

# Preston Mennonite Church

*Being transformed by and extending God's love  
through worship, hospitality and service*

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## Lent 5: Can these bones live?

Restore us, O God! We breathe.

When we come to the end of our own human strength, vitality, and purpose, we recognize the reality of death in and around us. God, who is Spirit, breathes life into us, revealing God's glory and purpose. We, and the community, are restored.

### **PRELUDE**

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP AND LAMENT**

Welcome

Hymn: STS 121

"Nothing is lost on the breath of  
God"

Call to worship

*(responsive---see back page)*

Remembering the Children Prayer

Lament: Psalm 130 NRSV Read one of these:

**The cry:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark

iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

**The hope:** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

**The advice while still within the depths:**

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Hymn: HWB 136 "From the depths"

**SHARING AND PRAYING**

Sharing from our depths  
Prayer of the people

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Children's time  
Prayer for illumination  
Original scriptures: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Confession and words of assurance

L: God, as your people, we confess that when we look into the valleys, we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants of our past. We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our minds—"Will these bones ever live?"

All: **But in the midst of our doubt, we proclaim that you are the life-giving Spirit. You breathe new life into all that is dead.**

*R1: For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.*

*R2: Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb,*

*R3: and your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.*

L: Teach us, O Lord, to wait for your breath.

All: **Blow your mighty wind in to the hollow chambers of our hearts, that we may never settle for death but rise again as your beloved people.** *Pause for silence.*

L: God, holy Breath,

All: **restore us.**

L: With you there is new life for your church.  
We wait for you once again.

Hymn: HWB 356 "Breathe on me, breath of God"

Gospel reading: Luke 10:1-12

The interpreting community: "Joining the Mission of God"

**RESPONDING**

Hymn: HWB 26 "Holy Spirit, come with power"

Invitation to offering

Offering prayer

**SENDING**

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 434 "Thuma mina"

Sending *(see back page)*

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***Welcome to our visitors!*** We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer! God bless you and we hope to see you again!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP in the foyer-- ALL WELCOME!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Children:** Classes (ages 3—5 and Primary) will follow the children's time and will last until the service ends. (10:55)

**Adult Christian Formation:** What Next? How will we answer this question from Aaron Sault who helped facilitate our Blanket Exercise?

## MISSIONS

**Elmira Meat Canning,** April 24 to 28, See the poster on bulletin board. Order forms for meat are available there as well.

**Lenten Food Drive:** bring in your donations for the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank and put in the bin in the upper lobby.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** is now scheduling volunteers for the Fort McMurray Fire response. Beginning May 14 until the end of July, weekly crews are needed at two locations. To sign up: [www.mds.mennonite.net/volunteer](http://www.mds.mennonite.net/volunteer)

## WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

**“Mennonites and the Jewish Community,”** Rabbi David Mivisair, a Jewish peace activist will speak during a brown bag lunch on Thurs Apr 6 at 12 noon in the MCCO Community room at 50 Kent Ave. See poster.

**Ecumenical Prayer service with Taizé songs,** Palm Sunday, April 9 at 7:30 pm at St. Agatha Catholic Church.

**MCCO Easter Labyrinth,** Wed Apr 12 from 12-2 pm at MCC at 50 Kent Ave. Deepen your preparation for Easter by walking the Labyrinth with Patricia Wagler. A brief introduction will be given at noon followed by an invitation to experience the labyrinth as you are able. No need to register.

**Ontario Christian Gleaners Fundraising Dinner** on Fri Apr 21 at 6 pm at Waterloo Region Police Association, Camb. Tickets are \$28 See poster on bulletin board for more info.

**Cambridge Male Chorus Cabaret 2017** on Fri Apr 21 and Sat Apr 22 at 7 pm at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Cambridge. Tickets \$20. See poster on bulletin board.

**Women of MCEC Spring Meeting** is Sat Apr 22, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Guest speaker is Carol Penner, topic is “Body and Soul” Registration forms available by bulletin board.

