	Bryan & Marlene	Henry & Lorraine
READER	Tildy	Pete V.	Janice Z.
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Pastor Mike	John S.	-----
HALL MONITOR	George S.	John VV	Kathy vdB.
LIBRARY	Angela W.	Alice Z.	Pauline B.
SOUND	Marten Z.	George S.	Tim L.
PROJECTOR	Kim M.	Christine V.	Marika L.
LIVESTREAM	Braydon T.	John D.	Eric V.
NURSERY	Nattalie B. Kailyanna V.	Angela W. Madison B.	Marg. L. Adriana E.
PRAISE TEAM	Joanna, Michael, Marg, Coreen, John, Jane, Andy	Lori, Ted, Michael, Kelsey, Kim, Emilia, Fran	Joannan, Michael, Barb, Hank, Alana, Andy, Esther
COFFEE CLEAN UP	Adrian & Wendy	Marty & Karen	John D.

Children's Ministry



Sunday school is available weekly for children ages 3 yrs. old to Grade 6. Students will be dismissed to their classes following the children's message.

Nursery is available for children ages 0-3. Please sign your children in and out using the Nursery entrance at the back door.

	<p>GEMS – GIRLS EVERYWHERE MEETING THE SAVIOUR (Ages 9-13) Theme: “Rise Up” Every Thursday 7:00—8:30 p.m. <i>If you would like more info please contact Janice—289-696-2882</i></p>		<p>GRACE MEMBERS “COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP GET TOGETHER” Every Thursday morning Time: 9:30am —12:00 EVERYONE WELCOME!! Enjoy a coffee with treats, games & fellowship. <i>Contacts: Henry & Lorraine</i></p>
	<p>CADETS BOYS GROUP (Ages 7-13) Theme: “Rooted and Grounded” Every Thursday 7:00—8:30 p.m. <i>If you would like more info please contact Wilbert—416-930-8648</i></p>		<p>SENIOR’S GROUP Next Event: TBA Time: Location: <i>Contacts: Lorraine, Irene D. & Pete H.</i></p>
	<p>GRACE YOUTH GROUP (GYG) & CATECHISM (Grades 9-12) We will be studying Psalms. Every Monday 7:00—8:30 pm Location: At the church <i>Contacts: Pastor Mike & Kelsey T</i></p>		<p>MEN’S COFFEE SOCIAL Every Tuesday morning Time: 9:30 am (McDonalds, Niagara Street) <i>Contact: Marten Z</i></p>
	<p>LADIES COFFEE BREAK Every Tuesday morning This week: Classes finished until September. Time: 9:30 am <i>Contact Barb V. 289-931-3124</i></p>		<p>FOOD ITEMS NEEDED Month: APRIL MAC & CHEESE</p>  
	<p>MEN’S BIBLE STUDY Classes finished until September Time: 9:30 am Location: At the church <i>Contact: Pastor Mike</i></p>		<p>HANG OUT (Adults 18-30) Next Event: After church Picnic lunch and Hike Date: Sunday April 14 <i>Contact: Emilia V.</i></p>

Announcements

CHURCH FAMILY: We pray for Henry & Lorraine Klein as Henry is going to have surgery this week to remove his thyroid and another non-cancerous growth in his chest. There has been extensive investigation and preparation and we see God's hand in bringing all of the needed people together for the surgery. We pray that God in his grace guides the work of the doctors and that Henry can be restored to health.

SENIORS: We will not be having a scheduled get together in April but will meet again in May.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: We are starting a new members class for those who would like to become full members of Grace church. We plan to meet on Sunday after the morning service in the Council room. All those who are interested should join us as we learn and grow in faith and prepare to enter more fully into the life of this church.

If you have any questions, please call Pastor Mike.

NOMINATION PROCESS for Elders and Deacons: God calls each congregation to appoint Elders and Deacons to serve within the congregation. God works through the Council and the congregation to call individuals to service. It is both an honour and an obligation to serve in office. If you have been nominated, your Elder will visit you with an official nomination letter. If there are reasons that you are simply unable to serve at this time, we would ask you to make those reasons known to the Administration Board at its meeting on Tuesday, April 30th beginning at 7:30 PM. In the alternative, if you are unable to attend the meeting, please make your reasons known to your Elder. If you plan on attending this meeting, you are asked to please notify the clerk, Christine Van Lochem. The names of those that will be standing will be published in the bulletin on Sunday, May 5th.

- Office Bearers are called by God to serve and, therefore, the congregation is instructed to hold these people up in prayer. It is the Office Bearers who lead us as a congregation in the work of Christ. We request your prayers over the next few weeks as we seek to follow God's will in appointing new Office Bearers.

The Council of "Grace" CRC.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Andy V. (Fri. April 19) Ameerah R. (Sun. April 21)

Announcements

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP: Family traditions create unforgettable memories and they can form faith! Choose one night of the week (or one day of the month) to be Family Celebration Night. To see how one family does this, check out the video at tinyurl.com/BewleyVideo. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

FROM THE DEACONS: Your Deacons are doing a small project for BEYOND THE STREETS. From Sunday April 21st—Sunday May 5th we are asking you if you have gently used tents and sleeping bags that you do not use anymore to be given to the homeless in our community. If you do—you can drop it off at Grace CRC. There will be a table set up in the fellowship hall to place your items. We thank you for helping.

INSIGHT BIBLICAL COUNSELLING invites you to attend a Sweet & Savoury Social, at 7pm on Friday, June 7th at The Shed Out Back in Smithville. Enjoy delectable Charcuterie platters along with delicious desserts, and Insight ministry updates! Tickets are available for individuals, couples and tables of eight. There is no cost to attend but a free will offering will be taken. Eventbrite Reservations are required by May 25th. Go to bit.ly/Insight-Social-2024 to register!

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL’S Echoes Magazine: How does a Christian high school prepare students for what comes next, and, do weekly chapels really make a difference? The latest issue of Smithville Christian High School’s Echoes is ready to read: simplebooklet.com/smithvillechristianechoesmarch2024

SMITHVILLE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL presents, **The Importance of Being Earnest**, by Oscar Wilde, a farcical and absurd comedy in which the main characters pretend to be fictitious personae to escape their burdensome social obligations. Four performances: May 10, 11, 16 & 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased with a credit card here bit.ly/Being_Earnest or reserved by contacting the school office at office@smithvillechristian.ca or (905) 957-3255.

Month	Budget	Specified Collections:		Others	
MARCH	14,431	Cairn Christian School	\$549	PAR & INTERST	6,763
		Shalom	\$541	Cadets	\$180
		World Renew Food Grain Bank	\$2,087	Coffee Break	\$20
		Brock & Niagara Chaplaincy	\$542	Tops Rent	\$120
		World Renew Refugee Sunday	\$1,253		