

# PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday November 28, 2021 @ 9:30 am

## ADVENT 1: Dare to imagine God's Goodness

Worship Leader: Muriel Bechtel Song Leader: Marg Martin  
Pianist: Katherine Rochester A/V Technician: Brandon Pace

### **GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: VT #210 O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Advent Candle Lighting:

Leader: Source of all goodness, by your presence light up the past,

**People: That we might remember and learn from it with thankfulness.**

Leader: Light up the present,

**People: That we might live in it with courage and love.**

Leader: Light up the future,

**People: That we might be courageous bearers of hope in a troubled world.** (pause)

**All: God, as we await your promise, awaken our imaginations.  
Give light, give hope.**

Moment of Silent Reflection

Advent Hymn: VT #239 He Came Down That We May Have Hope

Time of Remembering

Lighting the Eternity Candle

"A Litany For All Saints" by Jan Berry

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?**

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Message: Goodness of God

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

Hymn of Response: VT #118 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Prayer Time

Offering

**SENDING**

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #259 To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

Blessing

Postlude

Credits: Litany for All Saints written by Jan Berry, published in *Candles and Conifers: Resource for All Saints' and Advent* by Wild Goose Publications, 2005.

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

*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:** Dawn Driedger is joining us to do a presentation on AVP (Alternative Vision for Peace). All welcome.

**EVENTS & MEETINGS**

Wed Dec 1	7pm	Joint Worship meeting
Thurs Dec 2	1pm to 2pm	Prayer meeting
Sun Dec 5	After worship	Christmas Tea
Wed Dec 8	9:30am	Pastoral Care

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Christmas Tea** on December 5 after church service. Please add your name to the signup 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.
- **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.
- **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.

### **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)

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



**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.

**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.





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