

Order of Worship: Sunday, November 3, 2024

200th Anniversary Service

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Today we celebrate and give thanks for the 200 years we have been a congregation. So what are we celebrating? Is this mostly a day to look back, or should our focus be on what is yet to come? Oh, and what is the church anyway?

Organ Prelude: Rodney Jantzi

Welcome & Call to worship #670 HWB

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #311 HWB – The church's one foundation

Special Music - 2 songs

Professing God's Faithfulness

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all the generations. (*Psalm 90:1*)

People: You, O Lord, have been a dwelling place for us and our children.

Leader: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. (*Psalm 90:2*)

People: You, O Lord, have been with us for these two hundred years!

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (*Psalm 46:1*)

People: You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!

Leader: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (*Psalm 46:7, 11*)

People: You, O Lord, are the eternal One and we have trusted you.

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (*Lamentations 3:22, 23*)

People: You, O Lord, have been our faithful One!

Leader: Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (*Matthew 16:18*)

People: You, O Lord, have built your church in this place and we have been blessed.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

[from Calvin Institute of Christian Worship]

Reflecting on our history: Brenda J

Hymn: #327 HWB – Great is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV) *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.*

Special Music: 2 songs

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 (NIV) Pastor Brent – *What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task.*

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Message: *There's a church within us ~ Pastor Jim*

Hymn of Response: There's a church within us [guitar]

1. There's a church within us O Lord, There's a church within us O Lord,
Not a building but a soul, not a portion but a whole, There's a church within us O Lord

2. There's potential within us O Lord Something stirring within us O Lord
Something straining to have birth, to be visible on earth, There's potential within us O Lord

3. There's a fire within us O Lord A new life a burning O Lord
A new fire for a life, Combating present strife, There's a fire within us O Lord

4. There's a church within us O Lord There's some building to be done O Lord
Not with steel, not with stone, but with lives which are Your own,
There's a church within us O Lord

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #421 HWB – Blest be the tie that binds

Benediction

Postlude

Please join us downstairs for a potluck, sharing time, and singing to follow

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**Announcements**

*\*\*Thank you to our family, church family and our friends for celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary with us. Thanks for the beautiful cards, gifts and well wishes we received. You are all such a blessing and very special to us. Hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.*

*Floris & Wayne*

**Join us and Discover Rockway for your family** at our information night on **Thursday, November 7 from 7 - 9 pm**. To learn more and to register for this event, visit our [Discover Rockway](#) webpage.

[Rockway Mennonite Collegiate - Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:30 pm](#) on Zoom. Email [AGM@rockway.ca](mailto:AGM@rockway.ca) to RSVP for the Zoom link. All are welcome.

**The Prime Ministers Path** has been a controversial issue in Wilmot Township. The time has come for the community to get fully engaged in a process to determine what should happen next. Plan to attend the first community gathering on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Wilmot Recreation Complex.

**The Wilmot Ecumenical Working Group** on Indigenous/Settler Relationships hopes to see you on Thursday, November 14, 2024 7 p.m. at Zion United Church, 215 Peel Street, New Hamburg for the free screening of **Walking Through The Fire**. This special film is a collaboration with award winning Indigenous artists

from across Canada and 6x Canadian Folk Music Award winners The Sultans of String. This trailer will give you a glimpse of what you will experience. <https://youtu.be/wWSZUduo5Kk>  
There are limited seats, so register now at <https://walkingwilmot.eventbrite.ca>  
Questions? Contact [ecumenicalworkinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:ecumenicalworkinggroup@gmail.com)

**The Annual Advent Ecumenical Prayer and Song service is on Sunday, December 1st.** We will be celebrating with our Christian brothers and sisters from the Mennonite, Lutheran and Salvation Army churches. Please join us at St. Agatha RC Church at 6:30 when the Salvation Army musicians will begin our service with an instrumental prelude. Scripture, prayers and hymns will begin at 7pm. Following the ecumenical service, everyone is invited to continue our fellowship as we gather for coffee/tea and treats in the church hall. Treats will be provided by the St. Agatha RC Parish this year. If you are interested in being a member of the Ecumenical Mass Choir, please reach out to Tracy Weber ( email [gtweber@sympatico.ca](mailto:gtweber@sympatico.ca) ) in order to receive details about our 3 Saturday morning choir rehearsals. ( Nov 16, 23, 30, 9-10:30 am) We would love to have you join us in preparing music, as well as preparing our hearts for the upcoming Advent season.

**Wilmot Ignited Christmas Choir** will be performing at three events over the Christmas season:

1. Sunday, December 1, 7:30 pm - Christmas Chorale Concert hosted by Steinmann Mennonite Church, all are welcome
2. Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm - WI Christmas Program at Nithview Home auditorium
3. Sunday, December 29, 10:00 am - Joint WI service at Wilmot Mennonite Church, featuring the WI Christmas Choir

**Lebanon Emergency Response.** With the escalating violence in Lebanon, people's lives are in danger and the need for basic necessities is great. MCC partners have mobilized in central Lebanon and Beirut to help, providing meals, hygiene items, bedding, health services, hot meals and psychosocial support for children. Every donation made by Canadians to a Humanitarian Coalition member is matched to a maximum of \$3 million until November 3, 2024. MCC participates in the Humanitarian Coalition through our membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Donate today 888.622.6337 [mcc.org/lebanonemergency](http://mcc.org/lebanonemergency)

#### **Upcoming Worship Services:**

Nov 10: Pastor Jim  
Nov 17: Fred Lichti  
Nov 24: Pastor Jim

**This year's Wilmot Ignite long weekend services** are as follows:

Dec 29: hosted by Wilmot

#### **Future events**

**\*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.**

Nov 3: St Agatha MC 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary service with potluck, sharing and singing to follow. Invite your friends.

Nov 17: Potluck lunch and congregational meeting to disburse funds

Dec. 1. 7 pm.: First Advent Joint service at St Agatha Roman Catholic church

Dec.22: Christmas potluck & then carolling