Order of Worship: November 15, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: The story of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar-an ancient story with modern applications.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship
Scripture: Psalms 25:15-21 (NIV) My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only He will release my feet from the snare. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me!

Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.
May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in You.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #12 HWB - Come, let us all unite to sing

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-36 (NIV) Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Hymn: #538 MH - The love of God

Scripture: Genesis 16 (NIV) Gary B - Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The LORD has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my slave in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the LORD judge between you and me." "Your slave is in your hands, " Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best." Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her.

The angel of the LORD found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered. Then the angel of the LORD told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count." The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall

name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers. "

She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me, " for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered. So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Message: Love under pressure ~ Pastor Fred Lichti

Hymn of Response: #389 HWB - Take my life

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #327 HWB - Great is thy faithfulness

Benediction

Postlude

** **Please join us downstairs for sermon discussion/coffee time**
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Announcements

Nov 22 We will have our annual Memorial Sunday Service where we remember those who have died in the past. Please let others who have lost loved ones know so they can attend.

****Nov 22. There will be a Congregational meeting following the service (in place of sermon discussion time), to discuss distribution of funds. A potluck will follow this meeting.**

"Grandmothers Kitchen" Foodways and recipes of the Swiss Mennonites of Waterloo County 1920's to 1950's. Meet the authors and hear the stories and inspirations behind the writing of this book. Sunday, November 22, 2 pm Puddicombe House. Refreshments and Fellowship to follow. Copies of the book will be available for $20.00 (see poster at back)

Mark your calendars for Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, November 24** at 7:30 pm, Zoom. Stay tuned to rockway.ca/events for more information.

Repair Café - Saturday, November 28, 2026 Do you have a household item that's broken or needs repair? We'll show you how to fix it for free! See poster at back. Nith Valley EcoBoosters will be hosting our Repair Café Saturday November 28, 2026, 9:30am –12:30pm Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg We'll have skilled volunteer fixers on hand for woodworking, mechanical, sewing, mending, knitting, crocheting, jewelry and book repairs. To learn more about the Repair Café movement visit Repaircafe.org Spread the word!
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YOU ARE INVITED- Lifted Voices Concert "Christmas Meets Us Today" Tuesday, December 1, 2026, First Mennonite Church, 800 King St. E, Kitchener, 2 pm in the Sanctuary
Featuring: Lifted Voices women's singing group,Audience Hymn Singing, Present-day stories from community agencies. Refreshments to follow. Free Admission with optional opportunities to support community programmes financially. Bring a friend. No tickets needed
During King St. closure, access parking via Weber St. and Stirling Ave, going through the parking lot behind the Trends for Men clothing store. # 7 bus stops are at Charles and Stirling in both directions.

Hidden Acres General Meeting - December 1, 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON, N3A 4B5 519-625-8602 www.hiddenacres.ca Hidden Acres is hiring. We are looking to fill a part-time, year round housekeeping role as soon as possible. For more information visit www.hiddenacres.ca or contact Brent at brent@hiddenacres.ca or 519-625-8602.

Save the Date! Saturday, December 5. Wilmot Ignited Advent Women's Retreat at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Sunday, December 13, 7:00 pm at Nith Valley Church - you are welcome to celebrate the Christmas season with an informal Carol Sing. We will have a variety program with lots of singing, featured groups and instruments. A freewill donation will be taken to support Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre Food Bank.

Upcoming speakers:
Nov 15 Fred Lichti
Nov 22 Pastor Jim. Memorial Sunday. Congregational meeting followed by Potluck
Nov 29 Pastor Jim 1st Advent
Dec 6 Pastor Jim