Grace Mennonite Church

November 1st 2026 9:30 a.m.

Seasons of Life

Prelude Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts Mac Plunkett

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come today to worship God
People: Who has redeemed us and called us His own.
Leader: We have come to honour His faithful ones
People: Who He has empowered to persevere.
Leader: We have come to be so strengthened
All: That we might persevere as well.

Prayer

Hymn *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* VT 126

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Offerings
[Offering plate is available on table at back of sanctuary]

Musical Reflection (VT 603) *Still My Soul*

Prayers of the People Mac Plunkett

Hymn *O God of Blessings* VT 700, vv.1,2,3,6

Scripture Reading Psalm 32:1-7 (OT p.506)

Hymn *For All the Saints* VT 672, vv.1,2,3

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, 26-31 (NT p.165)

Meditation "Saints and Sinners" Jan Steven

Hymn of Response *What a Fellowship / Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* VT 160, vv. 1,3

Benediction Jan Steven

Sending Hymn *May the Face of God Shine on You* VT 844

Postlude

It is good to be together in worship this morning!
The ushers are pleased to help any who need assistance.

Grace Prayer Group ~ Please join us after church this morning in the Fellowship Room for Prayer Group. You are encouraged to come with your prayer requests as we gather to pray for our church family, our community and our world.

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday October 25th – 49

Women's Chorus ~ Thursdays November 5th & 19th 9:30 am

Peace Sunday November 8th ~ Guest Speaker: Fanosie Legesse
Scripture Readings: Psalm 29, Ephesians 2:11-22

Fanosie serves as the Intercultural Minister and co-leader of the Congregational Ministries Team for Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC). Appointed in March 2020, he draws on his Ethiopian Oromo-Amhara heritage, prior teaching at Meserete Kristos College, and pastoring experience in Ontario to connect diverse communities. His work focuses on building bridges and fostering inclusion across newcomer and established congregations.

Following the worship service Fanosie has agreed to meet with people who would value further engagement on his sermon and our call to be peacemakers. Laur Steven and John Rempel will facilitate this time in the Fellowship Room, beginning about 10:45. We welcome all to pick up a coffee and snack and head over.

***Please note*:** There is also the usual Coffee Time that Sunday in the Church Hall, for those who would like to gather for regular conversation and fellowship.

Coffee Times ~ Sundays November 8th & 22nd

Grace Bible Study Fall 2026-Session 3
We meet on Sunday **November 15**, at 10:45am in the Fellowship Room. Please read chapters 6&7 of "God Never Gives Up on You: What Jacob's Story Teaches us about Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love," by Max Lucado.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations; this week we hold **Hochma** in prayer. Daniel Perron and Lyne Renaud provide pastoral leadership to this community in Montréal, QC. God, bless the people of Hochma with wisdom, unity and a deep love for You, that they may be a faithful witness to Christ in their community

Mennonite Disaster Service October edition of *On the Level* is available now. In this edition, Kevin King, retiring MDS U.S. Executive Director, shares his reflections on MDS partnership across borders.
Read *On the Level:* https://conta.cc/4BzpR87
MDS appreciates ongoing prayer support as volunteers respond to flooding in Swan Valley, Manitoba, and as they prepare and plan Canadian responses for 2027.

The New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale is urgently looking for two volunteers to help with the planning the auctions at the sale. The Auction Coordinator is a position on the Planning Committee and the Auction Assistant provides support to the Auction Coordinator. We are hoping to fill these positions before Christmas. Job Descriptions are available on our website or by contacting John Reimer at johnreimer@nhmrs.com.

Grace-Linwell Community Bible Study
Footsteps of Jesus: Walking with Jesus
Our next study is **Wednesday, November 4, from 1:00–2:00 p.m.**
Location: Grace-Linwell Apartments Lounge (behind Grace Mennonite Church) 671 Niagara Street, St. Catharines
Coffee and chocolates will be served! **All are welcome!**
Questions? Contact Jan at 289-990-4839 or janscats@gmail.com.
Please note: *There will be no study in December or January. We will resume in February.*

MCC Ontario Peace Conference 2026
Theme…Nourishing Peace Together
In the midst of conflict how can you build a culture of Peace?
Place…Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener
Date…. Saturday November 7, 2026 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Please remember this gathering in your prayers.

AED/CPR Training at Niagara UM ~ On Friday November 13 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, Heart Niagara will hold a **FREE** AED/CPR training session in the gym. If you would like to attend please contact Julie in the church office **no later than Wednesday November 4** by email or phone: office@redbrickchurch.ca
or 905-468- 3313.

Bethany Mennonite Church Borscht Lunch is **Saturday November 14th** from 11-2 pm (or until sold out). Cost is $20 per person. Cash only. Also available for sale are preserves, quilts and quilted items. Please bring your own reusable bags. All proceeds support local and international missions.

Villages Port Colborne presents the 3rd Annual Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale at The First Mennonite Church, 3557 Rittenhouse Road. **Saturday November 14th 9 am – 2 pm.**
Discover unique, handcrafted fair trade gifts-an ideal start to your holiday shopping before Advent begins. Each item is carefully made by farmers and artisans from the Global South who receive fair compensation for their work. From textiles to home goods, jewelry to kitchenware, you'll discover treasures with stories behind them.
Com support global partners and shop with purpose this holiday season.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven.
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever Amen.

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