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Passing the Blessing

Prelude Delphine Schwartzentruber

Welcome Bonnie Lee Bowman

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 149: 1-4)

Come, let's praise God together!
Sing a new song—
a song of God's goodness and mercy,
faithfulness, and love.
For God delights in His people,
crowning them with honor and glory!
Let's worship together.

Opening Prayer

O Living God of past and future,
we praise you
for this present moment.
As we worship this morning,
fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit,
that our strength may be renewed
to sing a new song of your glory
in a world which longs for your justice and peace.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus,
in whom we become
your new creation. Amen

Song God of Our Strength

HWB 36

Scripture

Song I'm Pressing on the Upward Way

THM 582

Video The Story of Joseph & his Brothers

Sermon & Scripture Genesis 35:16-29; Chapters 37-50
Glyn Jones

Song of Response O God of Blessings
sung by members of the Anglican Diocese of Dunedin
New Zealand

Remembering our Loved Ones

Psalm 23 The Lord's My Shepherd

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of
righteousness For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever and ever. Amen**

Acknowledging Other Losses

Song Healer of Our Ever III

VT 644

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song Lead Me Forth

VT 837

Sending

May the God of Jacob, Joseph, Reuben, and Judah;
Peter, James, John, and Andrew;
Mary, Martha, Ruth, and Lydia,
Erma and Doris
grant you grace to abide in God's love,
give you peace to abide in God's forgiveness,
and the power to live in God's faithfulness. Amen.

Postlude

*The litanies used in our service of remembrance were written by ~ Joanna Harader posted on her Spacious Faith website and Rev. Mindi, posted on her Rev-o-lution website. Both were adapted for our purposes.

Advent Worship Services

Nov 30 Vigilant Hope (Isaiah)
Isaiah 2:1-5 Susan Allison-Jones
Dec 7 Prophetic Peace (Zechariah)
Luke 1:57-80 & Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Susan-Allison-Jones
Dec 14 Unexpected Joy (Elizabeth)
Luke 1:57-80 & Psalm 89:1-4, 8-11 Danielle Rimbault
Dec 21 Merciful Love (Joseph)
Matthew 2:1-15 & Exodus 1:8-2:10 Susan Allison-Jones
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service (4 pm)
Dec 28 Christmas Carol Service at Mannheim Mennonite Church
Jan 7 Generational Praise (Anna)
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
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service 4 pm
Dec 28 Wilmot Ignited Worship Service
at Mannheim Mennonite Church

Birthdays

Glyn Jones November 26

Prayer Requests

Please keep Jean Shantz in your prayers as she settles into a new home at Parkwood Mennonite Assisted Living.

Give thanks with Nevin and Wanda Gingerich that Nevin was offered a bed at Nithview Longterm Care. Pray for them during this transition and that a suitable room will be available for Wanda in the Retirement Home of Nithview.

Please continue to keep Susan Wagler and her family in your prayers. Pray for a sense of peace as they experience God's presence with them.

Please pray for the **MCEC community of congregations**. This week we are praying for **Windsor Mennonite Fellowship**. Rielly McLaren provides pastoral leadership for this community. Pray for this community as they work to learn, love, serve, and grow together.

Congregational Notes

The winter months are hard for people who are not properly housed or on limited incomes. Warm socks, coats, mittens, scarves, and hats are essential during these cold months. During the Advent season we will be collecting these necessary items. Designated financial donations will be designated for the purchase of such items. Place your donations (including food) under the Christmas tree beginning next Sunday.

Women, join Kathryn Cressman at an advent retreat at Crieff Retreat Centre, Sat. Dec 13th, 10 am to 4 pm. Kathryn says: Advent is my favourite season of the church year. Join me in a "time-out" from the busyness of the Christmas season as we ponder the beauty of the Incarnation - the gift of God becoming fully human. Through story, reflection and light activity, my hope is for this to be a day of grounding and renewal. Cost is \$48. Lunch is provided.

The MCC Meat Canner is up and running and Nith Valley is looking for a group of 8–24 volunteers (ages 15 and older) to help with meat canning in New Hamburg on an upcoming Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday in the next few weeks. (A specific date has not yet been confirmed.) This is a great opportunity to serve together, have fun, and make a meaningful impact supporting the relief efforts of MCC.

Shift options:

Morning: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Full day: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If you're interested or would like more details, please reach out to **Dan Cressman** (cressridgedan@gmail.com), 519-500-0513

Beyond the Congregation

Three Choirs at Christmas Sunday, November 30, 2025, 7pm. 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 www.mennosingers.com
<<http://www.mennosingers.com>>

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp | (slmc.ca)

CILT 2 Registration: Applications for our CILT 2 leadership program are now open! Participation in CILT 1 is not required. For Ages 16+. Applications are due December 1. Visit the [CILT Page](#) for more information.

Rental Availability: SLMC has select weekends available for group rentals in 2026. Feb 20-22, Feb 27-Mar 1, Mar 6-8, Mar 13-22 (flexible dates during March Break), Mar 27-29, May 8-10, Nov 20-22, Nov 27-29. For pricing and details, go to slmc.ca/retreats/group-rentals

Christmas Concert Rockway's Music Department invites you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 9 @ 7 pm at Rockway. Visit rockway.ca/events for more information.

Ministry Team Leaders Ross Shantz (chair), Fern Good,
Florence Scheerer

Finance - Lia and Michael Fewkes

Worship - Bonnie Lee Bowman

Facilities - John Good

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