

Order of Worship: September 27, 2026

10:00 am – In-person worship

Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship theme: Rocks and stones are hard things. They can be something solid to stand on. They can hurt if we fall on or over them. In our scripture readings we have images of rocks, and a stone. They are mostly images of Christ and His teachings. The questions are: where are we standing? How are we being shaped?

Prelude

Welcome & Call to worship

1 Peter 2:2-5 (NIV) Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. As you come to Him, the living Stone —rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn: #43 HWB - Christ is our cornerstone

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Confession/Affirmation

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV) “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Hymn: The wise man built his house upon the rock (words below)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NIV) Gary B - For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did —and were killed by the destroying angel.

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Message: where are we standing? ~ Pastor Jim

Hymn of Response: #159 VT - Here on Christ the Rock I will stand

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Closing Hymn: #626 VT - A wonderful Saviour is Jesus

Benediction

Postlude

The Wise Man Built His House

The wise man built his house upon the rock (x3)
And the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down and the floods came up (x3)
And the wise man's house stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand (x3)
And the rains came tumbling down.

The rains came down and the floods came up (x3)
And the foolish man's house went splat!

So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ (x3)
And the blessings will come tumbling down.

The blessings will come down as the prayers go up (x3)
So build your house on the Lord.

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

Announcements

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

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.

Oct 4 is World Communion Sunday where we recognize that there is one Lord's Supper we celebrate with all Christians around the world.

Grassroots is getting back together again for one evening of music! Concert & Sing-a-Long at East Zorra!
Come join us for a wonderful evening of music and fellowship! **Sunday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. East Zorra Mennonite Church.** Featuring music from East Zorra Praise Band, Myron & his Mighty Men, and Grassroots! A free will offering will be collected in support of [Tavistock Assistance Program](#) and the work they do helping neighbours in our community. Bring your friends, enjoy some great music, and sing along with us! Everyone is welcome — we hope to see you there!

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp 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](#).

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.

Upcoming speakers:

Oct 4 Pastor Jim World Communion Sunday

Oct 11 Pastor Jim