

Part 1: The Pressure of the Great War

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, a wave of intense patriotism swept across the nation, bringing unexpected challenges to immigrant communities like the Fourth CRC in Paterson. Because the Netherlands remained neutral during the conflict, and because the Dutch language sounded suspiciously similar to German to the untrained American ear, Dutch-American communities faced immense pressure to prove their loyalty. Overnight, institutions that had long prided themselves on preserving their European heritage found themselves under close public scrutiny.

For the families of the Fourth CRC living in the Riverside neighborhood, the war forced a difficult and rapid reevaluation of their identity. While their sons were being drafted or volunteering to serve in the American military, the church itself still conducted its services and business almost entirely in Dutch. Across the Christian Reformed denomination, this period sparked an urgent push toward Americanization. To avoid hostility and demonstrate their alignment with their new homeland, immigrant churches throughout Northern New Jersey began navigating the complex, emotional transition of bringing the English language into the sanctuary for the very first time.

Church Calendar

This Week May 24

Door Monitor-
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Jon Englishmen
Projector- Linda Van Lenten
Nursery- Kelly Delaney, Jack Delaney, Dana Miller
KidsChurch- Karen Spano, Renee Kobovitch
Coffee- Joe & Bev Cusack, Trudie Pruiksma
Prayers Of The People- Pastor Moses
Children's Message- Kathy Faasse
KidSpace- Jan Kuiken
Chosen- Combined with KidSpace

Next Week May 31

Door Monitor- Dave Ruitenberg
Sound- Paul Cusack
Video- Dan Grimm
Projector- Dan Vande Vrede
Nursery- Renee Kobovitch, Karen Spano
KidsChurch- Dana Miller, Kristen Tolsma
Coffee- Bev Bentley, Lynn Walker
Prayers Of The People- Bob Jacobs
Children's Message- Krissy Vande Vrede
KidSpace- Barb Belanus
Chosen-

Second Collections:

May 24- Hope Christian Services

May 31- Benevolence



Rev. Moses Kang
Jay & Jess Everett, Worship Leaders

May 24, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG- "HOLY SPIRIT"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*GOD'S GREETING & MUTUAL GREETING

*SONG OF PRAISE- "HOLY IS THE LORD"

CALL TO CONFESSION- "SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE- "SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART"

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

OFFERING

SPECIAL COLLECTION- HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*SONG OF PREPARATION- "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"

PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE- JOHN 7: 37-39

SERMON- "THE FLOWING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

*SONG OF RESPONSE- "HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*PARTING SONG- "HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD"

*BENEDICTION

*DOXOLOGY- "BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"

POSTLUDE

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP
EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR COFFEE, REFRESHMENTS
& FELLOWSHIP IN THE BARN

TODAY, May 24,

- Is the first Sunday of Pentecost
- On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the birth of the church. Upon receiving the Holy Spirit, the apostles were empowered to preach and share the gospel, marking the beginning of the Christian Church. The church calendar also moves into ordinary time - a time that is not seasonal. Between Pentecost and Advent, there are no seasonal festivals, allowing the church to focus on how to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 31,

- Is the second Sunday of Pentecost

FAITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS registration is live! Go to our church website <https://www.faithcommunitycrc.com/> to register a child to attend or to register as a volunteer. Please see Jan Kuiken with any questions.

All volunteers in any of Faith Community's ministries involving children are required to complete our Safe Church Training program. If you haven't completed paperwork for this in previous years you will need to do that in order to help with any children's programs. A refresher course is required every year. We will be offering this course on May 31 and June 7 in the Fellowship Hall downstairs, immediately after the morning service. Please see Jan Kuiken with any questions.

From the Deacons: New Hope is running low on food and is requesting help from supporting churches. The Deacons are organizing a food drive. There is an insert in the bulletin with suggested items and there will be a basket in the back of church for the donations. Thank you for your support!

Supper Club: Save the date! We will next get together on Saturday, June 20th for a pool party at John and Barb Belanus's at 2pm. We will share more info as the date gets closer, but for now, save the date!

Opportunities are available to lead our Chosen class. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or see or text Jan Kuiken 551-427-4647.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're invited to Robot Fight Night at Eastern Christian on May 29 at 7 PM, (50 Oakwood Ave, North Haledon). Join us for a fun, high-energy evening featuring a brief tour of our high school followed by our exciting Robot Fight Night—where student-built robots battle it out in a creative, crowd-cheering showdown. It's a great way for families of ALL AGES to experience the Eastern Christian community! Learn more or register: www.easternchristian.org/visit.

Please join Hope Christian Services on Wednesday, June 3rd to celebrate a special evening at The Tides in North Haledon at our "*Homes of Hope Dinner*" honoring Laura Lupica, HCS, COO & FKA Architects. To purchase tickets, sponsorships, ads or make donations please visit <https://hopechristian.org/events/homes-of-hope-dinner/>.

The Brass Factory will present the concert "Audience and Band Favorites" on Friday, June 5th 7:30 pm at Cedar Hill Church. A great night of music by Paul Williams & Roger Nichols (Rainy Days & Mondays), David Raskin & John Mercer (Laura), Barry Gott (Light Walk), Errol Garner (Misty), Dave Brubeck (Blue Rondo a la Turk), Ralph Vaughan Williams (English Folksong Suite), Ray Steadman Allen (In Quiet Pastures), Charlie Chaplin (Smile), Victor Young (When I Fall In Love), and Euday L. Bowman (Twelfth Street Rag). Free admission- expect the usual good time, plan to attend, and bring your friends. You'll love it!

Classic Car Show: Windmere is hosting it's annual classic car show! Join us on Tuesday, June 9th from 6-7:30 p.m (rain date: June 16). Meet the owners and admire their classic cars and cast your vote for your favorites! This event includes music by Willie Wilson, ice cream, hot pretzels and a kiddie craft table. Classic cars will be parked in the Windmere back parking lot. Visitors may park in any of the other lots. To register your car or RSVP as a visitor, contact Kathe Carrero, Director of Activities, at (973) 807-3227 or KCarrero@ChristianHealthNJ.org.

DENOMINATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thrive Faith Formation Tip- Today we celebrate Pentecost, the festival when Jesus' promise to send his Spirit to all believers was fulfilled (Acts 2:1-41). This is a great time to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. For ways in which you can celebrate as a family or with friends, download God's Big Pentecost Story: A Celebration for Families (DwellCurriculum.org/Home). Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Kids Corner Devotions: Stephen: Things Get Tough - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Stephen: Things Get Tough" at www.kidscorner.net. Learn how to be brave and keep trusting Jesus even when others are unkind. Discover that Jesus is always with you, giving you strength and reminding you that you are never alone. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story coloring pages available on the KC activities page.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY

Lou Spano remains in Kessler for rehabilitation. Please continue to keep Lou and Karen in your prayers.

Please pray for *Carrie Johnson* (wife of Rev. Michael Johnson of Cedar Hill Church) as she undergoes cancer treatment.



5/24 Janet Sonnema

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2nd collections recap:

5/17/26-

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