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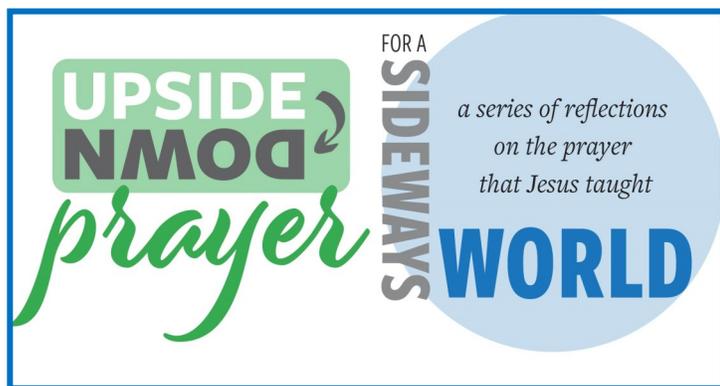


## **New Covid-19 Meeting Protocols (as of January 14, 2021) NOTE REGARDING WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Due to the province's latest restrictions meant to curb the spread of Covid-19, we will NOT be gathering in person as a congregation. However, we will be able to meet virtually for worship through our live-streamed services each Sunday morning at 10 AM. Services will be accessible through this Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/BethelCRCLdnOnt> Transcripts will continue to be made available in the same manner previously being offered.

If you have any needs or questions please contact the church office, Pastor Eric, the council chair or any elder or deacon of the church. Contact information is located near the end of this bulletin.

**NOTE IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY DIFFICULTY ACCESSING THE Members Only BULLETIN OR WORKING THROUGH THE WORSHIP GUIDE**, please contact the Pastor Eric, the office, one of the council members or another Bethel member who may be able to help.



**TODAY: February 14, 2021. 10:00 AM: – Live-Stream:** John Van Til will be leading the service with the Scripture focus of 1 Peter 1: 24 – 2:12.

**THIS WEDNESDAY – ASH WEDNESDAY – 7:00 PM:** Join online for a special worship opportunity through the Fanshawe campus ministry. In a time of anxiety, a time riddled with worry & concern, you are invited for a brief time of contemplation & peace. Western Christians enter the season Lent this coming Wednesday, February 17.

In the Spirit of the Taizé community, Fanshawe Campus Ministry & others will mark and remember the One Who Came Down For Us. The service should last between 30-45 minutes. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82151750619?pwd=VnFFRmdVcEw0d0hPWkVISzIzSRUs4QT09>  
Meeting ID: 821 5175 0619 Passcode: FCM

**NEXT WEEK: February 21, 2021. THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Live-Stream)** Next week our series Upside Down Prayer for a Sideways World will focus on the petition of the prayer “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive Others.” ***Please note*** that next Sunday we will have brief time set aside for the imposition of ashes as part of our first-Sunday-in-Lent liturgy. We will be encouraged to simply apply ashes on our foreheads symbolically (no materials needed) but of course, you may have ashes (or other materials as a substitute) ready to apply as ashes to yourself or to anyone else in your household.

## **PRAYER MINISTRY AT BETHEL**

*Each week we are encouraged to formulate our personal prayers using such categories as our city, our community, our world; the deepening of God's people; the extending of God's Kingdom; the flourishing of love, justice, peace and the spread of the gospel.*

### **THIS WEEK'S PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:**

**DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES:** In addition to these weekly denominational prayer items, you may access other updated requests through this link of CCNL (Christian Churches Network of London <http://www.ccnl.org/resources/pray/>)

**RESONATE: WORLDWIDE:** Many Resonate missionaries serve as teachers at Resonate-partner Christian schools throughout the world. Pray that these missionaries will be able to form meaningful connections with students, especially if they are teaching online because of the coronavirus pandemic.

**WORLD RENEW: LATIN AMERICA:** Looking ahead, 2021 will be a challenging year for World Renew's Latin America Ministry Team. In three of the four countries we serve, there will be presidential elections that are likely to cause signifi-

cant unrest. Please pray for peace and justice in these countries and for wisdom and safety for our country teams.

