

Order of Worship: Sunday, January 4, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: So are we ready to begin another new year? How would we like to start or approach this new year? Would we like to change anything from how we've been living our lives so far? How might the truth and freedom that our scripture passages talk about play a part?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #100 - Sing a new song [chorus book]

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: John 8:31-36 (NIV) To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, “If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can You say that we shall be set free?” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Hymn: I am the Light of the world

Chorus:

And Jesus said: I am the Light of the world

You people come and follow Me

If you follow and see, you’ll learn the mystery,

Of what you can do and you can be.

1. To find the lost and lonely ones,
to heal their broken souls with love
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below the sky above.

Chorus

2. To free the prisoners from their chains
To make the powerful ones agree
To rebuild all nations with strength and goodwill

To call a man your brother anywhere

Chorus

3. To bring hope to every task you do

To dance at a baby's new birth

To bring the sound of music in some old one's heart

To sing the brilliant colours of the earth.

Chorus

4 When the song of the angels is stilled. When the star in the sky is gone.

When the kings and the shepherds have found their way home.

The work of Christmas is begun!

Chorus

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-15 (NIV) Gail - It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Message: Living out the truth and our freedom ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #548 HWB - Teach me thy truth

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #359 HWB - Lead us, O Father

Benediction

Postlude

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**Announcements**

**Tues, January 6th** there will be a coordinating committee meeting at 7pm @ the Meetinghouse.

**Next Sunday, Jan 11,** Teen Challenge from London will be leading our service. Their mission **is to demonstrate God's love by helping individuals become free from substance addiction and equipping them to live full and meaningful lives.**

They will also take part in our sharing of food and discussion. Please bring extra food to share as this will also be their lunch. There will also be an opportunity to financially support their ministry next Sunday.

**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](http://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 4 - Pastor Jim

Jan 11 - Teen Challenge- please bring a little extra food to share with our guests. Thanks

Jan 18 - Pastor Jim

Jan 25 - Pastor Jim