

# PRESTON MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Sunday September 17, 2023  
10:30 am



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## **Worship Service**

Worship Leader: Muriel Bechtel; Song Leader: Marg Martin  
Pianist: Catherine DiClemente; A-V Technician: Brandon Pace  
Speaker: Alissa Bender

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

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: Vt #39 As We Rise, O God, to Meet You

Call to Worship: VT #855

Opening Prayer: VT #859

Psalm 103:1-18

Hymn: VT #75 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven!

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

Bible Reading: John 12:20-33

Message: Looking, Loving, Letting Go

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

Hymn of Response: VT #585 Faith Begins by Letting Go

Prayer Time

Offering

### **SENDING**

Announcements

Sending Hymn: VT #759 Take My Life, and Let It Be

Blessing

Postlude

Credits: Offering prayer-adapted from Phil Porter, *Sing the Journey* #152;

Blessing-Ruth C. Duck from *Bread for the Journey*.

Next Sunday: Peace Sunday, Danielle will speak on *Peace and Being family* based on Matthew 12:46-50

## **Three Sisters Potluck**

Next Sunday, September 24 come and join our commemoration of The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day). This week in the email and in the bulletin you have received our Territorial and Land Acknowledgement.

During our discussion time 9:30 on the 24th...we would like to hear from you as a congregant of PMC on whose behalf the statement is being made. How do you feel about it? Can you commit to it?

After Church, please come to the Three Sisters soup lunch and sample recipes suggested by our guest chef Sydney Keedwell and prepared by our team of PMC chefs, of soups, chili, bannock (bread) and of course there will be desserts and strawberry juice and teas. Sydney will tell her story and assess our cooking skills.

Please sign up on the bulletin board that you are coming. We believe we have all the food we need. Contact Nancy K with any questions. Hope everyone will join us! Friends welcome!



If you are looking for an **orange shirt**, consider buying one designed by Two-Spirit Ojibway artist Patrick Hunter at your local Giant Tiger store (or online at [GiantTiger.com](https://www.gianttiger.com)). 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the shirts will be donated to Indspire, a national Indigenous registered charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people for the long term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wed Sept 20	9am	Men's Fellowship group in Meeting room
Sun Sept 24	noon	Three Sisters Potluck (see insert)
Tue Sept 26	7pm	Worship Leaders in Meeting room
Tue Oct 3	9:30am	Fidelias in Fellowship hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Fairview bus** will pick up at 10am on Sunday.
- **Lectio Divina Prayer meeting** every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:30pm on Zoom. This week's scripture is John 16:16-24. The link is [here](#). Meeting ID: 875 3755 0024 Passcode: 931300
- Please have **bulletin submissions** for next week's bulletin in by Thursday noon. Thanks.
- Fall has come and **KyongJung** has started his bus driving route! KyongJung's hours are: Tues-Fri from 10am-2pm (Tues/Thurs at Wanner, Wed/Fri at Preston). **Danielle** works Sunday-Thursday and generally takes Friday and Saturdays off. As pastors, our schedules often have us out of the office but we always want to be as available as we can be! The best way to get hold of us is to call us on our cell phones (Danielle- 519-502-9262, KyongJung- 519-589-9080). We are always open to visits and chats!
- Are you interested in joining the **PMC Table at the Interfaith Community Breakfast?** On October 4 from 7am-9am at the St George Banquet Hall in Waterloo. The topic is "Together in Hope" and award-winning author Paul Born will explore ideas that move people to work together for the common good. Cost is \$30/person. *Please let Danielle or Fred Kinsie know if you are interested in attending.*
- **Preston Post!** It's time for another edition. Share some photos or stories of what you've been up to this summer. Submit to Danielle at [danielle.pwchurches@gmail.com](mailto:danielle.pwchurches@gmail.com) or put in her mailbox by Sept 24.
- **Chris Brown** is again doing the charity motorcycle ride for London Children's Hospital. To donate please see Chris or donate online [here](#). Minimum donation \$25 for tax receipt.

## **EVENTS BEYOND THE CONGREGATION**

- You are invited to join as a **singer in the Mennonite Mass Choir** in a performance of Handel's Messiah with the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony at Centre in the Square on Sunday, December 10th (afternoon). Monday evening rehearsals begin on September 25th at First Mennonite Church (800 King St E, Kitchener) from 7:30-9:30pm. For more information and to register go to [www.mennosingers.com](http://www.mennosingers.com)
- **Hidden Acres Annual Seniors Fall Retreat** on Monday October 2nd. The theme is *Songs that Shape and Reshape Us*. Our resource person is Ingrid Loepp Thiessen. Doug Cressman will accompany the singing. Cost is \$50 per person, registration is limited. The link for registration can be found [here](#).
- **House of Friendship's Friendship Dinner** on Saturday, October 28, is your time to celebrate inspiring youth who are overcoming the odds! More info and tickets at [www.houseoffriendship.org/friendshipdinner](http://www.houseoffriendship.org/friendshipdinner)
- **Climate Emergency Vigils** being held from Sept 1-Dec 15 at Waterloo Public Square from 8 to 9pm. Details can be found [here](#).
- **"We Own This Now"** A play presented by Ted & Company, explores the impact of the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal and religious framework that justified European colonization of the Americas and the oppression of Indigenous peoples. It is sponsored by the MCCO; the Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group on Indigenous/Settler Relationships; local churches and church groups; businesses and individuals. It is a follow up to the play, "Discovery - A Comic Lament" which was performed in the Region in 2018. Support this important work by:
  1. Making a donation to help keep ticket prices accessible to all. Donations can be made to MCCO, designated to "We Own This Now."
  2. Buying tickets to a performance: \$15 each (\$10 for students). Get yours at [mcc.org/we-own-this-now](http://mcc.org/we-own-this-now).

October 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Steinmann Mennonite Church,  
1316 Snyder Rd W, Baden

October 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate,  
110 Doon Rd, Kitchener