

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

“Being transformed by and extending God’s love
through worship, hospitality and service”

Sunday December 11 at 9:30 am
Advent 3 – Tell what you hear and see



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We acknowledge that our church is located on the traditional lands
of the Neutral, the Anishinaabe, and the Haudenosaunee peoples.

Worship Service, December 11 @ 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Ellen Kim; Song Leader: Marg Martin
Pianist: Katherine Rochester; A/V Technician: Brandon Pace

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #217 Hark, the Glad Sound

Call to Worship: see insert

Opening Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting: see insert

Hymn: VT #210 O Come, O Come, Immanuel (v 1&7)

Psalm 146:5-10

Hymn: VT #239 He Came Down

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

Message: Tell what you hear and see KyongJung Kim

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #761 I Love to Tell the Story

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #245 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Blessing

Postlude

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Danielle is speaking on the theme: *Do not be afraid.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** Thursdays from 1 to 2pm. This week's scripture is John 7:10-24. The Zoom link is [here](#).
- **Christmas Dinner** Fri Dec 16 @ 5:30pm at Wanner with Preston and the Recovery Houses. No cost but donations welcome to support the Recovery Houses. Reservations required as there is a limit of 65 people. The link to RSVP is [here](#). If you are able to help out in any way, please add that to your RSVP.
- **From PCRC:** As you know Preston and Wanner are continuing our covenant for another two years. Also, our pastors' current contracts are up at the end of July and a review for renewal of contracts needs to be completed at least six months prior to the end of the contracts. Therefore, PCRC will be doing annual reviews with Danielle and KyongJung in January. We will be giving them feedback and thinking about the coming two years. We would like to hear your feedback as well. Words of encouragement, appreciation and ideas for improvement are welcome. If you have feedback to share, please email Barb Duncan (bjduncan13@gmail.com) by January 6, 2023.
- **Thanks to Nancy Kinsie** for the use of her brightly coloured *Japanese Lantern* quilt located in the front lobby.
- **Shirley Schiedel** says thanks to Pastoral Care for the lovely box of cookies and to Jeanette for delivering them and her visit.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

- **The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir** is excited to present: *Glory, Glory!* on Sunday Dec 11 at 3:00 pm at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Join us as we sing songs that celebrate the wondrous events of Christmas. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$5 for children ages 5 to 8. Please order your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/22ChristmasTickets>.
- **Menno Singers** and artistic director Brandon Leis present a Service of Lessons and Carols on Sun Dec 11 at 7:30pm at Trillium Lutheran Church (22 Willow St, Waterloo). Admission by donation.
- **Silver Lake 2023 Winter and Spring Retreats** are now open for registration. There are options for all ages! For more info and to register, go to [SLMC Retreats & Events](#)

Call to Worship

Leader: Look, I am sending my messenger, go tell what you have seen!

**People: God's awesome wonders fill the earth, the lost are found,
the blind receive sight, the deaf hear, the lame walk,
the poor are preached to, and those who are dead in spirit
receive new life.**

Leader: Is this what you were expecting to see?

People: Blessed are they who trust in the Lord!

Leader: For his yoke is easy, his burdens are light.

All: Great is their faithfulness!

Candle lighting Liturgy

Leader: Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is soon.

**People: Tell what you hear and see: even now, like water in
the desert, we see God's action all around.**

Leader: As we gather strength, we light this candle as a sign
of your love made visible among us.

People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.



Christmas Giving Ideas 2022

Many people are struggling and our donations can help ease the burden. Here are some suggestions.

1. Fill the Mitten tree in the front lobby with warm hats, scarves and mittens.
2. Make a financial donation to Porchlight Counselling and Addiction Services, Cambridge. (formerly Family Counselling Centre of Cambridge and North Dumfries), which provides mental health support for residents of the Recovery houses. Designate "Porchlight" on your offering envelope.
3. MCC brings ideas for comfort and joy in the 2022 Gift Giving Guide. Please see the bulletin board by the library books.

