

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Eternity Sunday



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Welcome to our worship service. May you be blessed as you meet God and be empowered for the week ahead.

Sunday, November 26, 2017 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader: Laura Enns

Speaker: Pastor Ben Cassels

Congregational Prayer: Karen Watson

Accompanist: Karen Enns

Scripture Reader : Joshua Enns

Choir: Laura Enns

Nursery Volunteers: Marg and Gerry Hunter

Children's Story: Hilda Krotz

Communion Servers: Laurie and Andy Staller, Crystal Francis, Nancy Pauls, Pastor Ben Cassels

Children are welcome in the worship service or younger children may be taken to the Nursery along the Administration Hallway following the Children's Story.

Worship Focus: *This morning we remember our loved ones who have passed into eternity in the last year and entrust them to God. Similarly, we entrust God with our deepest emotions as we grieve.*

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Gathering Hymn: *"Give thanks for life"*

STJ # 108

Welcome / Work and Care of the Church

Call to Worship:

Leader: In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of day, cooling breeze,
geese's flight and moonlight rays...

All: We see the Creator's hand.

Leader: In the browning of leaves once green,
morning mists, autumn chill,
fruit that falls, frost's first kiss...

All: We see the Creator's hand.

Reading: "An Autumn Blessing"

Joyce Rupp/ Macrina Wiederkehr

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: *"Here I am"*

STJ # 100

Confession and Words of Assurance

**All: O God who gave us life and death,
you hold us in your hands.
You cradle us in our need,
and you push us into growth.**



***We confess to you
that all is not well,
that we grieve the loss
of many things and people.***

***All is not well,
and we hurt in part because
we cannot make things better
for ourselves,
for those we love,
or for the world.***

***All is not well
and we find it easy
to succumb to despair.***

***And so, God, we pray
for healing,
and for strength and courage,
and for grace
to meet this day and this world.***



Leader: We find hope in the words of Matthew 5:4:

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”
God, in our struggle to find words for our grief,
You embrace us.

Hear now our silent prayer.

(Silence)

WE PRAY AND SHARE GOD’S GIFTS

Hymn: “*When grief is raw*”
(Children come forward on the last verse)

HWB # 637

Children’s Time

Song of Blessing: “*Alleluia*”

STJ # 41

Congregational Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.



Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Offering and Prayer

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S MESSAGE

Anthem: *By the waters* Based on Psalm 137
Scripture II: Psalm 137 (Old Testament) page 448
Sermon: **"Learning to Lament"**
Hymn of Response: *"When from the darkness"* STJ # 102

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

Service of Remembrance

Prayer

Hymn: *"Nothing is lost on the breath of God"* STS # 121

WE PARTAKE AT CHRIST'S TABLE

Invitation/Prayer

Words of Institution

We receive the Bread and Cup*

Closing Words

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S SERVICE

Closing Hymn: *"I will come to you in the silence"* STS # 49

Benediction

The Christ Candle is carried out acknowledging the end of the church year.

Postlude

** To accommodate special needs, communion trays contain wine (red) in the outer rings, grape juice (white) in the inner ring and water in the centre. The bread in the side cups is gluten free.*

Welcome to our visitors! We hope our time of worship has been an encouragement to you. Please sign our guest book in the front foyer and join us for coffee and fellowship in the gym hallway. God bless you and we hope to see you again!

TODAY AT W-K

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for Children
10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School – Youth Room
Adult Sunday School: *"Belong in Community" -- featuring videos that bring us observations by Stuart Murray ("The Naked Anabaptist") and Sara Wenger Shenk, regarding what may well be our most crucial trait, within the Believers' Church tradition. What is this, our highest calling?*
7:00 p.m. Youth Room Rental

Next Sunday – December 3, 2017 – Advent 1

- 9:00 a.m. *Choir Rehearsal*
9:30 a.m. *Worship Service* *Pastor Ben Cassels*
Lectionary *Isaiah 64: 1-9* *Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19*
Readings: *1 Corinthians 1: 3-9* *Mark 13: 24-37*
10:00 a.m. *Sunday School for Children*
10:30 a.m. *Coffee Break*
10:45 a.m. *Youth Sunday School – Youth Room*
Adult Sunday School: *"Believe in God" – we study and discuss the role of God's Holy Spirit, and the idea of God's grace, as we hear Palmer Becker interviewing Fanosie Lagasse and Nakhle Bishara, both bringing an international flavour to our local Canadian Mennonite Churches.*
7:00 p.m. *Youth Room Rental*

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



**Office
Hours**

Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parish Nurse Clinic Hours

Waterloo Mennonite Homes – Tuesday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Financial Report: Thank you for your offering of November 19th

