

Dear Congregation at Terra Ceia,

We are Henk and Ruth Bruinsma and we are looking forward to meeting you, to worshipping with you, and to bringing God's Word to you, our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Thank you for your invitation.

Henk grew up in an immigrant family in Bowmanville, ON, Canada, and though he felt called to the ministry already as a child he also loves history and practical work with his hands. After graduating from Trinity Christian College and Westminster Seminary he met Ruth in Grand Rapids, MI while studying for one year at Calvin Seminary.

Ruth, who is a first cousin of Jan DeHoog, was born in New Jersey and also went to Trinity. She was working as a copy editor at the CRC Board of Publications when we met in 1982.

We have two children, a son Jonathan and a daughter Rebecca. Jonathan is married to Kayley and they have four children between the ages of 9 and 2.

We first served the congregation of Holland Marsh CRC (ON), where many members were vegetable farmers. We also served in Chatham and Woodbridge, also in Ontario. The last 13 years of Henk's full time ministry were at Heritage CRC (Brampton, ON), a congregation existing entirely within a senior citizens complex of 1,100 people that included two long term care facilities. With two colleagues he served as pastor to the congregation and chaplain to other residents who were not members of the church.

After retiring in 2021 we moved to Rockford, MI, because our children and grandchildren now live in this area, as do several families of long term friends. We worship at Trinity CRC (Sparta).

It will be a privilege to serve among you. Please pray that God will guide, that his name will be honored, and that we may truly build each other up in the grace, the truth, the love and the hope that are in Christ Jesus.

—**Pastor Henk & Ruth**

## Council News

### Meeting May 11

- ♦ The Council and Search Committee have had Zoom meetings with a pastor candidate from Oregon.
- ♦ The Maintenance Committee is working to get the sanctuary air conditioning fixed.
- ♦ Our single candidates for offices are John M for elder and Kenneth VS for deacon.
- ♦ A congregational meeting is set for 7 pm on Monday, June 16 in the fellowship hall.
- ♦ Council amended and approved a Renovation Committee request to buy a clock and pictures for the fellowship hall, clean up the east classroom, and remove a DVD shelf in order to create a church history area.
- ♦ Next Council Meeting is set for Sunday, June 1 at 9 am.



## Terra Ceia Christian Reformed Church

3298 Terra Ceia Road  
Pantego NC 27860

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Sunday Service at 10:30 am

service streamed at [www.facebook.com/TerraCeiaCRC](https://www.facebook.com/TerraCeiaCRC)

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## Order of Service

Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God's Greeting

\*Mutual Greeting

*\*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

\*Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

*\*Change My Heart, O God*

Special Music: *Etude*

Congregational Prayer

*\*Take My Life and Let It Be*

**Matthew 12:22-37**  
**Tongue Control**

Offering

*\*Lying Lips*

\*Benediction

*\*God the Father of Your People*

Organ: Gerda  
Violin: Emma VW  
Preaching: Bill Vis



## This Week at TC CRC

**Sunday, May 18**

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship Meal

**Thursday, May 22**

7:00 pm ESL class

**Sunday, May 25**

**Pastor Henk Bruinsma**

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am Fellowship

## The Quiet Space...

is located off the foyer. It is available during worship for a variety of possible reasons—an unhappy child, a discreet reason, or to view the live stream on FaceBook.

## Nursery Available

If you would like to use the nursery, please let the greeter know and they will make sure an attendant meets you there.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**May** \*21 Phillip & Molly VW

\*22 Gerrit VS \*24 Mark K

## Prayer Praises & Requests

- Pastor Bill & Sandy as they travel to celebrate Bill's dad's 95th birthday
- Pastor Henk & Ruth Bruinsma as they prepare to serve our congregation
- The Pastor Search Team
- Our ESL ministry
- Dave S in his job in Aurora
- Jennifer (44), Jan DH's cousin, with her first baby, and that she comes to Jesus
- Healing for
  - Aaron, Brian's brother-in-law, with Chronic Graft vs. Host Disease
  - John M having to be off his feet for 2 more weeks
  - Kendra, Ken & Carol's granddaughter, who is struggling with doctors' advice to terminate her pregnancy since the baby's organs are not forming correctly
  - Nancy, Bill VS's daughter, recurrence of GI problems
- Comfort for those mourning the death of:
  - Grandma of Nick, John & Anne's son-in-law
  - Cliff M, Alan M's former co-worker
  - Sister of Karen, Holly's sister-in-law

## Advance Dates

ESL meets every Thursday at 7:00 -8:15 pm until May 29.

June 1 Council meeting 9 am

June 6-8 Youth Group Retreat

June 15 Communion celebrated (Arie prepares elements)

June 16 Congregational Meeting 7 pm

## Everyone Invited FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Today we bid farewell to Pastor Bill and Sandy. After our service, we will have a potluck lunch. All are welcome, even if you didn't bring food. There's always plenty! 😊

## Fellowship

*Please launder towels after your service.*

May 18 Gerda R, Holly VS

May 25 Christy K, Leslie VS

Jun 1 Jan DH, Charlene M

Jun 8 Anne M, Anita A

Jun 15 Jeanne VS, Deb VS

Jun 22 Audrey Z, Amy VS

## Greeters

*Please alert nursery attendant if needed.*

May 18 Gerda

May 25 Jan VS

Jun 1 Kenneth

Jun 8 Audrey

Jun 15 Gerda

Jun 22 Jan VS

## Nursery

May 18 Anne M, Amy VS

May 25 Holly VS, Lily M

Jun 1 Carl VS, Emily VS

Jun 8 Gerrit & Selene VS

Jun 15 Leslie, Charlene

Jun 22 Kenneth & Jeanne VS

Jun 29 Deb & John VS

## Worship Futures

May 25 Pastor Henk Bruinsma

Jun 1 Bill V, recorded sermon

Jun 8—Chris Rouse

Jun 15-Jul 13 Henk Bruinsma

Jul 20—Pastor Joel McDaniel

Jul 27—Chris Rouse

Aug 17—Mark Knetsch