

Willowdale

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



Welcome to Willowdale Christian Reformed Church

November 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

*In worship, God speaks to us through his Word,
and we respond with praise and prayer.*

About the service:

Worship space: in WCRC Sanctuary and on ZOOM

Worship leader and preacher: Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Elder of service: Sarah M.

Zoom host: Sonay S.

Audio/video/Zoom technicians: Jean Du Preez, Nancy Fernhout,
Mahdi F.

Readers: Nicholas Chuba and Leanne Chuba

Worship musicians: John Meiboom – vocal, Hye-jin Im – piano

Children's bulletin: Reinette du Preez

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

After the service:

About 5 minutes after the service everyone is invited to a sermon discussion on ZOOM guided by Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Reflection

Q & A 117

Q. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

Q & A 128

Q. What does your conclusion to this prayer mean?

A. “For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever” means:

We have made all these petitions of you because, as our all-powerful king, you are both willing and able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

Q & A 129

Q. What does that little word “Amen” express?

A. “Amen” means: This shall truly and surely be! It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer than that I really desire what I pray for.

Heidelberg Catechism

Prelude

Welcome and introduction — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

***Call to worship** — from the Kaddish prayer
— Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Minister: Exalted and hallowed be God’s great name.

People: Amen.

Minister: Throughout the world which God has created according to His Will.

People: Amen.

Minister: May God establish His kingship, bring forth His redemption and hasten the coming of His Messiah.

People: Amen.

Minister: In the days of our lifetime and in the life of all Israel, speedily and soon.

People: Amen.

Minister: May God's great Name be blessed forever and to all eternity. Blessed and praised, glorified, exalted and extolled, honoured, adored and lauded be the name of the Holy One. Blessed be God.

People: Amen.

***God's greeting** — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

***Song of praise** — LUYH 219 — *Jesus Shall Reign*

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt., P.D.

Call to confession — The prayer of Jesus — John 17 (NLT)

After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you. ² For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. ³ And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. ⁴ I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

⁶ “I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, ⁸ for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

⁹ “My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. ¹⁰ All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. ¹¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ¹² During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

¹³ “Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to this world any more than I do. ¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

²⁰ “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

²² “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. ²⁴ Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

²⁵ “O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. ²⁶ I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

Song of confession — *I Am Not My Own (Body and Soul)*
(Music and words by J. Benjamin Zeyl)

1. This, my only comfort in my life and in my death:
You have fully paid for all my sins and all my debt
Even when I struggle to believe:
With your precious blood you set me free!

Refrain

I am not my own, but belong body and soul,
in my life and in death to you Lord, Christ my Lord.

2. You preserve my life in such a way that without You
Not a hair can fall from me without you knowing too
Even when I’m lost in desperation
All things work together for my salvation

Refrain

3. Always with Your Holy Spirit You assure me
Of a renewed life and make me willing and ready
Even when I can’t see my way through
From now on to always live for you.

Refrain (twice)

Prayer of confession — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Assurance of forgiveness — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Song of dedication — LUYH 861 — *In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified*

1. In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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Prayer for illumination — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Scripture reading — 1 Chronicles 29:11-13, John 14:5-14 (NIV)
— Rev. Lesli van Milligen

1 Chronicles 29

¹¹Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendour,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

¹²Wealth and honour come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

John 14

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so
how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one
comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you
will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and
have seen him."

⁸Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for
us."

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — *Amen and Amen!!!* — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

***Song of response** — LUYH 921 — *Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God*
— Rev. Lesli Van Milligen

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Words: S.C. Molefe (1921-1983), South African; tr. David Dargie (b. 1938) © 1991
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Prayers of God’s people — Sarah M.

Offering Plate

You may drop your offering in the plate as you exit the Sanctuary after the service.

1st Offering, Church Ministries, by cheque to the church or by online banking at any one of the 5 big banks, DUCA and Tangerine.

