

## WILMOT MENNONITE CHURCH

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July 27, 2025  
Conversion of Paul

Prelude Sharon Heipel

Welcome Wolfgang Dreschke

### Call to Worship

Risen Christ, you met Paul on his way to Damascus and Peter while he was fishing.

**Meet us as we gather here and be with us in our daily life, that we may be transformed as they were, fulfilling our potential and discovering new possibilities in ministry and service.**

Song Christ is Our Cornerstone VT 04

Psalm Psalm 117

Song When We Walk with the Lord VT 570

### Prayer of Confession

Lord, we are here, with all our faith and all our doubt, in all our strength and in all our weakness, We have come from different places, carrying different burdens, different expectations, different hopes, but together we pray: God of the road to Damascus, shatter our complacency, disturb our certainties and open our hearts to new possibilities and new truths, that the scales of our prejudices, dogmas and mistakes may fall away and, like Saul, we may become the

people you truly made us to be. We ask this in Jesus' name, Christ who lived and died and rose again and whose name we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

God's anger lasts but a moment,  
but God's favour lasts a lifetime.  
The Lord forgives our shortcomings  
and sends deliverance through Christ,  
just as the Lord forgave Saul  
and used him to spread the gospel.  
Thanks be to God!

Scripture Acts 9:1-31

Song Wonderful Grace of Jesus VT 170

Sermon Susan Allison Jones

Song of Response New Earth Heavens New VT 377

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

### Announcements

Song Jesus Loves Me VT 516

Sending

Go forth from this place with your eyes wide open  
as you journey into the wider world.  
Love God and see Christ in each person you meet.  
Give thanks always  
and do not withhold love from any,  
for we do not know who may yet turn to the light.

## Postlude

\*Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession from East Cadler  
Church of Scotland  
\*Words of assurance ~ written by Sandra Miller  
\*Benediction from Ministry Matters Website 01.05.22

## Upcoming Worship Services

- Aug 3 Wilmot Ignited Worship Service at Wilmot  
"Spirit Acts" a drama by Arlyn Friesen Epp  
Aug 10 Vision of Cornelius: Inclusive Faith  
Acts 10:-11:18 Susan Allison-Jones  
Aug 17 Mars Hill and the Unknown God  
Acts 17:16-34 Bob Thaler

## Birthdays

Marcia Kastner August 2

## Anniversaries

Beverly & Michael Koenig July 27

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for the 123.2 million people worldwide who have been forced to flee their homes. Pray especially for refugee communities who have experienced serious and longstanding needs but have been chronically overlooked by the global

community. May churches and community members respond to the call to sponsor these forgotten refugees through Canada's cost sharing (BVOR) program. Let your prayers be inspired by the stories told by two Congolese refugees featured in Undercurrent Episode 30 - "Unspeakable suffering: defiant joy in DR Congo."

## Congregational Notes

We are hosting the Wilmot Ignited Churches for worship on August 3rd. The service will begin at our regular time of 10:00 am. The service will include a drama production by Arlyn Friesen Epp entitled Spirit Acts: A Monologue based on Acts 1-12. You can join virtually by using the following Zoom link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9761314898?pwd=eHR2SE5pNWdleNjFTXVSZUhoNHpkQT09>  
Hillcrest Meeting ID: 976 131 4898  
Password: 1964)

## Beyond the Congregation

### Retreat for men: Will you let me be your neighbour?

*November 28-29, 2025, Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre* Men are invited to participate in this retreat that will focus on building healthy relationships of peace in their daily roles as fathers, sons, husbands and neighbors. We'll learn lessons from guest speaker Arthur Boers, teacher, author and pastor, as he reflects on the impact and healing of generational trauma in his childhood. Learn more at  
<https://mcc.org/search?keywords=men>