

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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Investment Strategies

PRELUDE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymn: HWB 369

"Lord, whose love in humble
service"

Gathering

(responsive---see back page)

Opening prayer

One: Today and every day,

All: **may we build each other up in love.**

One: Today and every day,

All: **may our faith protect us from utter
despair.**

One: Today and every day,

All: **may our love for you and each other
strengthen us.**

One: Today and every day,

All: **may our hope in the risen Christ give
us the courage to move forward
toward Christ's coming reign. Amen.**

Hymn: STJ 54 "Longing for light"

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Prayer of illumination

Epistle reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Prayer of confession

One: There is a thin line between playing it safe and being reckless.

All: **Help us to choose our actions wisely.**

One: There is a point when holding on to something too tightly can weaken our grasp.

All: **Help us to hold our convictions tenderly.**

One: There are moments when fear stops us from doing what we know to be right.

All: **Help us to practice our ministry boldly.**

One: There are words of scorn that can enslave us, feelings of disappointment that can unravel us.

All: **Help us to speak to each other lovingly.**

Words of affirmation

Hymn: HWB 307 "Will you let me be your servant"

Gospel reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Message: "Investing in Eternal Values"

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn: HWB 384 "We give thee but thine own"

Invitation to offering

Offering prayer (see back page)

Special prayer for Gerry Steinman's heart surgery

Sharing time and prayer requests

Prayers of the people

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 546 "Guide my feet"

Charge

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!

Adult Discussion Class: Continued discussion on *Sacred Trust...fostering safe space in congregations*. Next Sunday, John Neufeld will join us to talk about the *Roots of Poverty*.

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

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: Barb Duncan
Next Sunday: Laverne & Elsie

Claire's last holidays—Claire will be going to the Poconos for American Thanksgiving, carrying teddy bears for the children at Home of Hope in Uganda. Mama Edith will be there fundraising to finish building the orphanage. She will stay with her mom and sister Kathy from Alaska, along with two of Claire's daughters. She leaves Tue Nov 21 and returns Mon Nov 27.

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 Mennonite Church on Sat Nov 25 at 7 pm. Everyone welcome! More information 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 and will include the Inter-Mennonite Children's choir and the Menno Youth Singers. More info at www.mennosingers.com

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. 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.