

# Preston Mennonite Church

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

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## International Day of Friendship:

“To the healing of past and present wounds, that we might all break free from the illusions of separation and hierarchy. To the children born today, of every origin and background, that they may know the sacredness that created them, and how Sacred they are.”

Nothing can separate us  
from God's love!

### **PRELUDE**

#### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Welcome

Hymn: STJ 42

“Listen, God is calling”

Gathering

*(responsive—see back page)*

Psalm 119:129-136

“God moments”

Hymn: Praise 360

“He Giveth More Grace”

*(one of Mearl Steckly's favourites)*

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?**

Children's time

Prayer for illumination

Introductory verses—Romans 8:26-27

HWB 849 *Romans 8:28-39 (slowly & responsively;  
italics—all read)*

A time of silence to reflect on how, no matter what happens, in all things God works toward a good end because God is good.

- neither death,
- nor life,
- nor angels,
- nor rulers,
- nor things present,
- nor things to come,
- nor powers,
- nor height, nor depth,
- nor any other created things!

Praise

Bless God, because God's word gives hope  
and shapes our dreams,

**whose love has conquered death.**

Bless God who guides our steps

**and leads us to life.**

Hymn: HWB 337 "Ask ye what great thing I know"

Acts 22:30—23:11

Message: "Paul, the jailbird, preaching freedom!"

**WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?**

Hymn: STS 105 "Holy Spirit, truth divine"

Moments with mission: Reconciliation 201--An  
invitation to starting friendship with Six Nations  
people

July birthday offering for camp scholarships for local  
children

Invitation to offering  
Offering prayer  
Sharing time and prayer requests  
Hymn: HWB 585 "In your sickness"  
Prayer of the people  
Praying (see back page)

**SENDING**

Announcements  
Hymn: STJ 49 "Rain down"  
Sending (see back page)

**POSTLUDE**

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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!**

**WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Langs** is hosting Free Drop-In Community Dinners for the summer: Next one is August 22, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Langs. Register: 519-653-1470 x 228 or drop in!

**MEDA BBQ** on Fri Aug 25 at 6 pm at Waterloo Park. Guest speakers Elaine Shantz and Miriam Turnbull. Adults \$25, child/students \$10. Bring chairs, plates and cutlery. RSVP by Aug 18 at [www.meda.org/waterloo](http://www.meda.org/waterloo) or 519-725-1633

**MC Canada Assembly Registration is open!** You are invited to register for the October 13-15 special 2017 Assembly in Winnipeg: [www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft](http://www.cvent.com/d/c5q8ft)

**Future Directions Update:** Working Group Reports on various proposed re-organized ministries of MC Canada and area churches are now available at [www.futuredirectionsmc.ca](http://www.futuredirectionsmc.ca)

**Ride for Refuge** is scheduled for Sept 30. It is a family friendly cycling/walking fundraiser that partners with MC Canada to help the displaced, vulnerable and exploited. Be a part of the “Mennonite Church Canada” team. Register at: [www.mcco.ca/ride](http://www.mcco.ca/ride) or contact Jason Martin at 226-747-1833