

# Welcome!

This is our third Sunday of Advent, a church season of anticipating the celebration of the first coming of Christ our Saviour as we await His second coming. We are focusing on the names given to Jesus in the Scriptures. This morning we are reminded that the Jesus born in Bethlehem is in fact our Redeemer God come to us to save us from our sins. We also celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Cody John Gerrits, infant son of Ian & Tracy.



Pastor Colin

## CONTACT CARD

We want to get to know you! Feel free to fill out the Contact/Prayer Card in the bench and drop it in the offering bag or slide it under the pastor's office door.

## CHILD CARE

Child-care is available for both infants and toddlers located in the lower level of the church.

## BETHANY KIDS

Children ages 3-8 leave during the service to attend Children's Church downstairs.

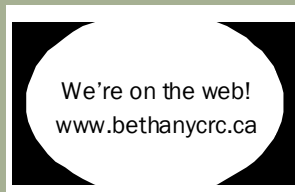
## LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

## Why Are We Here?

## VISION STATEMENT

We are a God Honouring Community Witnessing for Christ!



## Connecting

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## We Partner With

### Locally

Bible League, Elisha House, Family Outreach, Friendship Club, Hannah House, Harvest Kitchen, Open Arms Mission, Pelham Cares, Pro-Life, Rose City Kids, Shalom Manor, Covenant Christian School, Smithville Christian High School.

**Regionally:** Brock University Chaplaincy (St. Catharines), Shalom Manor Chaplaincy (Grimsby), The Bridge church plant (Niagara Falls)

**Globally Check** out CRC ministry around the world at [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org)

Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa. **Email Devon** at [devon@handsatwork.org](mailto:devon@handsatwork.org)

**Follow Devon** on his blog at [www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com](http://www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com)

## Happening Today

**Worship Leaders** 8:00am – time of praise, prayer, & preparation

**Pre-service Prayer** 9:15am – Council & worship leaders (in Council room)

## Upcoming

**Next Sunday offering:** Shalom Manor

**\*\*\*Attention voucher users—please note that the vouchers purchased for 2016 need to be used before the end of the year. They do not roll over into 2017.\*\*\***

**Dec.12<sup>th</sup>** Council meeting 7:30pm

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Eve service is at 6:00pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Day service is at 10:30am

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** New Year's Eve service is at 6:00pm

**January 1<sup>st</sup>** New Year's Day service is at 10:30am (**bring treats to share!!**)

## Get Equipped for Faith Life



**GEMS: 2016-2017 Theme: 1 Thess.3:12 "Love Overflows"**

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm for girls in grades 4-8 from September to April. For more information, contact Diana cell: 289-696-5567 or email: dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com



**Cadets: 2016-2017 Theme: Hebrews 12:1-2 "Get In The Game"**

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 for boys in grades 4-8 from September to April. For more information, contact Mike Dreyer, email: mikedreyer@hotmail.com or cell: 289-687-3105



### Men's Bible Study

6:00am Tuesday mornings

**Women's Coffee Break** - 9:30am Tues at Grace CRC

**Heart to Heart (Women)** - 9:30am every Friday

**Konnect 20 (Young Adults)** - call Andria (289-687-3024)

**Faith Instruction** – Tuesdays 7:00pm for grades 9-12

**MERGE (youth group)** – for grades 9-12. Meets every other Sunday evening from 7:00-9:00pm at Bethany. Today after the service they will be participating in a progressive dinner.

**Bethany Ladies Bible Study** – meets every Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

*\*Please note, the weekly newsletter "Bethany Bugle" is being emailed weekly. If you are not receiving it via email, please contact the office with a correct email. If you prefer a hard copy, a few extra copies are available in the fellowship hall.\**

# Welcome to Bethany!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



## Bethany Christian Reformed Church

December 11, 2016

9:30am

## Today in Worship



### The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome

\*Opening Song

“Hark, the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes” - PH335

\*God’s Word of greeting

\*Songs of Praise

“Come and Stand Amazed, You People” – PH338

### The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

\*Song of Response

“Your Name is Matchless”

Baptism of Cody John

Song of Thankfulness

“10,000 Reasons”

