

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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God's Peaceable Kingdom: New Beginnings

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 210 "Good Christian friends,
rejoice"

Psalm 148

Call to worship (*responsive—see back of bulletin*)

Opening prayer

Lighting the Christ candle: Galatians 4:4-7

Silent meditation: What does it mean to be a child
of God? To cry out to God, "Daddy!"

Hymn: STS 26

"Helpless and hungry" with

Hymn: HWB 215

"What child is this"

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Reading from the original scriptures: Isaiah
61:10—62:3

Young people's time

Theme: STS 124 "My soul cries out"

Dramatic reading: Luke 2:22-40

Message: "The waiting is over—the world is
turning! Are you dressed for a new
beginning?"

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn: HWB 208 "Love came down at
Christmas"

Confession (*see back of bulletin*)

Moments for mission

- Mennonite World Conference—Glyn Jones
- Wanner Christmas Banquet
- Langs Community Supper—Muriel Bechtel

"God moments" -- share a meaningful moment of
giving or receiving that stood out to you this
year!

December birthdays and offering for camp
scholarships for community children

Sharing time and prayer requests

Prayers of the people

Hymn: HWB 218 "As with gladness men of old"

Invitation to offering

Offering prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: STS 32 "Oh, beautiful star of
Bethlehem"

Blessing

ONE: Let us go now by another road –
the road of constant trust
and faithfulness to God.

ALL: **Let us be watchful –
for those whose way is fearful;
let us be ready –
to stand beside the outcast;
let us be prepared –
to stay the course with those who suffer.**

ONE: Let us go to the world in the power of the
Spirit to fulfill our high calling
as disciples of Christ,
who shines on us now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

CREDITS: Opening prayer, Dramatic reading, Blessing—
Seasons of the Spirit, Christmas 2017.



Welcome to our visitors!

We hope our time of worship has been encouraging 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!

Adult Discussion Class: next Sunday (Jan 7) this is your chance for input into the adult discussion class topics for the coming season. Muriel will bring her ideas and welcomes your suggestions as well. (note: no class on Sun Jan 14)

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dennis Wikerd Retirement Celebration: Sun Jan 14, receiving line 2pm-3pm, program 3pm-4pm, more receiving line a 4pm-5pm at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Join in the celebration of Dennis' contribution over almost 40 years of teaching at Rockway. Refreshments served throughout.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Grade 9 Night on Tues Jan 16—dinner at 6:15 pm, information session at 7 pm. Register at www.rockway.ca

“Muslim-Mennonite Encounters in the Russian Empire,” a lecture at Conrad Grebel on Thurs Jan 25 at 7:30 pm with visting Russian history scholar Aileen Friesen, who will explore the Mennonite colonization on Muslim land.

