

# Order of Worship: Sunday, February 2, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Well we finally get to the part where Jonah starts doing what he was called to do by God in the first place. And the results are amazing. So is Jonah such a great prophet that God knew he was the guy to do this job? What can we learn from Jonah's efforts and how God uses people's efforts when it comes to us doing our part for God?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #37 HWB Praise to the Lord

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Philippians 1:12-18 (NIV)** *Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.*

*It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.*

Hymn: #598 HWB A Wonderful Savior

Scripture: **Jonah 3:1 - 4:1 (NIV)** Gary B - *Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."*

*The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from His fierce anger so that we will not perish."*

*When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened.*

*But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry.*

Message: *It's about God ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #544 HWB When we walk with the Lord

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #843 HWB May the Peace of Christ

Benediction

Postlude

\*Please join us downstairs for the annual meeting which will be during discussion time with a potluck to follow

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## **Announcements**

**You're invited to join us for Hope Starts at Home:** Discover Our Local Programs.

You already know about MCC's international work, but this is a chance to see how we're making a difference right here in Ontario, too. It's a hands-on, interactive experience where you can connect with the stories and impact of our local programs.

**Here's what you'll get to do:**

- Taste delicious Raw Carrot soup
- Join a friendship circle
- Walk in the shoes of newcomers to Canada
- Learn about food sovereignty for Indigenous peoples
- And more...

Each station will give you a deeper look into how local action is creating a global impact —and how your support helps make it all possible.

**Event Details:**

- Date: Saturday, February 8
- Location: MCC offices, 50 Kent Avenue, Kitchener
- Time: Two timeslots to choose from:
  - 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM
  - 2 PM - 4:45 PM

**Save Your Spot:** Space is limited, [so sign up here](#).

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you** to join us on the morning of **Friday, February 14, 2025** for our special 80th Anniversary Chapel with guest speakers Ray Boehm '84 and Mary Groh '49. That evening, treat the people you love to a delicious Soup Supper at our Trips Week Fundraiser with family-friendly activities then stay to cheer on your favourite team at the Alumni Sports Challenge. Visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) to RSVP, pre-purchase your soup and learn more about our celebrations!

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** invites you to their all-school musical, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Join us February 27 - March 1, 2025. Tickets are \$20 adult, \$15 child 12 and under and can be purchased at: [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events). If you are a Jr. Youth Leader, take advantage of our special pricing for youth and chaperones. Email [events@rockway.ca](mailto:events@rockway.ca) for more information.

## **Invitation: Anabaptism at 500: Commitment to Scripture**

February 27, 7:00 PM (CST). In person and livestream

Featuring John Roth, Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, Paul Doerksen, Brian Froese

From 1525 to 2025, Anabaptists have taken a very personal *and* community-oriented approach to their embrace of the scriptures. This panel conversation will investigate the ways the Bible shaped the 16<sup>th</sup> century Anabaptist movement at its inception and continues to uniquely define the Anabaptist tradition today. We will also celebrate the Canadian launch of the *Anabaptist Community Bible*. Livestream link -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ll3NZ3j-YfM>.

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Feb 2: Pastor Jim - Annual meeting during discussion time with a potluck to follow.

Feb 9: Pastor Jim

Feb 16: Pastor Jim

Feb 23: Lifted Voices -Nancy Mann

Mar 2: Josh Penfold Hidden Acres

Mar 9: Pastor Jim

**Future events**

\*Thanks to all who helped in the spring cleaning of the foyer, office and sanctuary!

The basement cleaning is on hold until construction of the ramp is completed.