

WILMOT MENNONITE CHURCH

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Follow Me

Prelude

Welcome

Michael Fewkes

Call to Worship

To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**To those who dwell in gloom and despair,
God's glorious presence has appeared.**

God is indeed our light and our salvation.
We will follow, unafraid, where God leads us.

Let us worship our God of light and promise.

Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

Opening Prayer

God of light and love,
we come this morning with eyes stinging from the
brightness of your glory.
We have become so accustomed to the darkness,
that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us.
Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may
be flooded with love and mercy and joy.

Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and
peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving,
protective presence.

Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that
we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

Song God of Our Strength VT 47

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Song O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee HWB 357

Scripture Matthew 4:12-23

Song Will You Come and Follow Me VT 540

Sermon Susan Allison-Jones

Song God, Be the Love VT 43
Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Choir

Song of Response Communion

Song VT 458 The Water is Ready
Julie Armes & Family

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Sending

Postlude

Advent Worship Services - Restoration is Near

Jan 22 Follow Me Susan
Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Matthew 4:12-23
Jan 29 Blessed are they Lisa Carr
Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, Matthew 5:1-12
Feb 5 Responsibilities of Discipleship Susan
Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9, Matthew 5:13-20

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Morning Quilting & Matt Weaving 9:00 am

Birthdays:

Darlene Culp Jan 22

Prayer Requests:

Mary Schwartzenruber is in the Grand River Hospital. Please pray that she and her children will experience God's love and care as they make decisions for Mary's care.

Pray for Stan and Sylvia Gallian and their children as they continue to walk with Stan's sister who is in palliative care.

Congregational Notes:

Doris Duncan's new address:
Sunnyside Home
Doris Duncan Castle Kilbride Wing Room #1314
247 Franklin Street North,
Kitchener, ON N2A 1Y5

"Anabaptism at 500" Bible Study: The 500th anniversary of Anabaptism in 2025 gives the Church a unique opportunity to celebrate and dream. MennoMedia invites you to celebrate and dream with us as we embrace the hope and possibility created by this momentous anniversary. You can find out more information at <https://anabaptismat500.com/>

One of the opportunities to participate in this celebration is to participate in a special Bible Study to read the Bible together and contribute in the form of marginal notes for a new Anabaptist Bible. The Wilmot Ignited Churches are hoping to gather together one or more study groups to share this experience within our congregations. It is expected there will be 4-6 weekly sessions beginning mid-late in February. The day of the week and time can be determined from the responses but it is expected that this will be a Zoom study, held from 7:00-8:30 pm. If you would like to participate, [please register through this form](#) or send a message to pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com. Please register before January 31.

Beyond The Congregation:

Wilmot Death Café - Our lives are filled with death and grief all around us. Having open, honest and safe conversations about death, helps us to live well. The inaugural gathering of the Wilmot Death Café will take place on Wednesday, February 15 from 7-8:30 pm. This monthly Zoom gathering is designed to be a safe space where we will have informal conversation about our experiences with death and learn from one another about how to live well. Talking about death and our immortality empowers us to not just survive, but thrive! Go to <https://deathcafe.com/what/> for more information. If you have additional questions or to register in advance (needed in order to receive the zoom connection details), contact Greg Yantzi (pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com).

NHMRS Feature Quilt Reveal

January 23 at 9:30 am at 50 Kent Ave, Kitchener or Online

Each year, a talented individual or team creates the feature quilt for the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. On January 23, the curtain will be removed and the 2023 feature quilt will be revealed. Go to mcco.ca/events for more info.

Menno Singers and artistic director Brandon Leis

present a new composition by local composer Justin LaPierre, 'Messe de Sainte Anne ', a weaving together of Québécois hymns and folk music, at St Matthews Lutheran Church (54 Benton St, Kitchener) at 7:30pm on Saturday, February 4. \$25 Adults. \$5 Children/Students. www.mennosingers.com

Back by popular demand, Selah's Song, (written by Johnny Wideman, with original music by beloved Mennonite musician Bryan Moyer Suderman) tells the story of a young girl whose courage inspired a village and whose song became an anthem for peace. Selah's Song will be presented at Shantz Mennonite Church on Fri, Feb. 10th at 7:00PM. Admission by donation.

SAVE THE DATE for our Founders' Day Celebrations at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. We are excited to celebrate in person and to add NEW events! Visit www.rockway.ca/foundersday for more information.

Ministry Team Leaders:

Ministry Coordinator & Facilities – John Good

Worship and Formation – Lil Quanz

Fellowship – Fern Good, Marcia Kastner, Susan Wagler

Pastoral Care, Missions and Service - All members

Member at Large (Ministry Team) - Ross Shantz

Pastor: Susan Allison-Jones; wilmotpastor@gmail.com

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Administrative Assistant: WilmotMennoniteChurch@gmail.com

To Book the Church call the Church Office @ 519-634-5030.

Church Office Hours: Edna will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday (9:30- 1:30). Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday..

Protocols We wish to create a safe environment for people to gather together in our building. We invite all to enter into this new way of being community together with gratitude to our God that we can adapt to new ways of being a faithful community. We invite you to enter into the space in ways that you are comfortable with and that respect others. If you have concerns please talk to a member of the protocol committee.