

# PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Sunday March 19, 2023 at 10:30 am

## Called to the Light



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 19 @ 10:30 am

Worship Leader: Muriel Bechtel; Song Leader: Laverne Martin  
Pianist: Katherine Rochester; A/V Technician: Josh Oliverio  
Speaker: Rafael Vallejo

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #10 Here in This Place

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God makes us lie down in green pastures.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God leads us beside quiet waters.

**People: We shall not want.**

Leader: God is with us through dark valleys.

**People: We shall not want.**

**All: Reassure us through your Spirit,  
The love of Jesus Christ,  
And the promise of your presence.**

Opening Prayer

Psalm 23: VT #725 (unison)

Hymn: VT #715 Longing for Light

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?**

Bible Reading: John 9:1-41

Message: "All the Light We Cannot See"

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

Hymn of Response: VT #762 This Little Light of Mine

Prayer Time

Offering

**SENDING**

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #714 Let There Be Light

Blessing

Postlude

Credits: Prayer adapted from *Words for Worship 2*, #33 written by Marlene Kropf. Benediction from *In the Sanctuary of Women*, copyright © Jan L. Richardson. Posted on **the painted prayerbook**.  
<http://paintedprayerbook.com/>

**Next Sunday** is a Joint Intercultural Worship service with Wanner and the LBA at 10am here at Preston. KyongJung will be speaking on Lent 5 – *Called to Life*, using John 11:1-45.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sun Mar 26	10am	Joint Intercultural service at PMC. Bring snacks to share (optional).
Wed Mar 29	1:30pm	Connections meeting
Thur Mar 30	7pm	Worship commission meeting
Sun Apr 2	1pm	Annual General Meeting
Tue Apr 4	10am	Fidelias

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fairview bus** will run all the Sundays in March.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** Thursdays from 1 to 2pm. This week's scripture is John 9:35-41. The Zoom link is [here](#).
- **Annual General Meeting** is scheduled for Sun Apr 2. Worship service at 10:30am, Table talk 11:30am-12:15pm, Lunch 12:15-1pm, AGM 1pm-3pm.
- **Bible Study!** Danielle will be leading a 5 week Bible Study on certain Scripture passages in celebration of Anabaptism's 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will study the Scriptures thoroughly and provide insight to be sent back to the broader church to be part of a Community Bible Reflection. For information, please talk to or email Danielle ([danielle.pwchurches@gmail.com](mailto:danielle.pwchurches@gmail.com))
- **Easter Choir practices:** Sunday April 2 @ 3pm and Saturday April 8 @ 10:30am at Preston church.

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!

## **EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION**

**Addison Women's Choir Pansy Fundraiser:** All are mixed colour pansies, 8 in bowl is \$12, 10 in bowl is \$15, 11 in bowl is \$19. Orders are due Wed Mar 22, pickup is Fri Apr 14. Contact Judy at [judyhiggins@rogers.com](mailto:judyhiggins@rogers.com) or 519-219-2506

**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](http://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](http://www.mennosingers.com)

### **Ways to support the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale:**

[Comedy & Music Night](#) on Apr 14 at 7pm at Waterloo North Mennonite Church. Come for an evening of fun!

Tickets at [www.nhmrs.com](http://www.nhmrs.com)

[Fundraiser Dinner](#) on Mon Apr 24 at 6pm at Floradale Mennonite Church. Tickets (available at the door) are \$25, children 10 and under are free. But reservations are needed in advance by calling 519-745-8458 ext 262.

**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.

**Cambridge Moves for Mental Health walkathon** is a fundraiser for Porchlight, on Sat Apr 29. Beginning at Cambridge Civic Square at 11am (check in 10:30am). More info and sign up [here](#).