

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH



Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want. He makes me lie down
in green pastures. He leads me beside
still waters. He restores my soul. He
leads me in paths of righteousness for
his name's sake. Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil, for you are with
me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me. You prepare a table before
me in the presence of my enemies; you
anoint my head with oil; my cup
overflows. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*

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Worship Service, July 17, 2022 @ **9:30 am**

Worship Leader: Will Stoltz; Song Leader: Marg Martin
Accompanist: Catherine DiClemente; A/V Technician: Carl Cui

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 #34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Gathering Call through Prayer

Hymn: VT #435 Blessed Assurance

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: Psalm 23 (in unison and reflection)

Message: Life Giving Scriptures for the Journey

What scripture is meaningful or life giving to you and why?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Hymn of Response: VT #420 God of the Bible

Prayer Time

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #419 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Blessing

Postlude

**You are invited to join in
Coffee & Fellowship time in the lower auditorium.**

Next Sunday: Joint Farewell Service for Dawne & Ken Driedger at 10am at Wanner Picnic Shelter. Ken will be speaking. Potluck to follow. The Fairview bus will pick up at 9:15am by the apartment entrance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Summer Theme: Keep the fire going**

What makes the church different from other associations of people? How can we fulfill the mandate of Jesus' great commission? If we want to grow continuously and reach out to people, we need God's power and creative energy, which is the Holy Spirit. "The Holy Spirit changes a theory into a commandment, an option into a mandate, and speculation into commission." The early church grew despite external persecutions and internal challenges because the power of God was at work through the Holy Spirit. Even though 2,000 years have passed since the church was birthed, we can still learn about growth from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the summer, we will explore with our pastors how the Holy Spirit of God enabled the fearful disciples to become faithful witnesses to participate in God's mission and turn the world upside down.

- **Mennonite Church Canada** provides weekly services through out the summer from various churches. The link to view these services is [here](#). This Sunday the service is from Sterling Mennonite Fellowship (MC Manitoba) with Doug Klassen (Executive Minister of MC Canada) as the guest speaker, focussing on Exodus 3.
- **The time has come to say 'farewell' to Dawne and Ken.** Their last day with Preston and Wanner congregations is Sunday July 24. There will be a joint Worship Service at 10am that day in the Wanner Picnic Shelter, followed by a Potluck meal together. Ken and Dawne have modeled many of the fruits of the Spirit in their brief time with us, and encouraged us to do the same. We would like to bless them with some fruits of our own, so we invite you to bring ONE piece of fruit (your choice). The fruit you bring, will be collected to present to them with our blessing, as they move on to new opportunities.
Please bring your chair, your piece of fruit and your hymn book if you have one. For the potluck, bring your favorite picnic food to share, and your own plate, cup, and utensils.

- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting:** is on Thursdays from 1-2pm. This week's scripture text is John 3:16-21. The Zoom link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300

- **Masks** are no longer mandatory but please feel free to wear one if you choose to.

- **Our year at Fidelias:** We started quilting and knotting in Sept. We had a social in Dec with a potluck. At that meeting Laverne Martin was recognized for all the work he does for us by cutting, sewing and binding comforters. In June we ended our year by going to MCC New Hamburg, where we donated \$650 for 100 health kits, which we packed. We ended our time by going to Schmidtsville for lunch and a social time. 94 comforters were made this year, 16 went to the Recovery house. Preston's quilts at the Relief Sale raised \$1725. See you all in Sept. - Nancy Sabo

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

➤ **West Fest is coming to Wanner!** On Saturday August 13 from 3pm to 9pm. Kid's activities include face painting, pony rides and bouncy castle. Live music and line dancing. Hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks and beverages. Bring your friends and family for some good country fun!

WAYS TO PROVIDE YOUR OFFERINGS

Church Mailbox: you can mail a cheque to the church. You can also walk, drive, be driven, or give your envelope to a trusted friend to drop off at the outside church mailbox. It is locked.

AFT Offering Program: Did you know that 18 members of our church are happy with the freedom that the AFT offers. Once you choose an amount and a date and time, you need not worry about missing your offering while away, or in an emergency/medical situation.

E-Transfer: Funds from your bank can be transferred to the church account at Bank of Montreal. You need to arrange your part of the e-transfer with your bank. When it is set up, you would send an email to PMC to the email of treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com

Last Resort: if none of the above work for you, call Dave R at 519-653-1537 or drorke@golden.net to make a pick up.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

We have become aware of ways to support Ukrainian Refugees as they make their way to Waterloo Region.

1: ITEMS TO DONATE: A list of items currently needed is listed below. Please donate only items on the list. No clothing, winter items or toys right now. Most needed:

- ✓ Flour, salt, pepper, baking supplies, coffee dry beans, rice, juice, drinking boxes
- ✓ New pillows
- ✓ New or nearly new bedding and towels
- ✓ New underwear for men and women and youth bras
- ✓ Sunscreen, hair brushes and combs, shaving gel, shampoo, body wash, teen products, chap stick, hand and body lotion, Q-tips, hair products, hair ties, ladies' razors, deodorant and band aids
- ✓ Running shoes and summer shoes for children
- ✓ Gift cards for grocery stores
- ✓ Crafts and games for kids 10 and up.

Donations may be dropped off at 130 Weber Street W, Unit 101 Kitchener (the old Caya Fabrics building). Enter the driveway to the parking lot off Wellington St past the second house. For donations and to visit the store, go to the walkway on the right side of the building by the sunflowers on the fence and up a few stairs. Open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10-4:30. Closed holidays. Or, call Nancy Kinsie if you have items to donate. To see everything we can help with visit: www.wrgrassrootsresponse.ca

2: STUDENT AT RISK FUND: The appeal from the University of Waterloo is to bring students at risk in Ukraine to continue their studies here. The Student and Risk Fund is intended to cover costs associated with hosting visiting undergraduate and graduate students who will be integrated across UW facilities. Expenses include English as a second language, on campus accommodation, meals and essential travel. Click [here](#) to donate.

3: MCC: contributes locally the amount of 10% of every shipment from the warehouse to the Indigenous neighbours and Newcomer programs. (including Ukrainians)