# Order of Worship: November 15, 2026

**10:00 am – In-person worship**

**Pastor: Jim Brown**

Worship theme: Today on this last Sunday of the church, our Memorial Sunday year we remember those who have died. For some our grief is fresh and for others grief has been a companion for many years. For some in the early church the loss of loved ones not only involved grief but also raised doubts and fears for eternity. Paul responds to comfort them and us and to assure us all of the hope that we have in Christ Jesus both for this life and the life to come.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship
Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #25 HWB - Jesus, stand among us

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: John 16:19-22 (NIV) Jesus saw that they wanted to ask Him about this, so He said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me'? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.
Hymn: #599 HWB - He leadeth me

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NRSV) Gail - But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord Himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

Message: Hope in the midst of grief ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #100 Chorus book - Sing a new song

In the lighting of candles, we remember loved ones who have died

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #606 HWB - Oh, have you not heard

Benediction

Postlude

**** Please join us downstairs for a Potluck followed by the congregational meeting.**
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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 Potluck right after the service, then a Congregational meeting following the potluck, to discuss distribution of funds. Please bring a little extra food if possible, to share with our guests. Thank you.**

**"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!

**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.

**GivingTuesday is on December 1st,** and this year, Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH) is bringing our community together for *Building a New Nithview*. With your support, we can reach our fundraising goal. See poster at back for more info.
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**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.

**Rockway's Music Department invites you** to attend their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 8 @ 7 pm at Rockway. Visit rockway.ca/events for more information.

**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 22: Pastor Jim. Memorial Sunday. Potluck after service followed by a Congregational meeting.
Nov 29: Pastor Jim 1st Advent
Dec 6: Pastor Jim
Dec 13: Pastor Jim
Dec 20: Pastor Jim – Potluck lunch
Dec 24: 7 pm Christmas eve service

**Upcoming events**

Dec 9: Christmas caroling