

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday December 5, 2021 @ 9:30 am

ADVENT 2: Dare to imagine God's Embrace

Worship Leader: Jeanette Moreau Song Leader: Muriel Bechtel
Pianist: Katherine Rochester A/V Technician: Chris Brown
Speaker: Dawne Driedger

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

GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #212 Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Call to Worship:

Opening Prayer

Advent Candlelighting

Candle Litany:

Leader: We light a candle of peace. And we imagine:

People: God's tender mercy, God's compassion.

Leader: We light the candle of peace to feel God's embrace,
God's nearness, God's breath.

People: Imagine that....we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Advent Hymn: VT #239 He Came Down That We May Have Peace

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Luke 1:68-79

Message: Dare to Imagine...God's Embrace!

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #715 Longing for Light

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #248 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Blessing

Postlude

Preston Mennonite Church strongly encourages everyone attending the in-person worship services and church events to be fully vaccinated. If you are not fully vaccinated, are feeling unwell or have a change in your health, we encourage you to participate in our worship services via the livestream link.

Nurture Hour: No discussion today.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Wed Dec 8	9:30am	Pastoral Care
Thurs Dec 9	10am	Property & Finance
Thurs Dec 9		NO Prayer meeting due to funeral

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Calling Our Cookie Makers:** Pastoral Care is putting together small gift boxes of homemade cookies again this year. Could you help with making 2 dozen cookies (no nuts or peanut butter)? Bring them to the church by Wed Dec 8. They will be delivered on Dec 8 & 9. Thanks for your help! Another drop off option: Barb will be in the front lobby on Tues Dec 7 between 10am and noon to receive any cookies.

- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** is taking place on Thursdays from 1-2 pm. The Zoom link to join the meeting is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300. Note: prayer meeting will not be held on December 23 and December 30.
- **Bulletins** are finished and printed by Friday afternoon. Please have submissions in by noon on Fridays. The office will be closed from Dec 23 through Dec 29. Items for the Dec 26 bulletin should be in no later than noon on Dec 22. Thanks. Please use preston.mennonite.church@gmail.com instead of office@prestonmennonite.com as it will expire soon.
- **Menno Singers are back!** Join us for an online party on Sun Dec 18 at 3pm as we share “Christmas Lessons and Carols.” The direct link to watch is [here](#).
- **Backyard Plans:** For the next two weeks, following the Worship service, there will be posted two preliminary conceptual designs for the backyard property. We want your feedback, questions and ideas to pass on to the landscape company, “Quiet Nature” who are working with us to create a Healing Garden and quiet space for our church and neighbours at Fairview to enjoy. December 5 we will be introducing the concepts and December 12 will be an opportunity to ask questions and give your feedback.
- PMC Council is inviting anyone interested in attending the online AVP workshops (discussed on Nov 28) to register [here](#). You may also want to sign up for the optional session to prepare for the workshops. It will give you the technical skills to operate the necessary online applications. Enter “Preston Mennonite Church” into the box marked “church affiliation” as PMC Council will be covering the cost. Deadline to register is Jan 4. More info: Dawne Driedger or Will Stoltz.

OFFERING

There are **three** ways to give: **Cheque** (mail or drop off at church), **Automatic giving** (set up with Dave Rorke) or **E-transfer** to treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



The Mitten Tree will be located in the foyer until the week before Christmas. Donations of new knit or purchased waterproof mittens of all sizes are very welcome. You may put them on the tree or leave them in the baskets. This year the mittens will be taken to The Healing of the Seven Generations, a centre in Kitchener for First Nations people suffering the effects of the residential school systems, or facing barriers when trying to access services.

You are invited to “Share the Warmth” this Christmas by supporting the 80 men who are facing homelessness due to the temporary closure of a Waterloo Region Shelter. House of Friendship’s John Neufeld suggests that we put our resources into supporting Bridges as its staff is working overtime to find a warm place for the men to sleep. You may donate items as listed in your mailboxes or cash by designating Bridges “Share the Warmth” on your offering envelopes until December 19.



Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30pm

Please register with the office
as seating will be limited
to allow for safe distancing.
One of the joys of Christmas Eve
Is seeing old friends!
Guests need to register as well.
If you register but then can't attend,
let the office know
so that the space can be given
to someone else.
Live streamed service available.



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