

*Barrie Hill Congregation est. 1832*

*Speedside Congregation est. 1845*

*We're delighted you're here.*

*Welcome to the historic, rural Eramosa Pastoral Charge: both our Eramosa  
Pastoral Charge congregations worship on*

*Wellington Rd 29 RR 5 Rockwood NoB 2Ko Sunday mornings, and online  
at <https://www.facebook.com/barriehillunited/> anytime.*

## ***The Eramosa Pastoral Charge***

Sunday, January 02, 2022



11:00a.m. worship from Barrie Hill

Lay Reader ~	David Wright
Barrie Hill Music~	Mary Meads
Guest Musicians Barrie Hill~	Mikayla Kent
	Wesley Knierim
EPC Children's ministry~	Bethany Parkinson
EPC A/V Technicians~	Paul Knierim
	Wesley Knierim
	Jim Parker
	Larry Webb
Worship PowerPoints	Dave Wright

\* Indicates an invitation to stand for in person worship  
**Bold** indicates an invitation join in worship with your voice

God Gathers Us

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS - LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Anishinaabe People in Anishinabek territory. We are grateful for their stewardship of the land and we accept our responsibility to be good stewards in this time.

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Set our hearts on fire with love for You, O Christ our God, so that in its flame we may love You with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul and with all our strength, and our neighbors as ourselves, so that by keeping Your commandments we may glorify You, the giver of all good gifts.”

### Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Sing out your praises and say,

**God has saved his people.**

See how the Savior brings them from the end of the earth,

**the blind and lame among them,**

women with child

**and women in labour, a great company.**

Young men and old shall rejoice,

**then shall the girl show her joy in the dance.**

God turns their mourning into gladness,

**and gives them joy to outdo their sorrow.**

## GATHERING HYMN MV 135 “Called by Earth and Sky”

### OPENING PRAYER

**God of our hopes, Christ of our faith, Spirit in our hearts, we come to worship you with joy and gladness. Your goodness knows no limits of generation or gender, of condition or citizenship. Your birth in a humble stable shows us that you made your home among the creatures of God. God**

**chose the place where you were born and there we shall meet you. And where you go we shall go, and where you lodge we shall lodge. You are kind to all, and we worship you in all sincerity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Saying: **“May the peace of Christ be with you.”**  
Or responding: **“And also with you.”**

### Listening For God’s Word

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## WHAT TO DO WITH 3 PRESENTS?

## SCRIPTURE

**Ephesians 1:3–14** Our inheritance through Jesus Christ: Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

**3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **4** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **5** he[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— **6** to the praise of his

glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace **8** that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, **9** he[c] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, **10** to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. **11** In him we were also chosen,[d] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, **12** in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. **13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

**Gospel: John 1:(1–9), 10–18**

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2**He was with God in the beginning. **3**Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4**In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **6**There was a man sent from God whose name was John. **7**He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. **8**He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. **9**The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. **10**He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. **11**He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. **12**Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to

become children of God- 13children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") 16Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

MESSAGE:: Living With Jesus - Being a Neighbour - Tim Card

*We Respond to God*

OFFERTORY

God of this day and all days! We can only imagine the darkness of the world into which you sent your son – a world that believed that salvation rested on our ability to follow the rules. Jesus came to bring light into that darkness, and into our darkness. As we bring our tithes and offering to you this day, transform them into light for the hungry, for the hopeless, for the forgotten and the oppressed. We will share his light in us! In Christ, we pray. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

- VU 537 Your work, many hands (sung twice)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I. Your work, O God, needs ma-ny hands to help you ev - ery - where,". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

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Special Music    **“Hallelujah”**  
 Mikayla Kent & Wesley Knierim

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(Based upon Rick Pryce’s work)

Trusting that God’s reign has begun, and desiring to take part in it, we offer our prayers for the world God loves, the church God calls, and all people in any need, saying, “God who has come,” and responding, “Hear our prayer.”

**[Short pause]**

Loving God, you have moved into the neighbourhood, and joined us in this adventure called life. Remind us of your presence, and enable us to be present with the people around us. God who has come.

***Hear our prayer.***

Loving God, you express your very self to us in Jesus. Open our ears to hear you, and open our mouths to share you. God who has come.

***Hear our prayer.***

Loving God, you have come to make us more authentic human beings. Teach us every day to become a bit more loving, a bit less self-serving, and a bit more aware of the needs around us. God who has come.

***Hear our prayer.***

Loving God, in Jesus you shine the light of your life into the darkness of this world. Open our hearts to share your care and concern with the sick and shut-in, with the lonely and the unemployed, with the addicted and the excluded, with the refugee and immigrant, with the native and the foreign-born, and all those we name before you.

**[pause]**

God who has come.

***Hear our prayer.***

Loving God, you promise to guide your church into the future. Open the members of Barrie Hill and Speedside United Churches to your prompting. Fill the members and our online worshipers with eagerness. Send us together into our greater communities of Guelph, Fergus and the places we live, desiring to help *others* become the authentic human beings you created them to be. God who has come.

