

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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Advent 1: “The World is About to Turn”

The vision of God's peaceable kingdom was particularly compelling to the 19th century Quaker artist Edward Hicks, who painted 61 different versions of Isaiah 11:6-8. “The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them....” In some of those paintings, Hicks brought this vision of a peaceable kingdom forward into recent history, depicting a vision of Native Americans and Pennsylvania settlers living together in peaceable harmony.

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP—OUR FOCUS IS ON GOD!

Welcome

We acknowledge that we meet together today on the traditional lands of the Neutral, the Anishinaabe, and the Haudenosaunee peoples.

Hymn: HWB 178 “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

The world needed a Savior—readings from Isaiah

Call to worship (*Responsive-see back page*)

Isaiah 64:1-9

Prayer of confession (*See back page*)

Words of assurance

Lighting the candle of Hope: STS 125

Hymn: HWB 175 "O Savior, rend the heavens"
"God moments"

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Young people's time – My Wounded Island

Reading from the original scriptures: Hannah's song,
1 Samuel 2:1-10

Gospel reading: Mary's song, Luke 1:46-55

Hymn: STJ 13 "My soul is filled with joy"

Message: "The characters of the Christmas story:
Mary"

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Theme hymn: STS 124 "My soul cries out"

Sharing time and prayer requests

Prayers of the people

We worship with our offerings

Loose change offering for White Owl Native Ancestry

Offering prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 209 "Oh, how joyfully"

Blessing

POSTLUDE

CREDITS:

My Wounded Island by Jacques Pasquet; "The World needed a Savior"—Reformed
Worship 125.



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!

Adult Discussion Class: First in a series on the women in Matthew's genealogy (Matthew 1:1-17). This week will focus on Tamar, Rahab and Bathsheba. Read their stories in Genesis 38, Joshua 2 and 2 Samuel 11. What stands out to you about them? Why do you think Matthew included them in the genealogy?

Next Sunday: Ruth and Mary, read their stories in the book of Ruth and Matthew 1:18-25.



WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Addison Women's Choir presents: "All is Calm, All is Bright!" on Sat Dec 2 at 7:30 pm at Maranatha Christian Reformed Church in Cambridge and on Sun Dec 3 at 7 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Kitchener.

Ecumenical prayer services with Taizé songs: scripture readings surrounded by silence and beautiful music to help one engage in meditative prayer. On Sun Dec 3 at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kitchener.



St. Jacobs Mennonite Church presents *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, a Christmas Opera, on Sat Dec 2 and Sun Dec 3 at 7 pm at St Jacobs MC. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 students, \$5 child, available at 519-664-2268 or church@sjmc.on.ca

“Come Emmanuel” presented by the Menno Singers on Sun Dec 3 at 3 pm at St. John’s Lutheran Church and will include the Inter-Mennonite Children’s choir and the Menno Youth Singers. More info at www.mennosingers.com

Spiritus Ensemble, Bach Vespers, Sun Dec 3 at 4 pm at St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 25 Water St N, Kit. Free admission, donations gratefully received.

Songs & Sonnets, an evening of music and poetry with Steve Bell and Malcolm Guite, on Sun Dec 3 at 7 pm at Country Hills Church, Kit (1280 Ottawa St. S) Tickets \$20. Visit www.stevebell.com for more info.

Global Migration Film Festival, Dec 5-18, see poster on bulletin board for films and locations. Free admission!

Fairview Seniors Community invites you to their Annual Vocal and Handbell Choir Program: “Celebrating Christmas Around the World” on Wed Dec 6 at either 2 pm or 7 pm. Tickets include dessert for \$5 and can be purchased by calling 519-653-5719. Advance tickets recommended!

St. Peter’s Lutheran Church presents a dramatic reading of Charles’ Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* on Fri Dec 8 at 7:30pm. Tickets \$10 at the door. See poster.

Niska Noel, find the perfect gifts for your loved ones, one of a kind, handcrafted moccasins, jewelry, carvings and more made by Indigenous artisans. Join in the fun of beadwork demos, a silent auction and holiday refreshments. Tues Dec 12 from 10am to 6pm at 50 Kent Ave. Kitchener.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Christmas Concert: Tues Dec 12 at 7:30pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Students from grades 7-12 present *Songs for a Winter's Night*. Free will offering. All are welcome!

Messiah Sing-A-Long with orchestra and soloists at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church on Sun Dec 17 at 3 pm. Donations accepted, tax receipts for over \$20.

Langs Community Dinners! From 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Dec 19, drop in for a free dinner!

