

Order of Worship: Sunday, November 30, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: The seasons of Advent and Christmas are filled with many symbols. But how did these symbols begin? Some symbols have non-Christian beginnings and have been adopted into the Christian faith. Others have a Christian roots but have been taken in a different direction for other purposes. In this series we will look at several common symbols so we can understand and use them in ways consistent with our faith. This morning we will reflect on the symbol of lights.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: 1 John 1:5-7 (NIV) *This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.*

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #216 HWB - Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 (NIV) *2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before You as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For as in the day of Midian's defeat, You have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Hymn: #189 HWB -To us a child of hope is born

Scripture: John 1:1-13 (NIV) *Donna - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Message: Lights-to blind or to give sight? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #182 HWB - Oh, how shall I receive thee

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #211 VT - Hope is a candle

Benediction

Postlude

****Please join us downstairs for congregation discussion/coffee time.**

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### **Announcements**

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, December 10th** - Christmas caroling 6:30pm

**Sunday, December 21st** - carol sing after church and potluck lunch following. KE church has been invited and will join us that day.

**Wednesday, December 24th** - Christmas Eve service @ 7 pm

**Once again, our congregation is very excited to be involved with The Annual Advent Ecumenical Prayer and Song service, on Sunday, November 30th.** We will be celebrating with our Christian brothers and sisters from the Catholic, Mennonite, Lutheran and Salvation Army churches. Please join us at St. Agatha RC Church at 2:30 pm (note the new time change) when the Salvation Army musicians will begin our service with an instrumental prelude. Scripture, prayers and hymns will begin at 3pm. 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 Salvation Army Community Church this year. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in being a member of the Ecumenical Mass Choir, please reach out to Tracy Weber ( emailgtweber@sympatico.ca ) in order to

receive details about our 3 Saturday morning choir rehearsals ( Nov 15, 22, 29, 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.

**Rockway's Music Department** invites you to attend their annual Christmas Concert on **Tuesday, December 9 @ 7 pm** at Rockway. Visit [rockway.ca/events](http://rockway.ca/events) for more information.

**Dwell - a Wilmot Ignited Women's Retreat for all ages.** From Kathryn... Advent is my favourite season of the church year. Join me in a "time-out" from the busyness of the Christmas season as we ponder the beauty of the Incarnation - the gift of God becoming fully human. Through story, reflection and light activity, my hope is for this to be a day of grounding and renewal for you. **Saturday, December 13, 2025**, 10am-4pm. Buffet lunch provided. Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, 7098 Concession 1, Puslinch, ON. Cost: \$48. RSVP by November 22 using this link. Questions? email Kathryn at [kathryn@hillcrestmc.ca](mailto:kathryn@hillcrestmc.ca)

**Wilmot Ignited churches are organizing a Christmas Choir** this year under the leadership of Janna Lynn Cressman. All youth & adults are invited to participate and we will have our practices at Wilmot Mennonite Church. The following dates have been confirmed for performances: **Sunday, December 28 for the Wilmot Ignited joint worship service @ Mannheim. Sunday, January 4/26 at Nithview Home, 2:00 pm** Five practices at Wilmot Mennonite are scheduled for: Sunday, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 23, Dec 7, & Dec 14, all at 6:30 pm We will have the music available at the first practice on Nov 9. If you cannot make this practice, please let us know so that we can ensure we have music for everyone. Looking forward to working with everyone again to share meaningful Christmas music with our community. Janna Lynn & Susan Cressman ([cressman7@gmail.com](mailto:cressman7@gmail.com))

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Nov 30 - Pastor Jim

Dec 7 - Pastor Jim

Dec 14 - Pastor Jim

Dec 21 - Pastor Jim – carol sing after service, then potluck with KE church

**Wilmot Ignited joint services**

Dec 28 - Mannheim