

Order of Worship: Sunday, January 25, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Does how we look at things change as we get older? Can our age also make a difference in how we look at a scripture verse? When it comes to who we care our what does the Bible teach? This also applies in how we look at providing for the needs of the frail elderly. Who's needs are important to us?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Matthew 15:1-9 (NIV) Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, “Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!” Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: “‘These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. They worship Me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #651 HWB - I owe the Lord

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Leviticus 19:32-34 (NIV) Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD. “‘When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

Hymn: #486 HWB - God of our life

Scripture: Deuteronomy 24:19-22 (NIV) Gary B - When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

Message: Extending our care ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #405 HWB v.1-4 - Where cross the crowded ways

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #426 HWB - Abide, O dearest Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

*Please join us downstairs for congregation discussion/coffee time.

Announcements

The Gospel of John will be the focus of the Lenten journey this year with the 2026 Narrative Lectionary scripture readings. You are invited to participate in a Wilmot Ignited Bible Study, led by pastors Kathryn, Kevin and Greg. This will be an in-depth study of John's gospel, starting **Wed, Feb 26** and running weekly for 5 sessions. We will meet at Hillcrest Mennonite Church from 7:00-8:30 pm. For more information, please contact kathryn@hillcrestmc.ca or pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com

Summer Camp Registration opens on January 28th @ 7am for all camps. Visit hiddenacres.ca to register. **Free Family Day Open House** - Join us on Feb 16th between 10-3:30 for a self guided day of snowshoeing, sledding, treasure hunts, crafts, pretzel making, games, puzzles and more. Bring a bagged lunch or pay \$6 for a hot lunch. View the poster at back or visit hiddenacres.ca to register.

Did you go to Rockway? Did you play on one of the girls' volleyball teams or always wished that you had? You're invited to Rockway on **Sunday, February 8 from 2 - 4 pm** to reconnect with peers during a friendly afternoon of volleyball. All skill levels are welcome. RSVP at rockway.ca/events.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate invites you to their **Founders' Day Chapel, Thursday, February 12 at 9:15 am**. For more information and to RSVP, please visit rockway.ca/events.

Join us at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate on Friday, February 20 for our "new" event, Winter Warmup: February Feast & Alumni Sports Challenge. Proceeds from the February Feast (formerly Soup Supper) go towards May Trips Week. Stay tuned to rockway.ca/events for more information.

Tickets are on sale for Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's grade 7&8 production of *Humpty-Dumpty is missing!* They will make great last minute Christmas gifts!! Visit rockway.ca/events for a show synopsis and to buy your tickets for this comedy whodunit. Show dates: **March 5 & 6, 2026**

Upcoming Worship Services:

Jan 25 - Pastor Jim

Feb 1 - Pastor Jim

Feb 8 - Steven Roy

Feb 15 - Pastor Jim –annual meeting after the service, followed by a potluck

Feb 22 - Pastor Jim

Mar 1 - Pastor Jim