

# Order of Worship: Sunday, January 5, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Does the beginning of a new year make any difference to us? Just another year? Or are we open to God perhaps wanting to do something new through us this year? This morning we'll start looking at the story of Jonah and how he responds when God calls him.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #76 HWB - Praise, I will praise You Lord

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: **Psalms 139:1-12 (NIV)**

*You have searched me, LORD, and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue You, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and You lay Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.*

*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You.*

Hymn: #389 HWB - Take my life

Scripture: **Jonah 1:1-9 (NIV)** Dianne P

*The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before Me."*

*But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.*

*Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."*

*Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. So they asked him, "Tell us, who is responsible for making all this trouble for us? What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?" He answered, "I am a Hebrew and I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."*

Message: *What is God waiting to do through you? ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: #545 VT - Here I am Lord

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #396 HWB - The work is Thine, O Christ

Benediction

Postlude

\*Please join us downstairs for sermon discussion/coffee time.

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**Announcements**

**\*\*Message from Angela McCall**

*Thank you so much to the congregation of St. Agatha Mennonite Church for your gift to The Food Bank of Waterloo Region! Your donation will help provide 1,120 meals to hungry neighbours in our community. Please know you have also given our neighbours peace and hope during this holiday season!*

*With our sincerest gratitude,  
Angela McCall, Donor Relations Coordinator*

**On January 19, Mennonites around the world** will be celebrating the genesis of the Anabaptist movement in 1525. Entitled *Anabaptism at 500*, churches are encouraged to commemorate and celebrate our beginnings. Our Wilmot Ignited Cluster is planning a Celebration Sunday, and Mannheim will host this special celebration! Lisa Pries, MWC executive member, will be our guest speaker, as we think about Anabaptism around the world today. There will be an international potluck where everyone is encouraged to make or provide an international dish or dessert. But if you don't know, or would prefer not to prepare, an international dish, never fear! Personal specialty dishes are also most welcome! **Worship will start at 9:45 a.m. Our congregation decided in December to take part in that service and not have a service at St Agatha.**

**Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Winter & Spring Retreats Registration Now Open:** Come to Silver Lake in 2025 for fun camp experiences! Fathers & Kids Retreat (Jan 17-19), Women's Retreat (Jan 31-Feb 2), Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (Feb 28-Mar 2), Staff Alumni Retreat (Mar 21-23), Music Retreat (Mar 28-30), Family Camp (May 16-18). Go to [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats) for more info. **Summer Camp:** Registration for overnight camp and day camp opens February 1 at 8am. Outtrip registration opens Jan 7 – sign up before Jan 30 to get \$100 off! Visit [slmc.ca/summer-camp](http://slmc.ca/summer-camp) to have a sneak peek at the 2025 schedule.

**The administrator at Shantz Mennonite Church** will be concluding her roles sometime in January so they will be looking to replace her. See poster for attached job description for this position.

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer Cell 92**, a cinematic theatre production, will be held at Conrad Grebel College University in the Great Hall Friday, January 10 and Saturday January 11 at 7 pm both nights. For more information and tickets go to <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/bonhoeffer-cell-92>

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** is going SOLAR! This Fall, we installed 873 solar panels on our roofs. Join us Thursday, January 16 at 7 pm to learn about Solar at Rockway and the CED Co-op which made this project financially possible. More information at [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events)

**Exciting News! The New MCC Meat Cannery is ready!** *Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 65 Heritage Dr., New Hamburg* After months of hard work and anticipation, the MCC Meat Cannery in New Hamburg is complete—and it's time to celebrate! **Join us for the grand dedication event.** Explore the new facility. Discover the life-changing impact of MCC's canned meat around the world. Enjoy delicious refreshments and appetizers. No need to RSVP—just come as you are and be part of this special moment. For details, visit [mcc.org/meat-cannery-dedication](http://mcc.org/meat-cannery-dedication).

**Join our comforter knotting blitz!** *January 25, 2025, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the MCC Hub, 65 Heritage Dr, New Hamburg.* Enjoy hot beverages, great company, and the joy of giving. No experience needed - knotting comforters is fun for all! Go to [mcc.org/events](http://mcc.org/events) for more info.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate turns 80 years** old this year! Join us on **Friday, February 14, 2025** to celebrate the school you love with the people you love. Come to chapel in the morning then come back that evening to support our Soup Supper Fundraiser followed by the Alumni Sports Challenge. More information at [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events)

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate** proudly presents their all-school musical, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, February 27 - March 1, 2025. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.rockway.ca/events](http://www.rockway.ca/events). We look forward to welcoming you and your family into Wonka's world of Pure Imagination!

### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

Jan 5: Pastor Jim

Jan 12: Pastor Jim

Jan 19: 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anabaptism at Mannheim, 9:45 am. No service @ St. Agatha

Jan 26: Pastor Jim

### **Future events**

**\*There will be a coordinating committee meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 7 pm at the church.**

\*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.