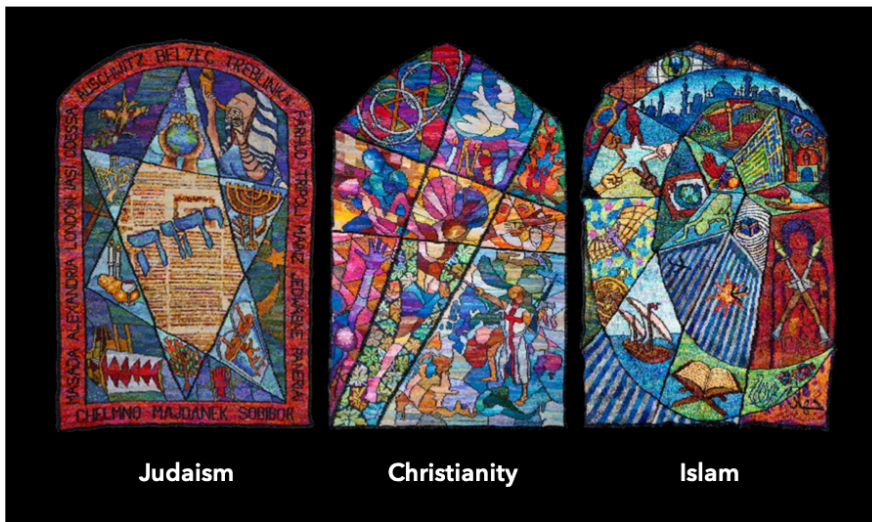


AN INVITATION TO OUR NEIGHBOURING CHURCHES AND PLACES OF FAITH

We are reaching out to invite you and your congregation to a very special performance of ... **THE KNITTING PILGRIM** at **CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Charlton & Caroline Streets in Hamilton, Ontario on SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.**

An active member of the Presbyterian church, knitter/actor/writer Kirk Dunn will be presenting his one-man play, **The Knitting Pilgrim**, featuring his **Stitched Glass** tapestries. The large tapestries, designed in the style of stained-glass windows, look at the commonalities and conflicts of the Abrahamic Faiths—Judaism, Christianity and Islam—and took Kirk an amazing 15 years to knit. They are each 5.5' wide x 9' high. Here's a photo of them:



When they are in their frames, the tapestries are 7 feet wide x 11 feet high and are truly impressive:



The show premiered at the Aga Khan Museum in May, 2019, and has toured around Ontario since. It has been seen in theatres, three Fringe Festivals (where it was a Critic's Fringe pick each time) and has

been seen in many churches and places of faith. It was also presented at the Presbyterian Church in Canada's General Assembly in Waterloo.

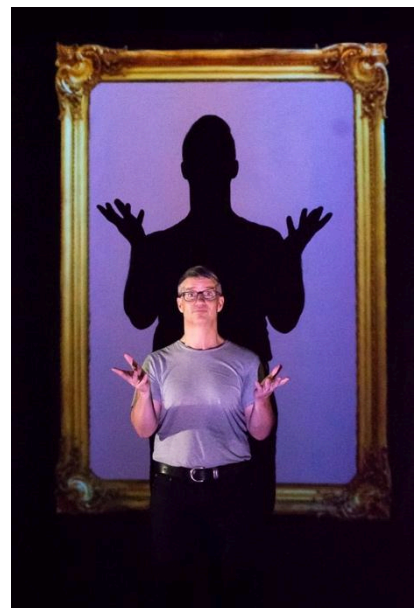


As a quick overview, **The Knitting Pilgrim** is a multidisciplinary theatre piece that uses storytelling, image projection and the **Stitched Glass** tapestries to create conversation around the rise of populism, xenophobia, and fear of the 'other.' It speaks to our need to practice empathy – especially interfaith empathy – and to enter into complex conversations, that aren't black and white, about why people struggle to get along in the world today.

Kirk is a PK – a preacher's kid – the product of three generations of Presbyterian ministers. His play tells the story of his spiritual and artistic journey working on such an ambitious project.

The experience will consist of the 65-minute show, followed by a meet and greet for about 30-45 minutes, with a chance for the audience to interact with Kirk and each other, as well as see the tapestries up close.

We hope members of your congregation are interested in attending the evening – we would love to have you, and we think it would be a great chance to have two or three congregations experience this powerful show together.



*It is a **free will offering** and suggested donation of \$10 per person at the door. Please plan to come on **Saturday, April 20th at 7:30 p.m.** and we look forward to seeing you there!*

All the best,

Marilyn Repchuck, Event Coordinator
for The Presbyterian Church in Canada
The Presbytery of Hamilton

About the show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkcVLT3pZRI>

About the Islamic tapestry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZAu8PYzoO0>

A short version of a longer documentary about Kirk and Stitched

Glass: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8Bklfd0Zuw>

Convivium article: <https://www.convivium.ca/articles/stitching-an-abrahamic-tapestry/>