



Osler Mennonite Church

*A Welcoming Community for Peace
Following Jesus on the Path of Reconciliation*

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 4, 2026

Second Sunday after Christmas

Be Amazed: Come and see

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements/Focus Statement

Imagine the voice of Jesus. What does it sound like? On this journey through Advent and Christmas, we've seen and heard the glorious presence of God in fire and desert, a baby's cry, and a spirit dove. Today, we see an open door. Now hear Jesus inviting you to "come and see" the house where he is staying. Follow him through the door. What new wonders will you see?

Call to Worship: Based John 1:35–51

One: The invitation has been spoken:
"Come and see."
The door to a stable stands open.
The way is before us.

Many: We heard the call.

**Now we step forward in wonder;
ready to follow, open to the unexpected.**

One: "You will see greater things than these," Jesus says.

**Many: We stand in amazement,
waiting to be changed.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who calls us by name,
who sees us as we are and leads us into new life.

**All: We come, ready to follow,
ready to see, ready to be amazed!**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #282 Come and See
VT #257 Away in a Manager

First Reading: John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter)

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing

Story Time for All Ages: Luke

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Condolences to the family of Betty Friesen who died Dec 31. Service will be January 7 here at OMC

Thanks for the prayers and support following my surgery – Anna Rehan

Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires...

Hymn: VT #566 We Will Follow

Second Reading: John 1:42-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus

saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Scripture Response:

Leader: For the word of God in Scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: VT #540 Will You Come and Follow Me

Sermon: Be Amazed: Come and See

Hymn: VT #558 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (vs1,2,4)

Benediction: Look! The door is open! Stand up! Jesus has called your name. Go, for greater things await. May your journey, following Jesus boldly in faith, trusting in the movement of the Spirit, amazed by the God who leads you into new life.

*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com

*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

TODAY Dec 28 Jan 4 *Second Sunday after Christmas*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Luke Sound: James Ushers: Lanae/Carl

Offering Counter Team: Jim/Stephanie

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

Brad’s Week: usual work days are Mon, Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting. If you’d like a visit please call him @ 306-361-0601.

Luke's Week:

Friday Coffee Time with the staff will return in the New Year

Birthday this Week: 4 – Brandee Borne

Sunday Coffee:

Urgent Request: Nominating Committee is still looking to fill positions on the Education Committee and the Community Connections Committee. If we haven't reached out to you and feel that one of those Committees would be a good fit for you or we have reached out to you and you would like to reconsider please let us know. We would like to have these nominations in place before the Annual Meeting booklet goes out in the next couple of weeks.

Annual meeting reports from Committee Chairpersons and Pastors are due by January 5, 2026. Please email your report to Loretta at loretta.s@hotmail.ca

Annual Meeting will be on Saturday February 14, 2026 at 9:00 am.

"Contemplative checkin" Wednesday evenings at 7pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Connects: MCC Saskatchewan, in partnership with Foundations Learning and Skills Saskatchewan and WP Bate Elementary School, is running a literacy initiative for children Grades 2-4 in the Meadowgreen neighbourhood of Saskatoon throughout February and March. We are looking for volunteers with a heart for children to help strengthen their confidence and reading skills and make a life-changing difference!

Volunteers will receive a two-hour training on the evening of Wednesday, January 21 and then be matched with one or two children for about one hour a week. If this sounds like something for you, please call the MCC Centre at (306) 665-2555 or email tewodrosgebrehiwot@mccsk.ca.

MC SASK Updates:

Creator, God of new beginnings.
Thank you for the year that lies ahead,
for new opportunities and fresh starts.

Calm the anxiety of the unknown
and fears of what may come.
Guide us anew
and help us to see and follow
where you are already at work.
Amen.

January 4: Forest church @ Shekinah 3pm. New year, new theme: The Word in the World. Dress warm, take your place around the fire for outdoor worship, and enjoy the beauty of winter. All are welcome!

Jan. 16, 2026 7 pm, Free Film night at Wildwood Mennonite Church: Come watch the *award-winning film Sugarcane*. A story about the residential school at Williams Lake, BC. For a limited time the production company is making the film free to faith communities. **(new)**

January 30-February 1 // MegaMenno Youth Retreat // Shekinah Retreat Centre // Save the Date! Details and registration available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/12170>

Save the date! The 2026 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions will be on March 13 & 14 at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Lodging will be available. Details will come out in the new year.

