

# PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday November 21, 2021 @ **9:30 am**

Worship Leader: Nancy Kinsie Song Leader: Muriel Bechtel

Pianist: Wendy Imrie A/V Technician: Chris Brown

Speaker: Gladys Bender

*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:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 21:1-7

The Dish with One Spoon agreement

Hymn: VT #790 How Can We Be Silent?

## **WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?**

New Testament Reading: Luke 10:25-34

Message: Who is my neighbor?

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

Hymn of Response: VT #389 Together (sung by Camps With Meaning)

Prayer Time

Offering

## **SENDING**

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #800 Honja Sorironeun (With My Voice Alone)

Blessing

Postlude

FEEL FREE TO USE THE HYMN BOOKS TO JOIN IN WITH THE READINGS  
AND HUM ALONG WITH THE HYMNS  
BUT WE ASK THAT YOU **PLEASE DO NOT SING.**

*Preston Mennonite Church strongly encourages everyone attending the in-person worship services and church events to be fully vaccinated. If you are not fully vaccinated, are feeling unwell or have a change in your health, we encourage you to participate in our worship services via the livestream link.*

**Nurture Hour:** Our guest speaker, Gladys Bender will be joining us. This is your opportunity to respond to her presentation and ask your questions about her involvements with local Indigenous peoples and the Land Defenders in Caledonia. Hope to see you there.

### EVENTS & MEETINGS

Thurs Nov 25	1pm to 2pm	Prayer meeting
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Eternity Sunday** is Nov 28 when we will remember those who died from our church as well as your friends and family. Please send names and a digital photo, year of death and relationship to you, to the office email ([preston.mennonite.church@gmail.com](mailto:preston.mennonite.church@gmail.com)) by Nov 23 to be included in a PowerPoint presentation during the service.
- **The Mitten Tree** will be located in the foyer from Nov 28 until the week before Christmas. Donations of new knit or purchased waterproof mittens of all sizes are very welcome. You may put them on the tree or leave them in the baskets. This year the mittens will be taken to The Healing of the Seven Generations, a centre in Kitchener for First Nations people suffering the effects of the residential school systems, or facing barriers when trying to access services.



- **Christmas Tea** on December 5 after church service. Please add your name to the sign up sheet if you would like to come. Space is limited. Cost will be a donation to help cover expenses. Questions: call Anita. Hope to see you there!



- **Calling Our Cookie Makers:** We need your help! Pastoral Care would like to put together small gift boxes of homemade cookies again this year and we are hoping our great church bakers can help. We ask that you make 2 dozen cookies (no nuts or peanut butter) and bring them to the church by Wed Dec 8. Pastoral Care will be packaging and delivering on Dec 8 & 9. Thanks for your help! Barb, Elsie, Laverne, Marg, & KyongJung.
- **Addison Choir Poinsettia Fundraiser:** White, Pink or Red in sizes 4.5in (\$6), 6in (\$10), 8in (\$20) and 10in (\$29). To order call 519-219-2506 or email [judyhiggins@rogers.com](mailto:judyhiggins@rogers.com) by Nov 21. Pickup is on Dec 3 at PMC from noon to 2pm.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** is taking place on Thursdays from 1-2 pm. The Zoom link to join the meeting is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300. Let KyongJung know if you want to join in person.
- **You are invited to “Share the Warmth”** this Christmas by supporting the 80 men who are facing homelessness due to the temporary closure of a Waterloo Region Shelter. House of Friendship’s John Neufeld suggests that we put our resources into supporting Bridges as its staff is working overtime to find a warm place for the men to sleep. You may donate items as listed in your mailboxes or cash by designating Bridges “Share the Warmth” on your offering envelopes until December 19.

- **Bulletins** are finished and printed by Friday afternoon. Please have submissions in by noon on Fridays. Also, please use the email address [preston.mennonite.church@gmail.com](mailto:preston.mennonite.church@gmail.com) instead of [office@prestonmennonite.com](mailto:office@prestonmennonite.com) as it will expire soon.
- **MCC Christmas Marketplace:** Thurs Nov 25 & Fri Nov 26, 12pm to 8pm and Sat Nov 27, 10am to 5pm at 50 Kent Ave. All proceeds support MCC relief around the world. More info at [www.mcco.ca/events](http://www.mcco.ca/events)
- **Retirement celebration** for Ann Schultz, principal of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on Sun Nov 28 at 3pm online. RSVP to [www.rockway.ca/withgratitude](http://www.rockway.ca/withgratitude)



### **OFFERING**

There are **three** ways to give: **Cheque** (mail or drop off at church), **Automatic giving** (set up with Dave Rorke) or **E-transfer** to [treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.pmc791@gmail.com)

## **Singing Together:**

Church Council has decided to invite the congregation to sing (with masks and distancing) starting November 28, the first Sunday of Advent, as long as there are no new public health restrictions to the contrary. We recognize that some are eager for this change while others may be more cautious. Here's what you can expect:

- We will open a few windows slightly for ventilation so be prepared and dress accordingly.
- Our intention is to provide options that will respect each other's preferences. E.g. Those who are more cautious but still want to attend may feel safer toward the back of the sanctuary without people singing behind them.
- When greeting each other, we encourage asking about the other person's comfort level. A slight bow, bumping elbows, a handshake or warm words and smiles are some of the options.
- We continue to encourage vaccinations as an important way to protect each other.
- For those who aren't ready to come back, please continue to participate through the livestream link in the weekly bulletin in order to remain connected virtually until such time as being together in person is possible for everyone.

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