

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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Worship Leader: Elsie Kuepfer Guest Speaker: Michelle Gellatly, Bridges
Song Leader: Muriel Bechtel Accompanist: Dianne Winkler

Be Ready!

God, kindle a flame within my heart to keep me alert and
vigilant, ready to seek and follow the ways of wisdom.

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

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

Hymn: HWB 4

"Unto thy temple, Lord, we come"

Affirming Faith

(responsive--see back page)

Psalm 70

Opening prayer

Hymn: STJ 54

"Longing for light"

Affirming Faith

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WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Prayer of illumination

Epistle reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Prayer of confession
Hymn: STJ 47 "Oh, Lord have mercy"
Message from Bridges

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn: HWB 142 "Brothers and sisters of mine"
Sharing time and prayer requests
Prayers of the people
We worship with our offerings
Offering prayer (see back page)

SENDING

Announcements
Hymn: STS 114 "God has chosen me"
Sending (see back page)

POSTLUDE

CREDITS: Prelude meditation, Prayer of confession—*Seasons of the Spirit Season of Creation, Pentecost 2, 2017*; Prayer of illumination, Invitation to offering—*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Volume 2, Proper 23*.

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: Continued discussion on *Sacred Trust...fostering safe space in congregations*.

MISSIONS

Donations to the MCC and Canadian Foodgrains Bank's response to the Rohingya refugee crisis can be made at www.donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/rohingya-crisis or by calling 1-888-622-6337 or mail a cheque to 134 Plaza Dr., Winnipeg, MB R3T 5K9 The Canadian government will match all contributions that are made to help the Rohingya people.

Giving Tuesday, National Day of Generosity, November 28

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Addison Women's Choir will be ordering Poinsettias, Greenery and Jensen Cheese once again. All orders must be in by Tues Nov 14. Poinsettias will be delivered Nov 28, Greenery and Cheese on Nov 29. See Dianne to order.

Fidelias Christmas Potluck Luncheon: on Tues Dec 5 at 12 noon. Arlene Burnett's daughter Brenda will tell us about her MCC trip to Guatemala. All women are welcome!

PMC Christmas Banquet; Joy and Togetherness, on Sat Dec 9 at 6 pm. Invite your friends and family to this annual highlight. Tickets (\$20 Adult, \$5 kids under 12) will be on sale in mid November.

Christmas Decorations: The Worship Commission is decorating the sanctuary and looking for the following items: nativity scenes, star wall hangings, battery operated pillar candles and stuffed animals. If you have any to lend, please label with your name and bring to church before Nov. 28.

Rides from Fairview to church on Sunday mornings:

Thank you to our car driver today: Dave Bechtel

Next Sunday: Barb Duncan

Cindy is on holidays in the Dominican Republic and will return to the office on Nov 21.

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fairview Mennonite Home Handicraft Sale on Sat Nov 18 from 9 am to 1 pm. Decorations, gifts, sweet shop, wreaths, knitting, woodworking, used books and so much more!

Ecumenical prayer services with Taizé songs: scripture readings surrounded by silence and beautiful music to help one engage in meditative prayer. On Sun Nov 19 at 4 pm at the Brubacher House, U of W. On Sun Dec 3 at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kitchener.

Langs Community Dinners! From 5:30 to 7:30 pm on Nov 21 and Dec 19, drop in for a free dinner!

Christmas Craft Sale & Knitted Bible Exhibition on Sat Nov 25 from 10 am to 1 pm at The Salvation Army Cambridge Citadel Corps, 16 Shade St, Cambridge.

MennoHomes Fall Concert and AGM featuring Inshallah Ensemble Choir, at Rockway MC on Sat Nov 25 at 7 pm. Everyone welcome! More info at www.mennohomes.com

Detweiler Meetinghouse: An Advent Event on Sun Nov 26 at 2:30 pm in Roseville. Welcoming Advent with *Lifted Voices*.

Theatre of the Beat Fundraiser on Sun Nov 26 at 6 pm, at the Huether Hotel's Jazz Room in Waterloo, for a new van to keep the troupe on the road. \$20 Tickets include entry and appetizers. For more info & tickets: www.theatreofthebeat.ca

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 including the Inter-Mennonite Children's choir and the Menno Youth Singers. More info at www.mennosingers.com

Songs & Sonnets, 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. Claire has 3 free tickets available.

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.

Cambridge City Council meeting on Tues Dec 20 at 6:45 pm to support House of Friendship "Close to Home" house near the church.