

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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Tree of Life

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Artist Statement

We gather at the Tree of Life, which was in the garden, and will be with us in the restored creation. Around the tree we rest and play; under its branches we belong. It is our source of wisdom, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations. By the tree, we need not fear, for the lamb rests in the bosom of the lion, and the child and the adder play together. By the tree, we meet our friends—old and new, forgotten and familiar. And when we have gathered, we realize the tree has been with us all along. So come, friends, rest, play, and belong.

Sunday February 27, 2022 @ **9:30 am**

Worship Leader: Dawne Driedger Song Leader: Muriel Bechtel
Pianist: Katherine Rochester A/V Technician: Chris Brown
Speaker: Ken 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 #47 God of Our Strength

Call to Worship: Psalm 99

Opening Prayer

Hymn: VT #36 Let Us Build A House

Prayer of Confession and Absolution: VT #899, VT #903A

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Readings: Galatians 6:1-5

Message: Boundaries: Who is Responsible for What?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #367 Gracious Spirit

Offering

“Quilt Tour” and Blessing of the Quilts

Prayer Time

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #705 For the Healing of the Nations

Blessing

Postlude

Discussion Time: at **11am** on Zoom. The link is [here](#).

Boundaries Class

After worship today, we're planning to start a 9-session Faith Formation series entitled *Boundaries*, which addresses the idea that each person has a set of things for which we are individually responsible, and that there are other things for which others (not us) are responsible. When we take responsibility that rightfully belongs to others, they often feel disrespected and disempowered, whether they are able to articulate that or not. And when we fail to take responsibility that rightfully belongs to us, we effectively offload that responsibility onto those around us, who again, easily feel disrespected and imposed upon. Healthy boundaries make fulfilling relationships much easier. Unhealthy boundaries predispose us to unhappy relationships. But how can we get from unhealthy boundaries to healthy ones? How can we even identify healthy and unhealthy boundaries?

The participant's guides we ordered will be available at the church building this afternoon (not in time for distribution this morning). If you'd like a copy (\$15 + tax) and you haven't already reserved one, please let Ken or Dawne know, and we will set one aside for you. If you ask Dave Wilson, he may be able to email you an electronic copy of the first session in time for the FF class. Please feel free to participate even if you don't have or want a participant's guide, whether in person or by Zoom. And if you have any questions, please call or text us at 226-341-6706 or 226-350-6215 or email us at dawne.ken.pwchurches@gmail.com.

Dawne & Ken

Prayer for the War in Ukraine

God of hope,
we pray to you when hope is scarce
as our world convulses with the horror of war.
You alone know the extent of the crimes committed in Ukraine:
the people murdered, the homes and infrastructure destroyed,
the way violence comes as a calamity,
cutting a swath through the world.
Why is power concentrated in the hands of so few?
How can we make this war stop?
You alone know a way out of this quagmire of evil.
Help us find it.
Awaken those who dismiss this as someone else's problem.
Give world leaders wisdom as they impose sanctions,
looking for diplomatic and economic ways to end this aggression.
Raise up resistance to war in Russia itself.
Protect the people of Ukraine,
who are reeling from the trauma of invasion.
Open the arms of neighbouring countries
to take in refugees.
In times like these,
fill us with resolve rather than hatred.
Help us believe that justice will prevail,
that crimes will be prosecuted,
that peace can be found
even in the roar and rubble of war. Amen

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EVENTS & MEETINGS

Tues Mar 1	10am to 3pm	Fidelias
Wed Mar 2	9:30am	Council meeting
Thurs Mar 3	1pm to 2pm	Prayer meeting
Thurs Mar 3	7pm	Worship meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Re-opening Update:** For the remainder of February, we will continue with a limited number for Sunday morning worship. The adult discussion time will remain on Zoom at this time. Our hope is to safely open on March 6 at a capacity of 36 people. Coffee time will resume on March 27 in time for the AGM that day. Questions? Contact Sandra or Dave B.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** is on Thursday from 1-2 pm. This week's scripture text is Mark 14:66-72. The Zoom link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300
- **Fidelias** is having its "re-opening" meeting on Tue Mar 1. Masks and social distancing will still be needed. It will be nice to get together again!
- **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday March 27. Thanks to everyone who submitted reports so promptly.
- **World Day of Prayer 2022**, Theme: I Know the Plans I Have for You. Based on Jeremiah 29:1-14. You can view the World Day of Prayer Service video at www.wicc.org

OFFERING

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