

Order of Worship: Sunday, November 9, 2025

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Scripture: Psalms 61:1-4 (NIV) *Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.*

*From the ends of the earth I call to You, I call as my heart grows faint;
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.*

For You have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.

I long to dwell in Your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #582 HWB - Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah

Scripture: Matthew 10:16-22 (NIV) *"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. On My account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.*

"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by everyone because of Me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:4-10 (NRSV) *Floris - But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.*

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Hymn: #497 HWB - Come ye disconsolate

Message: It looks hopeless ~ Dave Rogalsky

Hymn of Response: #439 HWB - I want Jesus to walk with me

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #614 HWB - In the bulb there is a flower

Benediction

Postlude

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

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### **Announcements**

**Friday, November 7, 7 pm: Laughter as a Place of Belonging** -- created and performed by Ted Swartz of Ted & Company. This show is a unique mix of humor, storytelling, and spiritual reflection — a theatrical experience that's unlike anything your congregation or community has seen. \$20 general admission/\$10 under age 12. Steinmann Mennonite Church, 1316 Snyder's Rd. W. Baden. **Pastor Jim has tickets**, and also may be purchased at the door on November 7.

**Saturday, November 8- 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm- Nithview Community Christmas Bazaar**. Join us for an afternoon of festive shopping! If you or someone you know is an interested vendor who wishes to rent a table to sell your unique items, please contact Recreation Lead Jane Schultz-Janzen by emailing: [jschultzjanzen@tcmhomes.com](mailto:jschultzjanzen@tcmhomes.com) or call 519-574-5537. Table rental fee is \$30.

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**The Working Centre is looking for volunteers** to help put together bed frames in their new affordable housing facility at 97 Victoria St. N., Kitchener. You are welcome to join Greg Yantzi (Nith Valley MC) and a few others on **Thursday, November 13 from 9:30 am - 12 pm**. Future dates will also be arranged until all 44 beds are completed. There are other ways you can be involved in this housing project that don't require tools! Contact Greg for more information or to participate ([pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com](mailto:pastor@nithvalleymennonite.com))

**Nov 15 TCMH presents:** An evening with Wendal Clark, including a 3 course meal at Puddicombe House, New Hamburg. For tickets go to [www.tcmhomes.com/donate](http://www.tcmhomes.com/donate). See poster in foyer or ask Pastor Jim for details.

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Makers Market will be held at Steinmann Mennonite Church** (1316 Snyder's Rd. W. Baden) on **Saturday, November 15, 2025** from 9 am to 2 pm. You are warmly invited to attend and peruse 35+ local vendors' homemade items as well as, the popular, Ten Thousand Villages and Raw Carrot. (A great opportunity to support local artisans **and** find that perfect gift). Soup lunch will be served at 11 am. Proceeds will be given to Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre. For more information, see the poster at back of church. Hope to see you there!

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate - Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:30 pm** on Zoom. Email [AGM@rockway.ca](mailto:AGM@rockway.ca) to RSVP for the Zoom link. All are welcome.

**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))

**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](mailto: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.

**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)

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

Nov 9 - Dave Rogalsky

Nov16 - Pastor Jim - potluck, and congregational meeting to distribute excess donated funds

Nov23 - Pastor Jim

Nov30 - Pastor Jim

**Wilmot Ignited joint services**

Dec 28 - Mannheim