

PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Sunday March 12, 2023 at 10:30 am

Shaped Through Thirst



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

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Worship Service, March 12 @ 10:30 am

Worship Leader: Alexis Simmons; Song Leader: Marg Martin

Pianist: Katherine Rochester; A/V Technician: Josh Oliverio

Speaker: Danielle Raimbault

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #29 Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Psalm 95

Hymn: VT #49 All Who Are Thirsty

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Reading: John 4:5-42

Message: Shaped through Thirst

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Song of Response: Second Chance by Tina Boonstra

Prayer Time: VT #706 O Healing River

Offering

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #703 Rain Down

Blessing

Postlude

Next Sunday Rafael Vallejo will be speaking on *Called to the Light* using John 9:1-41.

The Worship Table reflects our Lenten Theme, "Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus," reminding us that people of all ages, genders, cultures and backgrounds are "created in the image of God and shaped by Jesus." Thanks to those who contributed the figures. Be sure to come up and take a closer look.

Second Chance by Tina Boonstra

Can You pull me off the floor again
I hate to say it but I'm struggling
Could I get a second, second chance
It's not my first I know it won't be my last

I don't have the faith that my parents have
Don't know how to be brave, like my brother can
In my mind I am running, truth is I can hardly stand
I seem to fail You now time and time again

No matter what I try, I just seem to miss the mark
Slip down the ladder, and land back at the start
I was gunning for furnace, could you even call this a spark?
How can I be the kind of fire that You want?

How do You do it? How do You love like this?
You never give up on me, You never give up

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sun Mar 12	11:30am	Slide Show with Deb Lehman and Meatless Potluck
Sun Mar 12	7pm	"This is My Story" with David Groh
Wed Mar 15	9am	Men's Fellowship group meets
Fri Mar 17	7pm	Games Night at Wanner
Sun Mar 26	10am	Joint Intercultural service at PMC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS.** Don't forget to set your clocks **forward** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.
- **Meatless Potluck:** bring the recipe for your dish and come try some new ideas!
- **Fairview bus** will run all the Sundays in March EXCEPT for Sunday March 12. NO BUS MARCH 12.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** Thursdays from 1 to 2pm. This week's scripture is John 9:13-34. The Zoom link is [here](#).
- **"This is My Story"** with David Groh @ 7pm on Mar 12 at PMC or via Zoom. The link is [here](#).

- **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Sun Apr 2. Thank you to all who have already submitted their reports.
- **Sign up for Bible Study!** Danielle will be leading a 5 week Bible Study on certain Scripture passages to our church in celebration of Anabaptism's 500th anniversary. You will be invited to study the Scriptures thoroughly and provide insight that will be sent back to the broader church to be part of a Community Bible Reflection. *We will offer two groups, one in person and one on Zoom.* To sign up or for information, please talk to or email Danielle (danielle.pwchurches@gmail.com) **by this Sunday.**
- **Easter Choir practices:** Sunday April 2 @ 2pm and Saturday April 8 @ 10:30am at Preston church.
- **Women Talking:** Are you interested in seeing this movie featured in the current issue of *Canadian Mennonite* and discussing it with others afterward? Elsie and Muriel are going to the 1:30 pm show on Wed, March 15 at the Princess Twin Cinemas in Waterloo. If you would like to join us, please call Elsie (519-653-0296) or Muriel (519-219-3344).
- **About the quilts in the front lobby:**
 - The “flying geese” quilt inside the front entrance is a hopeful sign that spring is on its way. Made by Muriel Bechtel.
 - The small watercolour quilt (with butterflies) was made by Nancy Kinsie in a Piecemakers’ class led by Dorothy Kinzie. Many of us learned and refined our quilting skills from Dorothy.
 - The quilt by the elevator is titled “The Beloved Community,” a phrase which Martin Luther King Jr. often used to describe the church. Muriel won this motley collection of mismatched strips as a prize at a quilt retreat. Like the quilt, we are not all coordinated or even compatible and yet God’s creative Spirit forms us into a Beloved Community.

Ethical Eating: What Does It Mean?

The Connections Committee has been exploring ways we can respond to the issues related to climate change. How can we as a group and as individuals find ways to reduce our carbon footprint?

