

Preston Mennonite Church

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

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“Christ has no body now but ours”

We don't live in a world all our own.

Our brothers and sisters live here too.

- Albert Schweitzer

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: STS 1 “Praise the One who breaks the darkness”

Call to worship/Gathering (Back of bulletin)

Opening prayer

Psalm 146:3, 5-10 HWB 825

Moments for Mission: Report from Fall MCCO Peace Conference

November birthday offering for sending children to camp

Hymn: HWB 166 "I'll praise my Maker"

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Young people's time – John Neufeld

Prayer of confession:

Leader: Day and night we cry out to God for help –

Left: food for the hungry

Right: power for the powerless,

All: justice for the oppressed.

Leader: As we listen to the news our hearts cry out,
"God do something!"

Left: Make things right.

Right: Grant us peace.

All: Change the world."

Leader: In our moments of helplessness, God asks us
to participate in creating a more righteous
and peaceful world.

We confess that too often we look for a
miracle when our hands and hearts can be
God's means of granting justice.

(silence)

Leader: O God who made heaven and earth
Help us to live justly.

**All: Emboldened by God's strength, may we
remain steadfast
in our pursuit of what is right and holy
and just.**

Hymn: HWB 499 "Lord, speak to me"

Gospel reading: John 6:5-14

Message: "C, Start, Send"

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn: HWB 395 "Here I am, Lord"

Sharing time and prayer requests

- Rose Lichti
- Gerry Steinman
- Zimbabwe

Prayers of the people (back of bulletin)

The Lord's Prayer

We worship with our offerings

Offertory – *Steve Bell singing “Kindness” by Brian McLaren*

Offering prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 425 “Come, come ye saints”

Sending: A Traditional Celtic Blessing

*May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with us on the road.*

*May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out our hands to serve.*

*May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open our hearts to love.*

*May we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet,
and may everyone we meet see the face of Christ
in us.*

Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.”

Teresa of Avila

CREDITS:

Prayer of Confession – Linda Huber Minninger in *Words for Worship 2 (adapted)*

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: John Neufeld joins 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 (until Nov 28) that are made to help the Rohingya people.

Giving Tuesday, National Day of Generosity, November 28

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you! For the twentieth anniversary of my ordination, Nov 2, you gifted me with a \$50 certificate for the Christian bookstore, The Gospel Lighthouse. I am so grateful for this and for all the cards and kindnesses for my birthday. Claire

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. The offering will go to Haven House and to a women's project in Guatemala. All women 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 soon.

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 drivers today: Laverne & Elsie

Next Sunday: Barb Duncan

Claire's last holidays—Claire is in 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 is staying with her mom and sister Kathy from Alaska, along with two of Claire's daughters. She left Tue Nov 21 and returns Mon Nov 27.

WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

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.

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!

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!