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray in confidence, in the name of the one who came, who comes, and who is coming, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

And let us together recite the family prayer Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil - for Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

We Go in the Power of the Holy Spirit

DEPARTING HYMN VU 336 “Christ Whose Glory Fills the  
Skies”

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

As we leave this place let us go with the knowledge the Word of God has taught us -"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second (Commandment) is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." May these words shape us and form us and support us as we go forth into this week.

Go Now In Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Threefold Amen

**Amen. Amen. Amen. (Three-fold Amen)**

POSTLUDE

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~ THE END OF WORSHIP ~ THE BEGINNING OF SERVICE ~

# **SPEEDSIDE and BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCHES**

Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2022

Worship at Speedside is at 9:30 Worship at Barrie Hill is at 11:00

*Welcome to worship at Speedside and Barrie Hill churches led by Rev. Lynn Hamilton. A special welcome to newcomers and guests with us today.*

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*If you wish to receive your Sunday Bulletin and Announcements by email, or if you know of anyone who would benefit from the DVD ministry please contact the church office.*

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Arising from a deeply rooted faith in God, known to us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Eramosa Pastoral Charge, celebrate that we are a Christian community striving to share our faith, friendship, fun, music and other talents. We do this through our unique rural approach to worship, Christian education, stewardship and pastoral care.

## **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Anishinaabe People in Anishinabek territory. We are grateful for their stewardship of the land and we accept our responsibility to be good stewards in this time. *For more information about land acknowledgements and Indigenous Territories please visit [www.native-land.ca](http://www.native-land.ca)*

## ERAMOSIA PASTORAL CHARGE

### Canadian Foodgrains Bank Update

#### Greetings Foodgrains supporters,

Winter seems to have come and gone several times here in Grey County over the last six weeks and even now we're not sure if the snow will stay for Christmas. But does it really matter? The majority of the world celebrates Christmas without snow. It's unlikely that even Jesus had snow at His birth. A quick Google search shows that Bethlehem has an average low temperature of 5 degrees C in it's coldest month of January, hardly conducive to having great amounts of snow.

While snow may add to the beauty of the season, the true beauty is found in the manger in the stable. I hope that you can take a break from the busyness of life and reflect on how special and beautiful the gift presented to us on Christmas day really is. Even the angels were moved, proclaiming, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom His favour rests."

Christmas is a time of joy and giving and in this newsletter, I want to share one such story with you.

A couple of months ago, I was contacted by Marie Versteeg, Communications Manager at Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario. She was wondering if there was a way CFFO and Canadian Foodgrains Bank could collaborate on a program that would raise funds to help hungry people around the world.

After some discussion and a presentation to the CFFO Board, a Giving Tuesday campaign was designed where CFFO would match donations from its membership and others to a maximum of \$10,000. The program would run from Nov. 15 to Dec. 15. We collectively held our breath hoping that people would respond to the needs of others around the world and that the match would be used up.

The response was overwhelming! By the end of the campaign, over \$33,000 had come in from community donations. The CFFO Board, seeing the strong support from its membership, added another \$5000 to their previously announced \$10,000, bringing the total raised to over \$48,000. What a tremendous achievement! Marie commented, "My heart is so warmed to know that I work for such a generous community."

Henry Reinders receiving cheque from CFFO board chair, Ed Scharringa.

We at Canadian Foodgrains Bank are deeply humbled by this showing of support during this Christmas season. These donations will help people all around the world, many of them small scale farmers, achieve food security through training in long term response programs. They will learn new agricultural techniques such as crop rotation to improve soil fertility and crop yields. They will learn about new crops to improve nutrition. They will learn about conservation agriculture to improve their resiliency in the face of climate change.

Ed Scharringa, Board Chair of CFFO, noted the natural fit of our Christian organizations working together. "I look forward to carrying on with this program in future years," he said. "Our members are obviously supportive of it."

This has been a wonderful experience to bring joy not only to our hearts, but to the hearts of many people around the world. It truly is a beautiful way to celebrate the joy of Christmas.

Thank you to all our supporters. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ child this week, may your heart be filled with peace and joy. My wife Shirley and I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with health and happiness.

Shalom,

Henry Reinders

Ontario Regional Representative

*Please submit your reports for the 2021 Annual Report no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> 2022.*

*Email them to the office or drop them off at Barrie Hill.*

*Thank you!*



*If you have any pictures of events at Barrie Hill that you would like to see in the new website please email them to the church office this month!*

**Just a friendly reminder that Barrie Hill annual reports are due before January 10, 2022 to allow for printing and distribution of the printed report. The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> or storm date Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup> with the place and time to be determined.**

**The nomination committee would like to invite anyone interested in a volunteer position on Barrie Hill Church Council or any of the church committees to contact Alice Lumsden at [its4lumpy@hotmail.com](mailto:its4lumpy@hotmail.com), 519-836-9946 or Joan McCulligh at [mccjoa@hotmail.com](mailto:mccjoa@hotmail.com), 519-843-4539**

**Church Committees:**

- **Property**
- **Mission and Outreach**
- **Worship**
- **Food grains**
- **Pastoral Care**
- **Financial/Stewardship**
- **Trustee**
- **Pastoral Care**
- **Fundraising**