

# **PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH**

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

**Sunday February 5, 2023 at 10:30 am**

**On the other side of the lake**



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## Worship Service, February 5 @ 10:30 am

Worship Leader: Chuck Simmons; Song Leader: Laverne Martin  
Pianist: Katherine Rochester; A/V Technician: Brandon Pace  
Speaker: Danielle Raimbault

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

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #36 Let Us Build a House

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Psalm 77:1-9, 13-15

Hymn: VT #161 I Sought the Lord

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

Gospel Contemplation: Mark 7:24-30

Message: On the other side of the lake

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

Hymn of Response: VT #440 Ask the Complicated Questions

Prayer Time

Offering

### **SENDING**

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #716 God of Grace and God of Glory

Blessing

Postlude

**Next Sunday:** KyongJung will be speaking on the theme:

“Go, your faith has healed you” from Mark 10:46-52.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

Tue Feb 7	9:30am	Fidelias – Great Winter Warm Up
Wed Feb 8	9:30am	Church Council meeting
Thur Feb 9	10am	Property & Finance meeting
Wed Feb 15	9am	PMC Men's Fellowship meets

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fairview bus** is NOT AVAILABLE this Sunday Feb 5 but will run the rest of the Sundays in February.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** Thursdays from 1 to 2pm. This week's scripture is John 8:21-30. The Zoom link is [here](#).
- **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Sun Apr 2. Reports are due to the office by Feb 28. Thanks.
- **Danielle** is taking her quarterly Sunday off on February 12.
- **The Carbon footprint discussion, Deb Lehman's slide show as well as the Meatless potluck has been rescheduled to March 12.**
- **Update:** Last fall at the congregational meeting we presented the two responses to our letter to our neighbours about having space available and inviting them to submit proposals. One was from River City – which we know did not work out, and the other was from Fairview Mennonite Home. Sandra, Nancy K and Dave B had an initial meeting with Fairview, including the CEO and some Board members, to explore and clarify a few things about the short-term portion of their proposal. This was a good meeting, and a report will be going to Council on February 8th. Council will continue to keep you informed about what is happening with this initiative, and discussion will take place with you, the congregation, before any decisions are made.
- **Worship table:** This icon by a Bulgarian iconographer depicts Abraham and Sarah with the three strangers who told them they would have a son in their old age. (Genesis 18:1-14). It speaks of making space for strangers and the message they bring, even when it upsets our usual ways of thinking.
- Are you interested in being a part of an **Easter Choir**? The commitment would be 2-3 practices beforehand. Please let Danielle know and what part you sing if you are interested.

## EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

- **Addison Women's Choir** presents *Love Is A Song* on Sun Feb 12 at 3pm at PMC. Tickets \$15, children under 12 are free. For more info: [www.addisonwomenschoir.com](http://www.addisonwomenschoir.com)
- **Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's** Founders' Day celebration is on Feb 15. All details can be found at [www.rockway.ca/foundersday](http://www.rockway.ca/foundersday)
- **Free Family Day Open House** at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp on February 20 from 10am to 3:30pm. Lots of activities for the whole family. RSVP to [info@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:info@hiddenacres.ca) More info at [www.hiddenacres.ca](http://www.hiddenacres.ca)
- Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to register today for their **28th Annual Golf Classic**, happening on Monday, May 29 at Grey Silo Golf Club. Register as a single or get a team of 4 together. Details can be found at [www.rockway.ca/golf](http://www.rockway.ca/golf)



This February MCC is again hosting "The Great Winter Warm-up." Fidelias has chosen to designate their regular February 7 meeting day, with extended hours, to host a GWW comforter knotting blitz at PMC. We invite everyone to choose a time to come and to help in this knotting blitz fun. We will be ready to begin at 9:30 a.m and close around 8 p.m. Choose any time that works for you and come and stay as long or as short a time as is comfortable for you. Men, women and children are welcome. This is a skill that is easily learned so come and join the fun.

As is the usual practice at Fidelity we will enjoy our sack lunch together at noon and in the evening from 5:00 – 6:00 a soup and pie supper will be available for those who have been knotting in the afternoon or are coming to knot in the evening.

Mark this date on your calendar and come and join in the fun at the comforter-knotting blitz.

It would be helpful if you let us know if you plan to come for the supper so we can prepare enough food. A sign- up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the lobby.