Gathered Prayer

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“Away in a Manger” – PH348

**(Bethany Kids ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday school in fireside room)**

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Deacons

Prayers of God’s People & for the proclamation of the Word

### The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Bible reading – Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg.629)

Message - “The One Who Redeems Us”

Prayer of blessing on the message

### The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

\*Song of Response - “There is a Redeemer”

\*God’s Word of blessing

\*Closing Song – “Hope of the Nations”



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 14	Joshua 10-12; Luke 16
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 15	Joshua 13-15; Luke 17:1-19
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## Sermon Notes

### Serving Assignments

**Today [Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddlers ]**

**3-6 Year olds** In Fireside room – Sierra K, Kristina B, Bill T, Gabi V, Sharon H, Jessica O, Austin O, Steph B

**7&8 Year Olds** in church

**Autism Support Person:** Karen B (Mieke N)

**Dylan** Bernice S

**Nursery** Steph B, Joanne D, Anne-Marie W, Madison L

**Toddlers** Rosie E, Mike K, Cadence K, Austin O

**Ushers** Byron G, Dan S

**Coffee Servers** Karl & Wilma V, Mike & Jessica D

**Greeters** Anita W, Bas & Trudy S, Kurtis B, Andria S, Andy V

**Next Sunday**

**3-6 Year olds** In Fireside room – Sierra K, Lisa O, Joanne B, Hilbert B, Tawnya V, Jessica O, Gabi V

**7&8 Year Olds** in church

**Autism Support Person:** Mieke N

**Dylan** Kevin T

**Nursery** Emily V, Colleen K, Andrea D, Avery W

**Toddlers** Coby B, Riley K

**Ushers** Dustin V, Kevin D

**Coffee Servers** Tim & Kathy V, Matt & Kelly D

**Greeters** Jerry K, Ken & Nell O, Harry & Sharon H, Andrea V, Annie V

**Heart to Heart - Friday**

**Nursery:** Chris S, Diana D, Hennie V

**Toddler#1:** Tina V, Marijke V

**Toddler#2:** Coby B, Wendy V

**Rover:** Nellie S

## Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Debbie B, Devin B, Coty B, Mike D, Ann H, Holly R

### Anniversaries this week

John & Debbie V

### Prayers requested

- ❖ Pray for the Spirit’s guidance for the Vision Team as they sift through the all the Courageous Proposals that were brought forward by the congregation. Pray that the Lord’s plans for Bethany may shine through all that was and will be discussed.
- ❖ Pray for all those who are suffering through the flu this time of year. Pray especially for the very young, the elderly and anyone who has weakened health already. May the Lord grant His gracious care and healing.
- ❖ Keep **John T** in your prayers. He is home but has to go to the hospital a number of times a week for dialysis. If you would like to visit, please just call ahead to determine a good time to come.
- ❖ **Nancy M** remains in Port Colborne hospital, 2West Room 41. Pray for patience and healing for her. You can phone her at 905-834-4501 ext 39302.
- ❖ **Cynthia N** continues to be a little better each day after her hip surgery. May the Lord grant her a healing pathway forward.
- ❖ Keep **Ans R** in your prayers as they await the CAT scan results this coming Tuesday. Ed & Ans continue to trust in the Lord. Pray for a calming spirit as they wait for these results.
- ❖ Pray for **Bertha B** as she has begun chemo treatments. Pray that side effects will be minimal and that the treatment will result in restored health.
- ❖ **Catherine S** (Grace V’s sister-in-law) will be undergoing some more chemo treatments to slow the progress of her terminal cancer. She remains very easily tired. She entrusts herself to her Lord and Savior for whatever the future holds. **Troy A** (Grace & Anno’s son-in-law) will be continuing on chemo for longer than initially planned. His cancer has not progressed nor has it decreased. Pray for God’s grace and healing to uphold him.
- ❖ **Becky W** (John & Joanne Z’s granddaughter) continues to receive treatment at home for a flair up of Crohn’s disease that came on after she gave birth to their third child. Pray for healing mercies for Becky and the Lord’s grace to surround them as a family.

### Need of support or want to talk to someone?

Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719.

Confidential counselling services Bethany supports: **SHALEM network 866-347-0041** (mention if you are member/regular attender of Bethany) & **Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934**.