**REFRAME: INDONESIA:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many of ReFrame's listener communities in Indonesia are not able to meet. While some are able to follow ReFrame's online programs, many do not have access to the internet. Pray for isolated Christians in Indonesia. Pray that they will find strength despite not being able to meet with fellow Christians.

**INDIGENOUS FAMILY CENTRE: LEADERSHIP:** The Indigenous Family Centre's executive director will be stepping down to make way for its first Christian Indigenous leader, Shannon Perez, who is Sayisi Dene and a member of the Christian Reformed Church. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for all as this leadership transfer takes place.

**RESONATE: MEXICO:** Pray for students at the Reformed Presbyterian Church Seminary in Mexico City, where Resonate missionary David Gifford serves. Ask the Holy Spirit to equip and guide these students as they study God's Word and serve churches and communities.

**WORLD RENEW: UGANDA:** The time leading up to the Jan. 14 national elections in Uganda included violent clashes between police and supporters of the opposition presidential candidate, resulting in a number of deaths. Please pray for peace in Uganda at this time, and ask for God's protection against the rising spread of COVID-19.

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GROUNDWORK: FELLOWSHIP** - Scripture shows us that intentional fellowship is a valuable practice for cultivating our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Leviticus 7:12-15, Acts 2:40-47, and 2 Corinthians 13:14 to better understand the spiritual discipline of fellowship and how fellowship with each other deepens our relationship with God. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP:** The Practice of Justice and Mercy: Practicing justice and mercy is a powerful way to bless others—and to become more like Jesus. If there are kids in your home, check out 5 Ways to Practice Justice with Kids ([tinyurl.com/5waysjustice](http://tinyurl.com/5waysjustice)). (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices))

**LENT CREATION CARE CHALLENGE:** This Lent, we're inviting you to join us in a journey of Creation Care. We want to live out our faith by investing in the flourishing of God's creation. Each week, we'll share practical challenges and Scriptural reflections on how we can be faithful stewards during this season of worship. Get the full details here: [justice.crcna.org/lent-2021](http://justice.crcna.org/lent-2021)

**FOCUS ON THE CROSS - LENTEN DEVOTIONS:** Lent is a season to focus on the hope of Jesus Christ. Receive a free Today devotional email series to help you refresh, refocus, and renew your faith during Lent. Or download the ebook! Subscribe at [todaydevotional.com/lent](http://todaydevotional.com/lent)

**2021 CENSUS JOBS:** Statistics Canada has this message for the communities served by the Christian Reformed Church in Canada about the benefits of the upcoming census and census job opportunities: Statistics Canada is hiring approximately 32,000 people for census enumerator and crew leader positions across Canada to help in collection of census surveys. The positions available are for four months (either part-time or full-time) and consist of:

- **Crew Leaders** to train, lead and supervise a team of Enumerators;
- **Enumerators** will be hired to complete census questionnaires with residents.

Visit [www.census.gc.ca/jobs](http://www.census.gc.ca/jobs) for the information you need to pass on the opportunity to your community, including a video explaining more about the positions. Detailed information on the jobs available and the application process can also be found at [www.census.gc.ca/jobs](http://www.census.gc.ca/jobs).

**WHY VISION IS NOT YOUR PROBLEM:** Who's responsible for church vision? Too often leaders bear the mantle of church vision alone, as if it depends entirely on them. *In reality, healthy vision is broadly owned by both church members and leaders.* So, what does it take to sow seeds for grassroots vision at your church? How might the work of church vision change if it were shared? Watch as **Phil Leo** joins **Jodi Koeman**, church with community coordinator for World Renew, as they discuss the potential for broadly owned vision at your church. [Click this link.](#)

**CCNL (CHRISTIAN CHURCHES NETWORK OF LONDON)** regularly brings together Christian Churches in the city of London for mutual encouragement and service. Check out CCNL's Events Page here ... <https://ccnl.churchcenter.com/registrations>

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