



November 2nd, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Shaped by the Spirit

Prelude

Annie Schulz

Gathering Thoughts

Jan Steven

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

Leader: They shall run and not be weary;

People: They shall walk and not faint.

Leader: In the company of all God's saints and pilgrims,
come and worship.

**All: *We come with prayer and praise
to find our strength renewed!***

Prayer

Hymn *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* VT #1, vv.1,2,3

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer

Introduction to the Voices Together Hymnal Annie Schulz

Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be* VT #759, v.1; #760

Prayers of the People Jan Steven

Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven!* VT #75, vv.1,2,3

Scripture Reading Psalm 130 (OT p.573)

Grace Singers *I Will Serve the Lord All My Days*

Scripture Reading Luke 19:1-10 (NT p.82)

Meditation "When Jesus Sees Us" Darrell Winger

Hymn of Response *Will You Come and Follow Me*
VT #540, vv.1,2,3

Benediction Darrell Winger

Sending Hymn *Will You Come and Follow Me* VT #540, vv.4,5

Postlude

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

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

The Adult Study Group has three meetings left before we break for Christmas: Nov. 2nd, Nov. 16, and Nov. 30. We will consider A. James Reimer's "Three Meditations" from his book *The Dogmatic Imagination*. For this Sunday Nov. 2nd, we'll look at "The Faithful Church: Tolerance, Exclusion, or Forbearance?" On Nov. 16th we'll look at "The Corporate Church: A Ship of Fools", and on Nov. 30th we'll look at "Soldiers or Martyrs?: Laying Down One's Life for Another". All are encouraged to join us!

GRACE NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance ~ Sunday, October 26th – 43

Women's Chorus ~ November 6th and 20th at 9:30 a.m.

Peace Sunday November 9th ~ Speaker: Anthony Siegrist

Scripture Readings: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Luke 6:27-36

Dr. Anthony Siegrist, the new Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, will be speaking in the worship service and will also be with us during Coffee Time. Anthony has served as Lead Pastor of Ottawa Mennonite Church, taught at Conrad Grebel University College and Prairie College, and was the Ontario Director of *A Rocha*, a nationwide creation-care focused organization.

Coffee Times ~ November 9th and 23rd

GROW HOPE NIAGARA: On **Sunday, November 16th at 7:30 pm, here at Grace**, there will be a **Wrap Up meeting** for the Grow Hope Niagara 2025 CFGB/MCC grain growing project. CFGB/MCC refers to Canadian Foodgrains Bank/ Mennonite Central Committee. As you know, this summer was hot and dry, making for a difficult year in grain growing agriculture. This year's corn crop reflects that stress, and hearing about this year's project from field manager Larry Dyck will give you a clearer picture of some of this year's farming's dynamic.

We will also hear that evening from MCC Ontario's Heather Gallian about current issues regarding aid and development abroad. It is hoped that a representative of CFGB will also be there to share. We welcome all who are interested to come out for all the updates that will be provided.

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Please pray for the MCEC community of congregations. This week we are praying for **Westview Christian Fellowship**.

This community gathers together in the Queenston Neighbourhood of St. Catharines. Pray for this community as they work to orientate their lives to the “Good News” found in Christ’s life and teachings.



Let us pray for peace in our world. In so many places, nations are at war and people suffer under the weight of violence and power. We ask God to move in the hearts of

leaders and decision-makers, bring comfort to those who grieve, protection to the vulnerable and courage to all who work for reconciliation and peace.

Walking with Grace: *New Testament Wisdom for the Journey* Community Bible Study – Grace-Linwell Apartments Lounge


Wednesdays, November 5 & 19 1:00–2:00 pm

Week 5: Finding Peace — John 14:25–27

→ Trusting God’s presence amid uncertainty

Week 6: The Joy of Community — Acts 2:42–47

→ Living in fellowship and mutual care

 Bring: Your Bible & a beverage (BYOB) — chocolate chip cookies provided! 🍪

Coordinator: Jan Steven, Community Chaplain, Grace Mennonite Church  289-990-4839  janscats@gmail.com

No Bible Study December & January. Resumes February 4, 2026

Bethany Mennonite Church Borscht lunch is Saturday November 8th 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. All proceeds support local and international missions.

On Friday, November 14th, at 7pm, Troy Watson will join us at Bethany Mennonite Church to talk about his book, "Get a Hold of Yourself", in which he addresses some of the questions of faith that we have as we attempt to live authentically in a complicated world. If Jesus says we are to die to ourselves and deny ourselves, how do we do that while loving and being true to ourselves? How do we accept our need for growth and grace without feeling like hypocrites? How can we become more Christlike while also becoming more like ourselves? Join us for stimulating conversation, music, and cake to follow it all up!

Mennonite–Catholic Collaboration in Mission

Across the world, Mennonites and Catholics often work side by side in peacebuilding, relief, and dialogue—especially in places affected by conflict or poverty. Shared values of service and compassion unite these efforts.

Examples:

- **Colombia:** MCC and Catholic groups support peace accords, trauma healing, and reconciliation.
- **Africa & Middle East:** MCC and Catholic Relief Services coordinate aid in South Sudan, DR Congo, and Syria.
- **Philippines:** Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers join Catholic partners in Muslim–Christian peacebuilding.
- **Europe:** Mennonite Mission Network and Catholic parishes informally collaborate in refugee hospitality.

A website that features Mennonites and Catholics working together is Bridgefolk.net. It's a grassroots movement dedicated to fostering dialogue, friendship, and shared mission between sacramentally-minded Mennonites and peace-minded Roman Catholics.

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.

Contact Us: Telephone: 905-935-6112 Email: gracemennonite@bellnet.ca
677 Niagara Street, St. Catharines

Office Hours: 8:30-2:30 ~ Wednesday, Thursday

www.gracemennonitechurch.com

www.facebook.com/gracemennonitechurchstcatharines

Pastor	Darrell Winger 905-483-2335	Darrell.winger@gmail.com
Worship & Music Associate	Annie Schulz 905-941-5511	annieschulz@yahoo.ca
Office Administrator	Ester Funk	gracemennonite@bellnet.ca
Community Chaplain	Jan Steven 289-990-4839	janscats@gmail.com