

## PRAYER, PRAISE, BLESSINGS & REFLECTION

### WMC FAMILY: \*... Ed and Hedy Albrecht

Health, healing, comfort:

...Don and Chris Neufeld and family, Jake and Anne Neufeld,  
Trish Wiens (Heather H's friend), Randy Sawatzky

### Wider Community...

...Nov 29 the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian

**People.** Please pray for all living in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. In addition to the ill economic and health effects of the pandemic, Palestinians continue to suffer under Israel's military occupation of their lands through home evictions, demolition of homes and orchards, incarceration of children as young as 12 and the killing and injuring of protesters.

### World...

...We acknowledge our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota and Metis nations. We recognize that we are guests on this land and will be mindful of our impact as we critically look at colonial histories and present-day implications. We acknowledge this as a first step in fulfilling our responsibility and commitment to truth and reconciliation.

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Thank you for your gifts!

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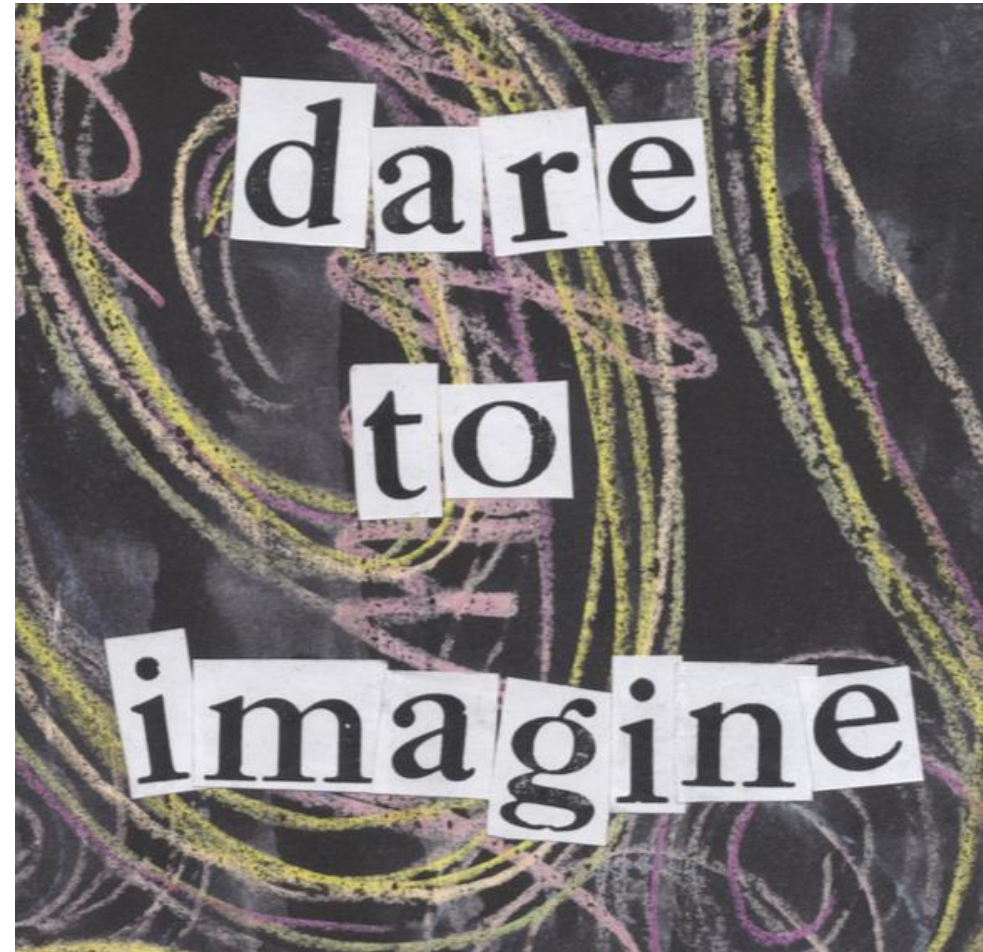
### **WMC's Identity Statement:**

‘With our feet firmly planted in our Anabaptist and Mennonite beginning, we work to reach out with our hands to welcome and lift up all who come here. We encourage one another with the heart of Christ to learn and to grow in spiritual maturity and to take amazing risks for God.’

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*How have we lived into this statement? How has God been shaping our understanding? Who are we? And, who are we called to be?*

# Whitewater Mennonite Church



**November 28th, 2021**

*First Advent*

Worship Leader: Lorraine Reimer

Music: George and Catherine Heide

Psalm Reading: Muriel Hildebrandt

Sermon: Pastor Wes Goertzen

## Psalm 25:1-10 NIV

- 1** In you, Lord my God,  
I put my trust.
- 2** I trust in you;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 3** No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.
- 4** Show me your ways, Lord,  
teach me your paths.
- 5** Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.
- 6** Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.
- 7** Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, Lord, are good.
- 8** Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- 9** He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.
- 10** All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

## Jeremiah 33:14-16 NRSV

**14** The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. **15** In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. **16** In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**Supporting Texts: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36**

**Whitewater Church Website:** <https://whitewatermc.ca/>

The essence of the gospel is heard already from the burning bush: God has come down to holy ground to deliver us and to bring us up to a land of promise. (Ellen Davis, *GIWG*, 45.)

## *Announcements and Upcoming Events*

**December 2 - Congregational Meeting** 6:30pm at WMC

**December 5** - Communion service

**December 7** - WMC leading devotions at Westview and Evergreen

*\*\*Volunteers needed! Please contact Pastor Wes if you're able to help serve\*\**

**December 15** - *Handel's Messiah* in Winnipeg



Volunteers are needed for planning and organizing the **Christmas Eve service**. If you are able to help with this, please contact Lorraine Reimer.

### **New additions to the Whitewater Library:**

- 'How God became King' by N.T. Wright and
- 'A road to fossil fuel free farming: an example and a challenge' by David Rourke

There are 7 copies of the red 'History of Whitewater Mennonite Church 1927-1987' available.

If anyone is interested in going to see Handel's Messiah, performed by the WSO and the CMU festival chorus (formerly known as the Mennonite festival chorus), click on the link below for more information and to buy tickets. The discount code is: HANDEL <https://wso.ca/blog/concerts/handels-messiah-2/> Thanks! -Meara

**MDS Canada calling for volunteers to help with B.C. flood clean-up** Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Canada is calling for volunteers to help with cleaning out homes in Princeton, B.C. following the catastrophic flood that hit that town in mid-November. [Read the full MDS News Release on the MCBC site.](#)

**Camps with Meaning's 2021** promo video is now available online! Watch carefully and you'll see a few Whitewater kids!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjh7Oj0ztI0>

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