When I went to the internet link for reducing my own carbon footprint, one of the primary suggestions was to eat three meatless meals each week. The members of our committee decided this was a good start for ourselves and those who attend Preston Mennonite Church. The potluck meal on February 12th, will feature dishes that are made without meat. A list of the foods that can be used to make such dishes, is provided below.

Most of us know that red meats are very destructive to the environment due to the vast areas of land required to support large herds of animals. Cattle, in particular, produce methane gas, which forms a big part of the gases that lead to a greenhouse effect and cause global warming. But even fish can be a problem, because of the huge ships that catch and process them, then toss everything related to that process into the ocean, along with the garbage produced by the humans on board. So, what foods can we eat in order to be ethical in our attempts to protect our planet?

Of course, fruits and vegetables are all safe options. So are nuts and seeds, pulses, which include dried beans, lentils, and peanuts, plus whole grains. The second list is where our proteins are found. Most vegetarians would also include fish, eggs, and cheeses in the list of acceptable proteins. You can use your own conscience to determine what you will include in your meatless dish to share on that Sunday.

If anyone needs help in deciding what to bring, you can call me, Evelyn Wake at 226-204-0268, or email me at zoewisner@outlook.com The link to check your own carbon footprint is here.

https://carboncalculator.climatehero.me/?source=GoogleKeywords&qclid=CjwKCAiAzp6eBhByEiwA_gGq5HJfAl0cqxkPONTO7Zyh5zOnrA1WmOndEczy7Mjly2opsEspDspMvxoC8PcQAvD_BwE

What's happening for Holy Week?

We have a few services throughout Holy Week that you are invited to take part in during this reflective week.

April 7, 8pm: Tenebrae Good Friday Service
at Wanner Mennonite Church

April 9, 7:00am: Easter Sunrise Service in the Wanner Woods

April 9, 10:00am: Easter Morning Service
at Preston Mennonite Church

If you have any questions or want more information about any of these services, contact Danielle!

Pastors' New Schedules

KyongJung: Tuesdays/Thursdays at Wanner (9:45am-1:45pm)
Wednesdays/Fridays at Preston (9:45am-1:45pm)
Monday will be his day off.

Danielle: Tuesdays/Thursdays at Wanner (9am-4pm)
Mondays/Wednesdays at Preston (9am-4pm)
Fridays will be her day off.

Who do I call for what?

Doors/Connections/Outreach	KyongJung
Worship Ministry	Danielle
Ongoing Pastoral Care	KyongJung
Urgent Pastoral Care	Danielle
Leadership Teams (TLT & PCC)	Danielle
Pastoral & Spiritual Care	KyongJung
Living Bridges Assembly/SDA	Danielle

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate and MCC Indigenous Neighbours Program invite you to an event at Rockway on March 29, featuring [The Landed Buggy](#) Art Exhibit. Visit www.rockway.ca for more details.

Menno Singers and artistic director Brandon Leis present Rachmaninoff's All Night Vigil (Vespers) at Trillium Lutheran Church (22 Willow, Waterloo) on Saturday, April 1 at 7:30pm. \$25 Adults. \$5 Children/Students. Tickets available on-line or at the door (cash or credit) www.mennosingers.com

Indigenous Learning Retreat (April 26-27): Indigenous cultural awareness workshop with Diane Giroux. Come to Silver Lake on Wednesday evening for dinner and spend the night. Thursday morning be inspired to learn about indigenous culture. Great opportunity for church ministry workers. Go to [SLMC Retreats & Events](#) for more info and to register.

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

Summer Camp Registration is now Open: Visit the SLMC website for more details about overnight camps, outtrips and day camps. Click here for [**Camp Info and Registration**](#)

Wanted: Volunteers to serve on the Board of the Detweiler Meetinghouse and Roseville Cemetery. Contact Marion Roes, secretary at mlroes@sympatico.ca about the work of the Board. See www.detweilermeetinghouse.ca for more information about us. The historically restored stone church at 3445 Roseville Road, can be rented for public meetings and there are occasionally planned public events. The Board meets twice a year.