2nd Offering, Chaplaincy Ministries , by cheque to the church.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

Apostles' Creed — in English and Farsi

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

من ایمان دارم به خدای پدر قادر مطلق، خالق آسمان و زمین، و به پسر یگانه او خداوند ما عیسی مسیح که به واسطه روح القدس در رحم قرار گرفت و از مریم باکره متولد شد و در حکومت پنطیوس پیلاتس الم کشید و مصلوب شده بمرد و مدفون گردید، و به عالم ارواح نزول کرد و در روز سوم از مردگان برخاست، به آسمان صعود نموده و به دست راست خدای پدر قادر مطلق نشسته است و از آنجا خواهد آمد و زندگان و مردگان را داوری نماید و من ایمان دارم به روح القدس و به کلیسای مقدس جامع و به شرکت مقدسین و به آمرزش گناهان و به قیامت ابدان و به حیات جاودان. آمین

*Benediction — Rev. Lesli van Milligen

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 all 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 a blessing 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; Chaplaincy Ministries.

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.

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=aFhCQUtONlpuMXpiRUyMEZxZW81dz09>

Birthdays:

November 24 — Graham d. P.

November 25 — Ferdinand C.

Preaching Schedule:

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 28 — Sonay S.

December 5 — John Meiboom

December 12 — Sonay S.

December 19 — Peter Grauds (welcome Peter!)

December 28 — Alana Yoneyama

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 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. We cannot support our neighbours without the help of neighbours like you! [Click Here](#) to see our Annual Report. [Click Here](#) to see our audited finances for 2020. Click Here to donate: www.neighbourlink.org/donate

Willowdale CRC Ward Elders and Deacons:

Elders and deacons are available to assist you with your spiritual and practical needs. We would appreciate hearing from you if there is any way they can help.

Note that **confidential counselling services** are available through the **Congregational Assistance Programme (CAP)**. You are entitled to **six free** counselling sessions. Call for help: 1 866-347-0041.

Lastly, if you are struggling financially, and it is a challenge to buy groceries, please contact your deacon for confidential help.

Moore Park Ward

(North of Drewry Ave./Cummer Ave. and west of Leslie St. south of Steeles Ave; Yonge St. north of Steeles Ave.)

Elders: Sarah Moghadam, WilmaJoy Veenstra

Deacons: Suzanne Christie, Sara Davarpanah

Branson Ward

(South of Drewry Ave./Cummer Ave. and west of Leslie St. plus Brampton and Mississauga)

Elders: Reinette du Preez, Sylvie Charliekaram

Deacons: Nell de Boer, Kyle Pippel

Markham Ward

(East of Yonge St. for region north of Steeles Ave.; east of Leslie St. south of Steeles Ave.)

Elders: Dan Carter, Kamran Mozafarzadeh

Deacons: Joyce McBride, Ferdinand Cruz, Mahkam Sadjadi

John Meiboom, as chair of council, is also available for care visits as needed in any ward.

In addition to the elders and deacons helping the Willowdale CRC community, there is a small support team known as the **Care Team**, who are on standby to help in each ward:

Branson - Angie Arguelles, Beatrice Vandervelde

Markham - Bobby Vandenbrink

Moore Park - Hye-jin Im

Floater - Alana Yoneyama, Peter Grauds, Jennifer Dekker, Nasser Zand

For the contact information for your Ward Elders and/or Deacons, please email Alana at office@willowdalecrc.com or alana.yoneyama@willowdalecrc.com

Online Giving e-Transfer Instructions:

All e-Transfers should be remitted to the following email address - treasurer@willowdalecrc.com and please **use the following password – budget.**

Please ensure you mention your envelope number in the memo section so that your donation can be properly recorded towards your envelope number and will get credited towards your annual donation receipt. If you don't have an envelope number please send a separate email with your full name and address so a tax receipt can be issued at year end. For second collections/offerings please be reminded that donations continue to be accepted by cheques mailed to the church.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Mark VanHelden at treasurer@willowdalecrc.com or Cathy De Peuter at cathydepeuter@gmail.com Thank you for supporting the church's operations budget!

