

# Preston Mennonite Church

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

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## Soothing Our Souls

Draw close to us, God of the journey, for sometimes in our zeal to do what is right, we lose our way, leaving us longing for you soothing words of comfort and challenge.

### **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 17      "We gather together"

Gathering            (*see back page*)

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Opening prayer

"God moments"

Hymn: HWB 86      "Now thank we all our God"

### **WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?**

Children's time

Prayer of illumination

Reading from the original scriptures: Exodus 32:1-14

Prayer of confession

**Holy God, you are the Lord our God,  
who brought us out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery.  
And yet our trust in you is fragile,  
easily crushed  
by our bent toward indifference,  
and a result of our forgetfulness.  
Our trust in you is fragile,  
easily displaced  
by gods of our own making—  
the god of self-sufficiency,  
the god of illusion.  
Lord have mercy on us. Amen.**

Declaration of forgiveness

Hymn: HWB 577 "O Love that will not let me go"

Message: "Shifting Our Focus"

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

Hymn: HWB 151 "Marvelous grace of our loving  
Lord"

Epistle reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Hymn: HWB 580 "My life flows on"

Sharing time and prayer requests

Prayers of the people

We worship with our offerings

Offering prayer

**SENDING**

Announcements

Hymn: HWB 425 "Come, come ye saints"

Sending (see back page)

**POSTLUDE**

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**Please join us in Adult Sunday School today after coffee fellowship as we are joined by friends from Six Nations, the Pattersons!**

*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:**

Next Sunday: Beginning the series, *Sacred Trust...fostering safe space in congregations*. Please read the author's introduction and first three chapters in preparation for the class. Copies are in mailboxes today.

## **MISSIONS**

**Food Drive:** Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Bring your donations by Oct 15. If you would rather make a financial contribution, please write Food Bank on your offering envelope and place it in the offering plate.

**MCC Peace Conference** is in Markham on Nov 11. If you are interested in being a delegate, please speak to Muriel. Also, if you are able to provide a ride, we have one person who would like to attend but needs a ride.

## **WIDER CHURCH & COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**"Calm in the Storm: Stress Management for Students"** Shalom Counselling is offering a group for high school aged youth on Tuesday evenings, 6-7:30 pm from Oct 17 to Dec 5. No cost to participants, generously supported by a grant from Shantz Mennonite Church. Register at 519-886-9690 or at [admin@shalomcounselling.org](mailto:admin@shalomcounselling.org) Poster on Bulletin board.

**MEDA Breakfast** on Thurs Oct 19 at 7:30 am at the Stone Crock in St. Jacobs. The cost is \$10, no RSVP required. Speakers will be Donna Schmidt and Rhonda Erb who will share about the two businesses they own: *Heart of the Matter Professional Organizing* and *Senior's Move-a* rightsizing and relocation service for seniors.

**Come, Slow Down, talk and walk with God:** a retreat at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on Thurs Oct 19 from 9am to 3pm. Cost is \$25, bring a bag lunch. Register at 226-220-2606.

**House of Friendship** fall fundraising dinner is Oct 21, featuring Sean McCann, from internationally renowned band Great Big Sea, sharing his story of recovery from addiction and abuse. If you would like to join a group to attend this event, contact Muriel or the church office. Tickets are \$75, with a discount for a group of 8.

**Ecumenical prayer services with Taizé songs:** at the heart of this prayer service are scripture readings surrounded by silence and beautiful music that can help one engage in meditative prayer. On Sun Oct 22 at 7:30 pm at Conrad Grebel Chapel. On Sun Nov 19 at 4 pm at the Brubacher House on the U of W campus. And 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 Oct 24, Nov 21, Dec 19, drop in for a free dinner!

**Six Miles Deep:** Indigenous and Settler history along the Grand River on Thurs Oct 26 at 7 pm in the Community Room at 50 Kent, Kit. Come for an evening of learning about the treaty and settlement history of the Grand River watershed, featuring Phil Monture, spokesperson and researcher from Six Nations of the Grand River. Presented by The Mennonite Story (St. Jacobs), and MCCO. This is a *Dancing Towards Reconciliation* event. [www.mcco.ca/six-miles-deep](http://www.mcco.ca/six-miles-deep)

**When Good Intentions are not enough:** confronting ethical challenges in peacebuilding and reconciliation, a Benjamin Eby Lecture, at Conrad Grebel Chapel on Oct 26 at 7:30 pm. Free admission, reception to follow.

**Rockway's Connection Weekend:** Fri Oct 27-Sat Oct 28  
Friday starting at 5 pm, Spaghetti Supper, Silent Auction and Alumni Sports Challenge.  
Saturday starting at 5:30 pm, Rockway's "Big Night Out" with The Second City. Visit [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca) for tickets.

**Fairview Centre for Health and Wellness** is offering free talks about healthy eating. Fri Oct 27 and Fri Nov 24 at 2 pm in the Centre Auditorium. See posters for more details.

**Conrad Grebel College** Installation of the College's 8<sup>th</sup> President, Marcus Shantz, at the Humanities Theatre, Hagey Hall, U of Waterloo, on Sun Oct 29 at 2 pm. Reception to follow at Conrad Grebel.

**“The People’s Song Set Free”** a concert marking the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Spiritus Ensemble performs works for choir and orchestra based on early hymns of the Reformation by Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn and Brahms with soloists Sheila Dietrich, Jennifer Enns Modolo and Richard Hrytzak; Kenneth Hull, conductor. Sun Oct 29, 4-5 pm at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water St N, Kit. Tickets available online at [www.spiritusensemble.com](http://www.spiritusensemble.com) and at the door.

**Kindred Credit Union** is accepting applications to the Kindred Charitable Fund for project grants from churches and charities that help inspire Peaceful, Just, and Prosperous communities. Deadline for submission is Oct 31. More info visit [www.kindredcu.com](http://www.kindredcu.com)

**Fraser Lake Camp Fundraiser**—enjoy an evening of live music and delicious desserts in support of repairing our climbing wall, Nov 4 from 7-9 pm at Breslau Mennonite Church. All ages welcome, by donation. Contact Kristen Berg to RSVP and for details [kberg@fraserlakecamp.com](mailto:kberg@fraserlakecamp.com)

**Menno Singers** presents its first concert with newly appointed Artistic Director Brandon Leis. “Come Evenings Rest— Evening, Eternity & Time,” will be held at Rockway Mennonite Church on Sat Nov 4 at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$20 (students \$5): [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com) or at the door.

**Discover Rockway Night**, Thurs Nov 9 at 7 pm, a great way for future students to come and explore Rockway. Interested families can register at [www.rockway.ca](http://www.rockway.ca)

**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!

**Rockway's Annual General Meeting**, Thurs Nov 23 at 7 pm. If you are interested in exploring Rockway Membership and voting privileges for your church, contact Karen Martin Schiedel at [karenms@rockway.ca](mailto:karenms@rockway.ca)

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** is seeking a *Food Services—Server/Dishwasher*. For more information, please see [www.rockway.ca/contact/employment-opportunities](http://www.rockway.ca/contact/employment-opportunities)

**Calling all Painters!** Silver Lake Mennonite Camp is looking for painters who would be keen to converge on the camp the week of Nov 6 to 10 to paint the kitchen, addition and vestibule. Accommodations and food supplied. Please call Dave Erb, 519-422-1401 or [fun@slmc.ca](mailto:fun@slmc.ca)