# **PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH**

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# LENT 1: From Security to Surrender Luke 4:1-13

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# NOTE: WE WILL BE SINGING TODAY! PLEASE KEEP YOUR MASKS ON

# Sunday March 6, 2022 @ 9:30 am

Worship Leader: Muriel Bechtel Song Leader: Laverne Martin Pianist: Katherine Rochester A/V Technician: Brandon Pace Speaker: KyongJung Kim

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 #1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us

Call to Worship

**Opening Prayer** 

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

Hymn: VT #564 What Wondrous Love Is This

#### WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Bible Readings: Luke 4:1-13

Message: From Security to Surrender

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

Hymn of Response: HWB #163 Obey my Voice

Prayer Time

Offering

#### SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #832 The Lord Lift You Up

Blessing

Postlude

\*\*During Lent, we will have two periods for silent reflection during the service—after the Bible reading and after the sermon. We encourage you to bring your Bible for that time of reflection.

Our theme for Lent is "Seeking God's Ways." Lent is a time to repent – to turn from our ways and recommit ourselves to the ways of God as revealed in Jesus. As we reflect on the Lenten scripture readings we realize that they reveal truth about the ways of God, as well as the ways God's people get it wrong. And so, we will be invited to consider how we might think God offers one thing but what God really offers can look quite different. Our hope is that within this theme of "seeking God's ways" we will discover space and encouragement to grow more and more faithful to Jesus.

### Discussion Time: at 11am on Zoom. The link is here.

# **Boundaries Class**

After worship today in Faith Formation, we're tackling the second of 9 sessions of *Boundaries*, which addresses the idea that each person has a set of things for which we are individually responsible, and that there are other things for which others (not us) are responsible. When we take responsibility that rightfully belongs to others, they often feel disrespected and disempowered, whether they are able to articulate that or not. And when we fail to take responsibility that rightfully belongs to us, we effectively offload that responsibility onto those around us, who again, easily feel disrespected and imposed upon. Healthy boundaries make fulfilling relationships much easier. Unhealthy boundaries predispose us to unhappy relationships. But how can we get from unhealthy boundaries to healthy ones? How can we even identify healthy and unhealthy boundaries?

The participant's guides we ordered have been placed in the requesters' church mailboxes. We will also have a few extra copies at the meeting. Please feel free to participate even if you missed last week or don't have or want a participant's guide, whether in person or by Zoom. And if you have any questions, please call or text us at 226-341-6706 or 226-350-6215 or email us at dawne.ken.pwchurches@gmail.com.

Dawne and Ken

## EVENTS & MEETINGS

Thurs March 10	10 am	Property & Finance meeting
Thurs March 10	1 to 2 pm	Prayer meeting
Wed March 16	9:30 am	Church Council meeting

# Prayer for the War in Ukraine

God of hope,

we pray to you when hope is scare

as our world convulses with the horror of war.

You alone know the extent of the crimes committed in Ukraine:

the people murdered, the homes and infrastructure destroyed,

the way violence comes as a calamity,

cutting a swath through the world.

Why is power concentrated in the hands of so few?

How can we make this war stop?

You alone know a way out of this quagmire of evil.

Help us find it.

Awaken those who dismiss this as someone else's problem.

Give world leaders wisdom as they impose sanctions,

looking for diplomatic and economic ways to end this aggression.

Raise up resistance to war in Russia itself.

Protect the people of Ukraine,

who are reeling from the trauma of invasion.

Open the arms of neighbouring countries

to take in refugees.

In times like these,

fill us with resolve rather than hatred.

Help us believe that justice will prevail,

that crimes will be prosecuted,

that peace can be found

even in the roar and rubble of war. Amen



# **Mennonite Central Committee**

Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ



This young girl and friends made a doll's house out of a cardboard box that was used to ship MCC canned meat. She lives with her mother at a women's residence operated by an MCC partner in Nikopol, Ukraine. (MCC photo)

Responding to conflict in Ukraine–You can provide relief today Russian military forces have invaded Ukraine by land, sea and air. Missiles have struck major cities and casualties continue to grow. MCC will be responding to the crisis through our local partners. Your donations and prayers will help partners scale up their work Providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people.

DONATE TODAY! 888-622-6337 or www.mcccanada.ca/ukraine or 134 Plaza Drive, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5K9

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• Lectio Divina Prayer meeting is on Thursday from 1-2 pm. This week's scripture text is Mark 15:1-15. The Zoom link is <u>here</u>. Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300

• World Day of Prayer 2022, Theme: I Know the Plans I Have for You. Based on Jeremiah 29:1-14. You can view the World Day of Prayer Service video at <a href="http://www.wicc.org">www.wicc.org</a>

#### **OFFERING**

Three ways to give: <u>Cheque</u>; <u>Automatic giving</u>; or <u>E-transfer</u> to <u>treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com</u>

