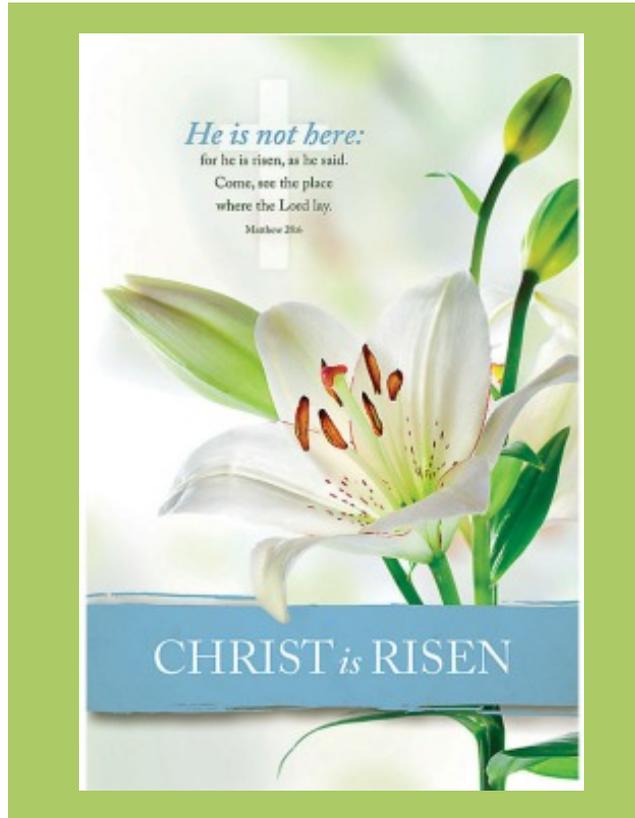




# Duncan Christian Reformed Church

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The Church Alarm  
will be set at 7 pm every evening and disarmed at 8 am every morning.  
The Church Office will be open Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon of this week.

## Announcements

### Church Schedule

Monday, April 12: Full Council Meeting 7 pm

Thursday, May 20: Elders' Meeting 7 pm

### Canada Wide online Women's Retreat April 16 and 17

Global Coffee Break and Resonate Global Mission are sponsoring this retreat and it is for All women not just Coffee Break! The theme is "Blessed is the one whose hope is in the Lord" Jer 17: 7-8) The retreat takes place Friday evening and Saturday 10:30- 3 pm. There will be 3 keynote speakers and a variety of breakout sessions. There are choices to pick from including a painting session, making a herb wreath, cooking demonstration, prayer etc.

To register go to [www.inspirationalwomen.ca](http://www.inspirationalwomen.ca). Talk to Affie if you are interested as we are looking at options to do it together as a small group either in church if possible or a home. Cost is \$25 (if you want the gift package) or \$20 without the gift package.

All women are welcome!

### DCS Grandfriends Day Friday, April 9

Dear DCS Grandfriends,

We are coming to you this year for Grandfriends Day! From your home, come for a virtual walk with us as Mr. Terpstra visits each class in the elementary school (Preschool to Grade 7) and see what your grandchild and their classes have in store for you during this special time. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 9th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. PLEASE RSVP: Before Wednesday, April 7th, by following this link: <https://www.duncanchristianschool.ca/notice/grandfriends-day-2021/> or calling the school office at 250-746-3654

### DCS Spring Gala Online Auction and Sale

We're getting ready for our Spring online auction, to be held April 22-26. Some excellent donations have already come in. If you would like to donate to the auction contact Charlene at [colson@duncanchristian.com](mailto:colson@duncanchristian.com). You can register for the auction at [charityauction.bid/dcspringauction2021](http://charityauction.bid/dcspringauction2021)

### Church Family

Birthdays This Week

Monday, April 5: Shirley P

Wednesday, April 7: Ben W

Thursday, April 8: Ridley W

Saturday, April 10: Lydia P

Sunday, April 11: John B, Lawrence V

### Gifts & Tithes

Collected for March 7, 14, 21, 28

World Renew 150.00

Calvin Seminary 55.00

Deacon Fund 305.00

Food Grains Bank 1,755.00

Church Ministries 5,735.00

To March 20th - PAR collected is \$3,444.00 for Church Ministries

e-Transfers collected is \$3,400.00 for Church

Ministries and \$200.00 for the Food Grains Bank.

