



WILLOWDALE WEEKLY

Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

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Update from the Re-opening Team - Excited for Advent!

Dear Willowdale, we want to thank you all for your continued support and co-operation regarding the church re-opening, it is still going well and getting better each week - Praise the Lord!

The Re-opening Team is looking forward to Advent starting on **Sunday, November 28**. We plan to increase our Sunday worship capacity each week leading up to Advent, you would have noticed that we were open for **85 worshippers** for this Sunday! **The final capacity will be set at 100 worshippers by Advent!**

Starting on November, 28 due to our increased capacity, and after many discussions and prayerful consideration, we have determined that we will require that everyone attending church be fully vaccinated. We will be asking everyone who enters the church to show their proof of vaccination status. We understand this may be a concern, please reach out to an elder, or deacon to discuss it.

We sincerely hope that you will consider joining us in person on Sunday mornings.

Prayer Requests:

Pray for **Pastor Herm Van Niejenhuis and his wife Dee**, as they cope with the challenges of Herm's cancer treatment and surgery, and the unwelcome change in prognosis. If you would like to send Pastor Herm a card Alana can provide you with his address (alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com).

Pray that God may send us out to be blessings to those in need.

Pray for God's strength, wisdom, provision, and grace to those who are caring for ailing and elderly relatives.

Pray for our college/university students to depend on God and find purpose in life.

Pray for wisdom and sensitivity as we all take different positions regarding Covid-19 vaccination.

Pray that we lead as an example to all non-believers, showing love, compassion, and inclusivity for all ethnicities.

Please pray for our 2nd offering cause: Back to God Ministries International.

Birthdays:

November 24 — Graham d. P.

November 25 — Ferdinand C.

Preaching Schedule:

November 21 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

November 28 — Rev. Brenda Kroenemeijer-Heyink

December 5 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

December 12 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

December 19 — Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

Zoom Host Schedule:

November 21 — Sonay S.

November 28 — Sonay S.

December 12 — Sonay S.

December 19 — Peter Grauds (welcome Peter!)

December 28 — Alana Yoneyama

Classis Prayer Evening – Wednesday November 24 beginning at 7pm. Contact clerk@classistoronto.org for a zoom link or use the following to join the prayer meeting as we lift up Classis Toronto churches and ministries and events throughout the country and world

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84979133772?pwd=aFhCQUtONlpuMXpiRURyMEZxbW81dz09>

Joyfully Singing: Joyfully Singing meets every Monday evening in the Sanctuary from 7:20 p.m. – 8:20 p.m. Please let Hye-jin know if you plan to attend so she can record your attendance. Masks are required. All are welcome!

Farsi Fellowship: Farsi Fellowship Zoom meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Translations will be provided if need be. Contact Sylvie Charliekaram for more information (sylvieckaram@gmail.com).

مشارکت فارسی زبان و مطالعه کتاب مقدس، پنجشنبه ها از ساعت ۷ الی ۹ از طریق زوم برقرار می باش

From Classis Toronto: Today (November 21) in Classis Toronto we congratulate Mark Broadus who will be ordained as a Minister of the Word in Fellowship Church. As well, Rev. Eric Groot-Nibbelink will be installed as pastor in Heritage Fellowship.

From TDChristian High School: At TDChristian, we have been blessed and prayers have been answered! Enrolment has grown from 393 to 437, boosted by 120 Grade 9 students. New spaces and furnishings provided through Project 20/20 are being utilized. Thank you for being part of our community, for your prayers and your support.

While we gratefully celebrate increased blessings, we also have extra financial responsibilities. More students require more teachers and bussing (with significant fuel surcharges). Supporting churches are an important part of TDChristian; our community knows the meaning of service, of sharing the load. Together, we are helping students to learn for service in the light of God's Word.

If you would like to give directly to TDChristian's Year End appeal, please donate online at: <https://www.tdchristian.ca/giving> OR send a cheque to 'TDChristian' 377 Woodbridge Ave. Woodbridge, ON L4L 2V7 (Tax Receipts will be mailed out from TDChristian in Feb 2022).

For more information on TDChristian High School please go to <https://www.tdchristian.ca/> or contact Community Engagement at fernhout@tdchristian.ca

From NeighbourLink/We Love Willowdale: Give or receive some joy this Christmas: As the holidays approach, many families find it hard to celebrate due to challenging circumstances. We have already registered over 100 families, several of whom are single moms who have fled abuse, along with families impacted by Covid and isolated seniors in need of encouragement. Please consider signing up to sponsor a Christmas Hamper that will bring some joy and support to a family in our community. A large majority of our recipients live in Willowdale, while the rest live across North York. For further details, please visit: www.neighbourlink.org/ChristmasHamper. There is also a form to sign up to receive a hamper if this is a season where you need some encouragement.

The 2nd Annual We Love Willowdale Christmas Walking Parade & Market: Join Karaoke Santa as we spread some joy in the heart of North York. You can also shop our special Willowdale Christmas Market with some unique vendors - including Wayne, our homeless neighbour who makes beautiful keychains and lanyards, as well as The 98 - a line of clothing designed by youth from our community. [Click Here to be a vendor.](#)
[Click Here to join our Parade.](#)

Volunteers Needed

This holiday season, we are running two Food Bank dates, a Christmas Hamper program along with a Christmas Parade and Market. We need volunteers to help us spread joy and hope in our community. Please sign up here: www.neighbourlink.org/volunteer

NeighbourLink North York - Neighbours Helping

Neighbours November: We all hope we can lean on friendly neighbours when we encounter a difficult season in lives. Join us in building a caring community together. Over the past year NeighbourLink North York has:

- Started a monthly food bank, feeding 500 individuals in our first Thanksgiving kick-off
- Provided mobile food support to those who cannot get to a food bank
- Distributed over \$45K in food to neighbours in need
- Connected 50 youth from an under-resourced area in our community to employment training and opportunities
- Mobilized over 70+ student volunteers
- Encouraged 74 Single Mothers with gifts, cookies and flowers on Mother's Day
- Hosted 31 youth from an under-resourced area in our community in a weekly drop-in arts program

Please consider including NeighbourLink North York in your year-end giving. [Click Here](#) to see our Annual Report. [Click Here](#) to see our audited finances for 2020. Click Here to donate: www.neighbourlink.org/donate