**Canadian Mennonite’s Annual Fundraising Banquet** is on Sat Apr 22 at 6 pm at Floradale Mennonite Church. There will be a program of music and biblical storytelling from the new Executor Editor Virginia Hostetler. RSVP by Apr 15 to [alexandra.LT.siebert@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.LT.siebert@gmail.com) or call 343-262-1002

**Spring Hymn Sing** on Sun Apr 23 at 6:30 pm at King St Baptist Church, featuring musical selections by the William G. Davis School Choir. Refreshments to follow! Admission is free.

**Mennonite Relief Sale Fundraising Dinner** is Mon Apr 24 at 6pm at Bingemans. Speaker is Rachelle Friesen, former Peace Coordinator for MCC. Tickets are \$10 and available by contacting Cindy at [office@prestonmennonite.com](mailto:office@prestonmennonite.com)

**Pilgrimage for Indigenous Rights:** April 23 to May 14, a 600 km Pilgrimage from K-W to Ottawa. Join the Opening Ceremony Celebration on Sun Apr 23 at 1:30 pm at Stirling Mennonite Church. At 2:30 you are welcome to join the walkers on the first leg of the journey.

**Rockway Information Night** is Tues Apr 25 at 7 pm, an opportunity for future students and families to explore a Christian education at Rockway.

**Rockway Visual Arts Night** is Tues Apr 25 at 7 pm, there will be a fair trade café and the opportunity to see the amazing work of the students.

**The Amish Project**, sponsored by MCC and Kindred Credit Union, at the St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre, Apr 26-30. Tickets: [www.greenlight-arts.com](http://www.greenlight-arts.com) See poster for more info.

**MCEC Annual Church Gathering**, April 28 & 29 at The Meeting House in Oakville. Theme: The Great Recommissioning. Register at [www.mcec.ca](http://www.mcec.ca)

**Spring Seniors' Retreat** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp, on May 1 or May 2. Resource persons are Robert J & Irene Suderman and the theme is "Dancing in the Wind: The Vocation of the Church in Society." More info and to register: [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca) by Apr 25.

**Shalom Counselling Services Fundraising Breakfast** on Sat May 6, 8:30 to 11 am, Stirling Ave Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$30 (receipts for \$15) by calling 519-886-9690 or online at [www.shalomcounselling.org](http://www.shalomcounselling.org) See poster.

**Addison Women's Choir Spring Concert: *Something To Sing About!***, on Sun May 7 at 2pm here at PMC. Birthday cake will be served following the concert. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 children, available from choir members or at the door.

**Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert** is on Sun May 7 at 3 pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Kitchener. All alumni and former choristers are invited to participate. Rehearsal is Sat May 6. To register email [intermennonitechildrenschoir@gmail.com](mailto:intermennonitechildrenschoir@gmail.com)

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rockway Golf Classic** is Wed May 17, a fun four person Scramble tournament at Willow Valley Golf Course. Golfers sign up then fundraise, proceeds benefit Tuition Assistance, helping students attend Rockway.

**Rockway's Spring Concert** is Thurs June 8 at 6:45 pm, join us at Rockway for this night of vocal and orchestral music.

**Mennonite Men Retreat** on Fri June 9—Sat June 10 at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp. Scott Brubaker-Zehr and Bryan Moyer Suderman will lead. More info: [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)

**Shalom Counselling Services** invites applications for the position of Administrative Secretary. More info at [www.shalomcounselling.org](http://www.shalomcounselling.org)

**Mennonite Church Canada Assembly scheduled for Oct.13-15:** delegates are invited to this special assembly. More info at [www.mennonitechurch.ca](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca)

# EASTER EVENTS AT PMC

**Palm Sunday** with St. Matthew's Passion

**Good Friday Service: 10:00 am** with the  
Drama "Truth in the Face of Power"

**Easter Sunday**

**Singing in the Resurrection: 8:30 am**

**Easter Breakfast: 9:00 am**, sign up for  
what you plan to bring as well as attendance

**Children's Egg Hunt: 9:30 am**

**Easter Service: 10:00 am**, Joint Service with  
Living Bridge Assembly