Mark your calendars for the 2026 de Margerie Lectures on Christian Reconciliation and Unity. The speaker is Dr Jeremy Bergen, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College. These lectures are part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and will take place on Jan. 21 (Regina) and Jan. 22 (S'toon). For more details please see <http://ecumenism.ca/1485-2/>

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is pleased to announce the position of Faith Development Minister. This position will focus on cultivating relationships and supporting the faith and leadership development of youth and young adults across MC Sask. This role reimagines our approach to youth ministry — moving away from an event-based model toward a relationship-driven, collaborative ministry that meets young people where they are. For full details about this position, please see the

MC Sask website at <http://mcsask.ca/FaithDevelopmentMinister>. Applications and enquiries can be sent to minister@mcsask.ca

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking a full-time Office, Communications, and Financial Administrator to join our ministry team. This position provides key support in three areas: Office Administration, Communications and Financial Administration. For a full job description see <https://mcsask.ca/officeandfinancialadministratorjobdescription> Applications will begin being reviewed December 1, 2025. If you or someone you know may be interested, please send a resume and cover letter to: minister@mcsask.ca

InCERT: Solar Panels Meet Agriculture II: The days definitely will become longer any day now. Think solar energy! Read about the effect 1700 sheep can have doing their work among solar panel farms. <https://www.leravi.org/they-placed-1700-sheep-among-solar-panels-and-the-animals-unexpected-behavior-surprised-researchers-16255/>

From the Canadian Mennonite

Yesterday we celebrated Jesus' birth.

Now we're in that in-between time.

Mary is no longer expecting, but the wise men haven't yet arrived.

The presents have been opened, but now there are leftovers to repurpose and naps to (hopefully) take. We've sung the carols, eaten the turkey, supported those in need and washed the dishes. And still, we wait.

This in-between space is familiar to us. It's where much of faithful living happens—in the waiting, tending, and carrying forward of what has already been given.

We at *Canadian Mennonite* find ourselves here too. The work of telling stories, asking questions, and listening carefully does not pause. Our staff and board show up with care, conviction and humility, committed to serving the church and its wider conversations.

As publisher, I am deeply grateful for them.

I am also thankful for you—our readers, donors and advertisers—who make this work possible. We feel your prayers, encouragement and trust.

You sustain this publication, not only financially but spiritually, reminding us this work matters.

As we move toward a new year, we are reminded that Christ's birth was not an ending but a beginning. Luke tells us Mary "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). The promise had arrived, but its unfolding would take time, patience and courage.

We enter the year ahead holding both gratitude and expectation. The light has come into the world, and it continues to grow.

With thanks and hope for the year to come,

Kathryn Lymburner

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International Witness

South Africa Solidarity Learning Pilgrimage! Join other Mennonites from across Canada in this Learning Pilgrimage with our global companions in South Africa. Details:

<http://mennonitechurch.ca/international-witness/pilgrimage>

Mennonite Church Canada

Youth Choir Retreat! Youth aged 13-21 are invited to a weekend of making music together. From Friday, January 30th to February 1st, enjoy singing and bonding with youth from across the country. Travel bursaries from Mennonite Church Canada are available for those coming from outside Toronto. Please contact Audrey Wichert about accessing a bursary by email at: audrey.wichert@tumc.ca

Read more: <https://mcec.ca/event/25068-2026-01-30-youth-choir-retreat-2025>

Climate Action

"I want to do something about climate change but I don't know where to start." Sound familiar? Good news: faith communities around the world are already responding to climate change with actions big and small. It's time to explore some of these responses, and learn what actions we can take to make a difference in our own communities. Join Mennonite Church Canada and MCC Canada for a nationwide, online study of Climate Pollinator by Sierra Ross Richer. February 19-April 16 (5 sessions) To find out more and to register, go to

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/nationwide-book-study-2025.ca> **(new)**

CALENDAR

Sun. Jan 4 - 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching

Mon. Jan 5 – 6:00 pm Executive mtg

7:30 pm Council mtg

Sun. Jan 11 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Sun. Jan 18 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

3:00 pm Luke's ordination

NEXT SUNDAY Jan 11

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Nora, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Sound: Ushers: Anne/Bill

Offering Counter Team: Diana/Kevin

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