#### WILMOT MENNONITE CHURCH

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# November 16, 2025 The Tale of Two Brothers: Forgiveness

Prelude Doris Martin

Welcome Ross Shantz

Call to Worship

We come together this morning to praise our God.

Sing praise to God who rescues us when we fall!

Even though we fall, God lifts us and places us on paths of peace.

Sing praise to God who walks with us on all our journeys!

Even though we stray, God finds us and brings us back to lives of hope.

Thanks be to God, whose love is continually with us.

Praise be to God, whose mercy is over us all.

#### **Opening Prayer**

We come together this morning to worship you O Lord. As we sing our praise to you, as we read and ponder your Word to us,, draw us close to you, the source of our strength. Bless us as we meet together, and may all that is said and done bring glory to your Holy name. Amen

Song Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness SS 1

Words of Promise John 14:27 & VT 907

Song Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord HWB 151

Words of Hope VT 908 & 909

Song I Will Come to You in the Silence SS 49

Story of Forgiveness: Jacob & Esau Ted & Co. Genesis 32:1- 21 33:1-17

Sermon

Song of Response God, Be the Love VT 43

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

**Announcements** 

Song What Is The World Like VT 298

Sending

Postlude

## **Upcoming Worship Service**

Nov 23 Passing the Blessing Genesis 35:16-29; 37:1-50:26 Glyn Jones

#### **Advent Worship Services**

Nov 30	Unexpected Joy (Elizabeth's Story) Luke 1:57-80 & Psalm 89:1-4, 8-11 Susan Allison-Jones
Dec 7	Merciful Love (Zechariah's Story) Luke 1:57-80 & Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Susan-Allison-Jones
Dec 14	Embodied Promise (Mary's Story) Luke 2:1-20 7 Isaiah 9:2-7
Dec 21	Courageous Defiance (Joseph's Story) Matthew 2:1-15 & Exodus 1:8-2:10 Susan Allison-Jones
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service (4 pm)
Jan 4	Generational Praise (Anna's Story)  Luke 2:22-40 & Psalm 148 Susan Allison-Jones

## **Upcoming Events**

Dec 7 Annual Meeting after Worship

Dec 10 Christmas Dinner at Schmidtsville at noon

### **Prayer Requests**

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for Wilmot Mennonite Church. Susan Allison-Jones provides pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this community as they work to provide community and encouragement to each other.

Please continue to keep Susan Wagler in your prayers. Susan continues to receive treatment as a patient at Groves Memorial Hospital in Fergus. Pray for Ed, Mandy, Maegan, and Stephanie as they walk this difficult journey with Susan.

#### **Congregational Notes**

The sign up sheet for the Christmas Lunch at Schmidtsville is on the bulletin board. Consider inviting a friend to join us.

Thank you to all who gave to raise funds for the meat canner that is located at the MCC hub in New Hamburg. \$1,450 will be forwarded to Nith Valley Mennonite Church to assist them in covering the cost of one batch.

The worship service on November 23rd will include a time to remember the losses we have experienced in the past year. If you wish to highlight the death of someone in your connections in the past year please give Susan their name and their connection with you.

## **Beyond the Congregation**

**Sunday, November 30, 2025, 7pm.** Three Choirs at Christmas. Ring in the Advent season with choral favourites, readings, and carols, sung by Menno Singers, Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir and Menno Youth Ensemble. Trillium Lutheran Church (22 Willow St, Waterloo). Adults \$30, Students \$5. Tickets at the door or online at <a href="https://www.mennosingers.com">www.mennosingers.com</a>

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