## Church Service Schedule

Friday, April 2 Good Friday	Live-streaming at 7 pm (and recorded service afterward) Scripture Text: Pastor Kevin will bring the Message, “The Passion of Christ”, from Isaiah 53.  Offering: Church Ministries and (Young Life)
Sunday, April 4 Easter	Live-streaming at 10 am (and recorded service afterward) Scripture Text: Pastor Kevin will bring the Message, “Peace Be With You”, from John 20:19-29.  Offering: Church Ministries and (Resonate Global Mission)
Sunday, April 11	Live-streaming at 10 am  Offering: Church Ministries and (Harbour Missions and Literature Fund)
Sunday, April 18	Live-streaming at 10 am  Offering: Church Ministries
Sunday, April 25	Live-streaming at 10 am  Offering: Church Ministries and (GEMS)

### Offering Good Friday - Young Life

At Young life, we welcome, value and respect all teenagers, engaging them in the context of their lives. We have cared for young people in Canada for over 60 years. As we continue to grow, our motivation remains the same: to care for Canadian teenagers and earn the right to share God’s great love.

### Offering Easter Sunday - Resonate Global Mission

He is risen! And so are we! Jesus’ death and resurrection give us new life—and not only the gift of eternal life, but a new life here, on earth, living for him. Our great God, creator of the universe, has a part for you to play in his plan. What a privilege! Wherever God has called you, Resonate Global Mission is here to walk with you. May you experience the leading of the risen Savior this Easter!



## Letter from Chair of Council

Dear friends in Christ,

Here we are at the beginning of April 2021 and remain in the midst of a pandemic. Not only that, our hopes of inching toward some form of normalcy were dashed on Monday when Dr. Henry announced a resumption of tighter restrictions. That news was very disheartening for many. We had hoped to move toward some form of in person worship, however that will now have to wait until at least the end of April. I would strongly encourage everyone, as I have done in the past, to refrain from engaging in negative thinking. With this news it is easy to slip into that pattern of thinking. I encourage everyone to continue thinking positively that the end of this pandemic is in sight as more and more people are being vaccinated. I would encourage you to hang up some positive thoughts or inspiration messages around your home as a visual reminder of better things to come. Continue to journal your thoughts and feelings.

Council would again like to give a huge 'thank you' to Joel, Michelle, Matt, and now also Sheri. Thank you so much for your faithful provision of worship in music and song as you support pastor Kevin each service. Our thoughts and prayers are with pastor Kevin as he presents God's Word during this pandemic. It has been a year for him to preach to a camera and empty pews. Please remember pastor Kevin in your prayers that he keeps up his spirit in this difficult time. Pastor Kevin and the elders and elder assistants have continued as much as possible to connect with members of the congregation and present reports at elders' meetings. We hear your concerns and pray for you.

Council hopes to be able to present a slate of nominees for elders and deacons to the congregation in the next few weeks. Once the election and installation have taken place, we can put the restructuring of ministries in place. Pastor Kevin is working on a series of sermons dealing with human sexuality, as per the report before the next meeting of Synod. This is a topic that many people may not feel very comfortable with, however, it is a topic that needs to be addressed. Our denomination certainly is faced with some difficult decisions in this regard. Some may say that these topics don't apply to us – common thinking. However, some of these issues may well be present for some members of our congregation, including our children and youth. Having a greater understanding of these issues may also help us as we interact with others in the greater community who may also be struggling with these issues. That is why it is so important that these topics are addressed.

Now, as we approach Good Friday and Easter, let us remember the ultimate sacrifice of our Saviour and Lord. Let us remember that He took on Himself our sinfulness so that we might be cleansed and given a new life. Let us also remember that on the third day He arose from the grave as had been foretold. He is risen! He is alive! That gives us hope, certainly as we endure this pandemic. Let us remember that we are not alone but that we have a risen Saviour living in us to help us through all our difficult times. He is alive in all of us – let us embrace that comforting message.

Frank G, Chair of Council