This Week at W-K

Tuesday, November 28	Noon	Silver Spoons
	1:00 p.m.	Quilters
	6:00 p.m.	IMCC Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study – Room 7
Wednesday, November 29	9:00 a.m. - Noon	Mission Circle
	7:30 – 9:00 p.m.	Jubilation Chorus Rehearsal
Thursday, November 30	10:00 a.m.	WALC group - gym
	7:00 p.m.	W-K Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 1	1:00 p.m.	House of Friendship - gym
Sunday, December 3	3:00 p.m.	Jubilation Concert - Sanctuary



Quilters will meet on Tuesday, November 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the Basement. Come join in the fellowship and help with the projects.

W-K Lunch Bunch and Servettes Christmas Lunch

will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at 12:30 pm at Sole Restaurant, 83 Erb St. W, in Waterloo. All women are invited to join us for this special lunch. It will be a 3 course meal including dessert and coffee or tea for \$33.50. (tax and gratuities are included) We require payment in advance with your RSVP by December 3rd. Please respond to Vicki Dick until November 28th. After that date please respond to Rita Reimer.



W-K Communion Service and Coffee Time at Parkwood Mennonite Home will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the Craft Room of the Retirement Home. The communion service will be followed by a time of singing and fellowship. Refreshments will be provided. W-KUM Deacons, Caring Friends and Health and Wellness committee invite you to join them.

The Community and Outreach Committee wishes to have your support for three special Christmas season projects.

1. Collect money for a grocery gift card for the Alfulaihi family.

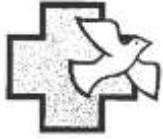
2. Collect items for the House of Friendship - Sunnydale Community Centre program. Items needed are bars of soap, toothpaste, child or adult toothbrushes, baby formula or donations to purchase baby formula. Please be prepared to make any donations on Sunday, November 26th or December 3rd.

3. Anyone wishing to support St. John's kitchen may pick up a green coin can on November 26th and return it by January 7th.



"Peace on Earth" - The **W-KUM Church Choir** presents its annual Christmas concert, featuring the **Church Choir, Children and Youth** on **Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 PM**. A free will offering will be collected for MCC's international peace-building work.

- **Calling all singers!** Youth and adults are invited to join the W-KUM Church Choir in preparation for the Christmas concert. We will be rehearsing in the church basement on **Thursdays at 7:00 pm** on November 23, 30, December 7(after Church Supper), and 14. See Laura Enns for more information.
- **WKUM Youth and Children** are also invited to participate in this inter-generational concert, in place of a Christmas pageant, and are asked to attend our rehearsal on **Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 PM** in the church basement. Also, if any youth or children are taking music lessons, and would like to sing or play a solo or duet of a Christmas song, please talk to Laura Enns!



Healthy Reflections – Body, Mind and Spirit

Today is Eternity Sunday – We Remember

We set aside this day to remember. This day holds a long tradition for us as a time to remember those who have passed away over the preceding year. It is a sacred day, holding a special place in our hearts and drawing us near to our Saviour, Teacher, and Healer. This day provides us the opportunity to acknowledge the grief journey; it allows us share again the pain of our loss. I believe that this time of ritual and public sharing allows to also acknowledge our healing process.

“For this we believe....the Lord will comfort us and heal us! For we do not grieve as those who have no hope, but rather we put our hope in the risen Christ”
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

“The Lord will comfort all who mourn and He will provide for those who grieve. The Lord bestows on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning.” Isaiah 61: 2-3 NIV paraphrased

Thanks be to God!



Health and Wellness Church Programs:

- **Each Thursday, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** – Wellness and Active Living Fitness class in the gym – a gentle class focussing on cardio, strength, balance and flexibility. No fee – everyone welcome!
- **Next Sunday, Dec. 3rd during Children’s Sunday School time** and afterwards for any adults who wish to participate....
Milo and the Glo Germ Wonder – a fun way to learn about respiratory and hand hygiene – prevention is key during the flu season. Anyone is welcome to try it out. See how well you wash your hands.

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

An Advent Event will be held at Detweiler Meeting House, 3445 Roseville Road, Roseville on Sunday, November 26th beginning at 2:30 p.m. This is the Fifth Annual Welcoming Advent, featuring the music of Lifted Voices from First Mennonite Church in Kitchener. Some of the music will have a particular Advent theme. More information: Sam Steiner, [519-884-1040](tel:519-884-1040).

