

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Sunday January 1 at 9:30 am
Happy New Year



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Worship Service, January 1 @ 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Muriel Bechtel; Song Leader: Laverne Martin
Pianist: Wendy Imrie; A/V Technician: Chris Brown

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 #240 Joy to the World

Call to Worship: VT #884

Opening Prayer

Psalm 148

Hymn: VT #248 It Came upon a Midnight Clear

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Matthew 2:13-23; Hebrew 2:14-18

Message: He comes to us in all our distress

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #617 When Peace like a River

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #631 Take Thou My Hand

Blessing

Postlude

Credits: Blessing – Pat Bennett (Wild Goose Publications)

Starting next Sunday: Worship Services will start at **10:30am** at Preston Church (and 9am at Wanner Church).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **What Gospel story intrigues you?** The next sermon series will be on the Gospel story and we want YOU to choose which stories are preached on! Email your favourite/challenging/ least favourite/loved Gospel to Danielle or KyongJung by December 23.
- **Church Potluck lunches** are going to be held the second Sunday of each month. The first one is January 8 following the service and the theme will be “names.” Please bring a dish that starts with the first letter of either your first name or last name.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** Thursdays from 1 to 2pm. This week’s scripture is John 7:32-36. The Zoom link is [here](#).
- **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.
- **The next edition of the Preston Post** will be coming out in January! The theme of this Post is FAMILY. *Share with us your favourite family photos and tell us stories about your family!* Photos, articles, poems or quotes of any subject are always welcome! Submissions are due by January 13 to danielle.pwchurches@gmail.com or drop off in Danielle’s mailbox.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

- **Rockway Reflections**, Winter 2022 edition can be viewed [here](#).
- **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](#)