

Order of Worship: September 20, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Have we ever received an unexpected gift from someone? What role do courage and hope have in our faith or our faithfulness? Do you ever find that a piece of art can add to our faith or inspire us? This morning we'll take a closer at an unexpected gift to see what it offers us.

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

Psalms 69:1-3, 29-32 (NIV) 1 Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me. I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God.

29 But as for me, afflicted and in pain, may Your salvation, God, protect me. I will praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD more than an ox, more than a bull with its horns and hooves. The poor will see and be glad —you who seek God, may your hearts live!

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #91 HWB - Praise to God, immortal praise

Affirmation of Faith: HWB #711

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Psalms 28:6-9 (NIV) Praise be to the LORD, for He has heard my cry for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me.

My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him. The LORD is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed one. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymn: #413 HWB - Faith of the martyrs

Scripture: Romans 5:6-11 (NIV) Mary - You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Message: Courage and hope from God ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #343 HWB - My hope is built on nothing less

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #173 Chorus book- The Lord is risen to life

Benediction

Postlude

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

Announcements

You're invited to the Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre's annual Community Fundraiser (Poor Boys Luncheon) Thursday, September 24, 2026, at the New Hamburg Community Centre at 251 Jacob St. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. | Dinner: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets available online or at the door: \$10/person; \$35/family.

1 Repair Café The Nith Valley EcoBoosters is hosting another Repair Café on **Saturday September 26, 2026 from 9:30am - 12:30pm** at **Zion United Church, 215 Peel St., New Hamburg** We'll have skilled volunteer fixers on hand for mechanical, woodworking, sewing, mending, knitting, crocheting, jewelry and book repairs. To learn more about the Repair Café movement Visit [Repaircafe.org](https://repaircafe.org) Questions? Contact – nvebrepaircafe@gmail.com

2 Get Pumped! A Better Way to Heat and Cool your Home, Tuesday, Sept 29/26 – 7:00 pm Wellesley Rec Centre, 1401 Queen's Bush Rd., Wellesley, BG Community Room. Want to

know more about the benefits of heat pumps and how they work? Attend an information session on heat pumps with local experts: Jim Bolger –Waterloo Energy Products & Mechanical Diane Stanley-Horn –Get Pumped Waterloo Region <https://getpumpedwr.ca>

Register now at <https://nvecoboosters.com/index.php/services/> or at Eventbrite <https://cutt.ly/Eyflqm1k>. Hosted by Nith Valley EcoBoosters, with support from Kindred Credit Union

Anne Lederman & Alanna Jennish Traditional fiddle-driven music (and stepdancing) from Canadian, Métis, Klezmer, Scottish, Quebecois and many more genres. **Sept 24, 7 pm Detweiler Meetinghouse, 3445 Roseville Rd, Ayr**

Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is an opportunity for non-Indigenous Canadians to learn more truth about Canada's history, and to take steps on the long road to reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. There are a couple events you can take part in if you interested.

1. There will be a walk beginning 10am @300 Frederick Street, Kitchener (Route To end at Victoria Park for drumming and sharing). Pastor Jim usually takes part in this one. Ask him if you have questions.
2. There will be a lament service at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hamburg (23 Church St, on the Peel Street lawn) at 5:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair, and wear orange.

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp

Upcoming Events:

LINC Connect and Skills - Mondays & Tuesdays in Fall, Winter & Spring

On Mon Oct 5th, 2026 seniors (55+) are invited to spend the day at Hidden Acres. Our theme is *The Gifts and Challenges of Aging: Releasing and Embracing*. Cost is \$55 and includes lunch. For more information or to register click [here](#).

Fall LINC Retreat - October 23-25

Annual General Meeting - December 1

1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON, N3A 4B5 519-625-8602 www.hiddenacres.ca

Register today for Peace Conference: Nourishing Peace Together

Saturday, November 7, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener

If you're hungry for connection, meaning and practical ways to resist despair in a world that feels overwhelming, plan to be at this year's Peace Conference. MCC Ontario is hosting an in-person event for people who don't have everything figured out but who want to build peace. Attendees will:

Learn how to practice peace in everyday life

Hear from courageous people pursuing justice, reconciliation and care in hard places

Share food, stories and space

Take action, like knotting comforters and sending advocacy letters, to remind us we're not powerless Pay what you can. Lunch is included. Register [here](#).

Upcoming speakers:

Sept 27 Pastor Jim

Oct 4 Pastor Jim World Communion Sunday

Oct 11 Pastor Jim