Join **Theatre of the Beat** at the Huether Hotel's Jazz Room in Waterloo on Sunday, November 26th at 6:00 p.m. for an intimate fundraiser in support of a new van to keep the troupe on the road. Entertainment includes No Discernible Key, Dan Root, Theatre of the Beat and a silent auction. Visit www.theatreofthebeat.ca for more information.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors", a Christmas Opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti, featuring Adrienne Enns as Amahl and directed by Stephanie Kramer will be presented at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, 1310 King St. North in St. Jacobs. The performances will take place at on December 2nd and 3rd beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Jubilation Male Chorus will present their annual Advent/Christmas concert at W-KUM Church on Sunday, December 3rd beginning at 3:00 p.m. This year's concert will be in support of Ray of Hope – a freewill offering will be taken. Everyone welcome – reception to follow.



Three Choirs at Christmas - "Come Emmanuel" Join Menno Singers (Brandon Leis), Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir (Carolyn Neumann-VanderBurgh) and Menno Youth Singers (Steve Surian) on Sunday, December 3rd at 3:00 p.m. at St John's Lutheran Church (22 Willow St, Waterloo) for

this very popular event. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 children/students and \$35 Family, available from choristers, at the door and online at www.mennosingers.com.

BACH VESPERS FOR ADVENT: On Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m., Spiritus Ensemble presents a Bach Vespers for Advent Sunday. This one hour service will include a performance of Bach Cantata #30, 'Freue dich, erloeste Schar' and a choral setting of George Herbert's poem 'Heaven' by Zachary Wadsworth. Soloists are Sheila Dietrich, Sarah Pearson, Christopher Fischer and Richard Hrytzak; Kenneth Hull conducting. The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water St N, Kitchener. Admission free; donations gratefully received.

You are invited to All is Calm, All is Bright... a program of great Christmas music performed by the **Cambridge Male Chorus** along with the **Addison Women's Choir** on Sunday, December 3, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church,

248 Westmount Rd. E. in Kitchener. Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for children 12 and under) and are available from Paul Enns or John Reimer or at the door. See the poster on the Courtyard window for more information.

Kokoro Singers under the direction of Brenda Uchimaruru will present a concert on Saturday, December 9th beginning at 7:30pm at the newly renovated, highly acoustic Rockway Mennonite Church, 47 Onward Ave Kitchener. Tickets are \$20, Students/Seniors \$15 and children under 12 free. Tickets available at the door.



Children's Choir

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir is pleased to present "**Carols and Lessons**". The concert will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 3:00 pm, at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$10 each, \$5 for children (5-18) and will be available at the door or from a chorister. Come and join us for some of Christmas' finest music!

Inshallah presents "**A Global Carol Sing**" on Tuesday, December 12th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Kitchener City Hall, 200 King Street West in Kitchener. A free-will offering will be taken with proceeds going to Sanctuary Health Centre in Kitchener.

Take a moment to reflect and be inspired at a mid-week **Advent Jazz Vespers service at Conrad Grebel University College.** The service will be held in the Grebel Chapel on Wednesday, December 13, 7:00pm. All are welcome.

St. John's Lutheran Church presents their **Advent Noon-hour Organ Recital Series.** The concerts will take place on Friday December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. A chili luncheon will follow the recitals. See the poster on Bulletin Board # 4 for more information.



Posters for these events are on Bulletin Board # 4.

Conrad Grebel University College students are hosting the **Make-A-Difference Market on December 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** This charity Christmas market supports Direct Relief, an organization that provides emergency healthcare in disaster zones. Come listen to live music, get some Christmas shopping done, and enjoy baked goods and hearty soup all while supporting a good cause!

The Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation presents Adam and The Genome: What our DNA says (and Doesn't Say) about Our Origins. Guest speaker will be Dennis R. Venema, Professor of Biology at Trinity Western University. The event will be held on Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 12:30 p.m. (Free pizza available at Noon!) at Conrad Grebel University College, Room 1208. Poster on Bulletin Board # 4 or visit www.casca.ca/waterloo

The Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies invites you to a Double Book Launch on December 7, at 7:00 pm in Conrad Grebel University College's Community Education room. Join Hildi Froese Tiessen and Connie T. Braun as they celebrate their newest publications: *11 Encounters with Mennonite Fiction*, and *Silentium: And Other Reflections on Memory, Sorrow, Place, and the Sacred*.



We have received an inquiry from a young couple seeking housing in the area beginning in January. One of them will be attending Conrad Grebel College. Copies of the email are posted on Bulletin Board # 5.

We have received two **employment opportunities** from Conrad Grebel College. Please see Bulletin Board # 5 for more information.

Loved by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we follow Jesus Christ.
As a welcoming Mennonite community,
we worship God, nurture each other
and extend God's love and peace to all.