



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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*10:00 a.m. Worship Service*

*February 5, 2023*

**Season of Epiphany**  
*“Salt & Light”*

## **Prelude**

**Christ Candle:** We light the Christ candle to welcome God’s presence.

**Hymn:** VT #43      **“God, Be the Love”**

## **Welcome/Announcements**

**Gathering Hymn:** VT #717      **“Renew Your Church”**

## **Call to Worship Psalm 112:1-9**

**L:** Alleluia! Happiness comes to those who revere YHWH,  
who revel in God’s commands!

**P:** **Their children hold power on earth; the descendants of the just  
will always be blessed.**

**L:** There will be riches and wealth for their families, and God’s justice  
can never be changed.

**P:** **For the just, YHWH shines like a lamp in the dark; God is  
merciful, compassionate and righteous.**

**L:** Good people are generous, and lend money without interest; they are  
honest in all their dealings.

**P:** **They are never shaken, because they love justice and will leave an  
imperishable memory behind them.**

**L:** They never fear bad news, because their unwavering hearts trust in  
YHWH.

**P:** **With peaceful hearts, they fear nothing; and in the end they will  
triumph over their enemies.**

**All:** *Quick to be generous, they give to the poor, doing justice always  
and forever.*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**First Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 *Inclusive translation*

As for myself, sisters and brothers, when I came to you I did not come proclaiming God's testimony with any particular eloquence or wisdom. No, I determined that while I was with you I would know nothing but Jesus Christ—Christ crucified. When I came among you, it was in weakness and fear, and with much trepidation. My message and my preaching did not rest on philosophical arguments, but on the convincing power of the Spirit. As a consequence, your faith rests not on human wisdom, but on the power of God.

Still, there is a certain wisdom which we express among the spiritually mature. It is not a wisdom of this age, however, nor of the rulers of this age, who are headed for destruction. No, what we utter is God's wisdom: a mysterious, hidden wisdom. God planned it before all ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age knew the mystery; if they had known it, they would never have crucified the Sovereign of Glory. Of this wisdom it is written,

“Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on anyone what God has prepared for those who love God.”

Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Holy Spirit. She searches out all things, even the deep things of God. After all, no one knows one's thoughts except one's own inner spirit; by the same token, no one knows God's thoughts except God's Spirit. We haven't received the spirit of the world but the Spirit of God, so that we can understand what God has freely given us.

**Children's Gathering Song: VT #762 “This Little Light of Mine”**

Children's Time: Luke

**Receiving Luke Bushman** as a member upon the reaffirmation of his faith #961 VT

**Offering / Offertory Prayer / Music for Meditation**

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church**

*Prayers* - new executive and committee members

- Homeless people
- For our sick
- those who work in prisons & treatment centres
- those on early release

*Thanksgiving* – for a good AGM

-for a great Shekinah Youth Retreat

-Zac Stefaniuk finishing last semester at Conrad Grebel

*Joys* –

**Hymn: VT #636** “Spirit, Open My Heart”

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:13-20 *Inclusive translation*

“You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt were to lose its flavor? How could you restore it? It would be fit for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. You don’t build a city on a hill, then try to hide it, do you? You don’t light a lamp, then put it under a bushel basket, do you? No, you set it on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before others so that they may see your good acts and give praise to your Abba God in heaven.

“Don’t think I’ve come to abolish the Law and the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. The truth is, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter of the Law, not even the smallest part of a letter, will be done away with until it is all fulfilled. That’s why whoever breaks the least significant of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

“I tell you, unless your sense of justice surpasses that of the religious scholars and the Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**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 #290** “Blessed Are You”

**Sermon:** “Salt and Light”

**Hymn: VT #297** “You Are Salt for the Earth”

**Benediction:** We carry the light of Christ with us into the world.

*\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)*

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Song Leader: Loretta, Dayna

Children's Time: Luke

*Kid's S.S – Sarah Buhler, Youth S.S – Luke Bushman*

**February 5** *Salt & Light*

Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Accompanist: Naomi

Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

**Office Hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Wednesday and Friday**

**Patty's Week:** Tues. curling, sermon; Weds. office, visit; Fri. Office

**Luke's Week:** Wed from home, Thurs office OMC & NPM; Fri office; Sat Youth

**Birthdays:** 5 – Anna Rehan

**Snack/Coffee Schedule:** Feb 5: Michelle & Olivia

Feb 12 ??

Consider signing up to bring a snack which doesn't need to be self-made "self-purchased" is just as welcome!

## **YOUTH CALENDAR**

February 4th No Youth

February 11th Youth, 7pm @ OMC

February 18th Volunteering at Warman MCC Thrift, Time TBD

February 23rd Mega Menno Ski Trip to Table Mountain

March 4th Progressive Supper

## **CALENDAR**

Feb 4 9:30 am Annual Congregational mtg – zoom option

**Feb 5 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Salt & Light***

11:00 am Deacon's mtg in Patty's office

**Feb 12 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Anger, Adultery & Divorce***

**Feb 19 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Ash Sunday***

**NEXT SUNDAY February 12**

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Henry Funk

Song Leader: Kathryn, Ben, Loretta Accompanist: Naomi

Children's Time: Marlene Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

*Kid's S.S – Sarah Buhler, Youth S.S – Christy Martens-Funk*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Feb 5** – During the morning service, Luke Bushman will be received as a member upon reaffirmation of his faith

**\*Welcome to Nora and Emmett Bergen-Braun** who have signed on to be the newest janitors for OMC!!

**\*\*Helen Kruger** passed away on February 1, 2023, unexpectedly and peacefully in her home at Rocky Ridge Retirement Community in Calgary. A service to celebrate Helen's "long and wonderful life" will be held at a later date.

**\*\*Retirement Farewell Party for Richard Janzen**

Monday, February 6, 2023 You are invited to a retirement farewell party for Richard Janzen, celebrating over 30 years of service and leadership in our music program at RJC High School. This event will be held at the Station Arts Centre, in Rosthern, on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM. This will be a come and go event, with a short program at 7:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

**\*Join MCC and our OMC Youth** for four Climate Conversations beginning this Sunday February 5th during Sunday school. MCC will lead us through a intergenerational discussion using *For the Love of Creation's* curriculum. Max 10 participants. Dates: Feb 5th, 12th, & March 5th and 12th. Talk to Kaytee for more details.

**\*Looking for a hyper local volunteer opportunity?** Osler's very own Sunshine Housing Inc. is welcoming volunteers once again and is inviting participation from OMC and anyone from the wider community. Sunshine is a community home for adults with intellectual disabilities and they are looking for volunteers to read to and spend time with residents. Please contact Sunshine housing at 306-225-4477 for more information.

**\*Check the bulletin board for the 'thankyou' letter from Friendship Inn**

**\*MCC Connect:** Join us at the grand opening event for Village Green MCC Thrift on Saturday, February 11 from 10 am-5 pm! There will be light refreshments, draws and special promotions for shoppers, storytelling, as well as a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 pm. The new shop is located at 60 33rd Street East in Saskatoon and is now open from Monday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, 10 am-7 pm on Thursdays.

**MC Sask Updates:**

MC Sask is excited to welcome Regional Church Minister, **Kirsten Hamm-Epp**, back from maternity leave. Kirsten will be in the office Wednesdays and Fridays, and is looking forward to re-connecting and bringing new energy and vision to the office. Thank you to **Zach Dueck** for shepherding the youth ministry programs during her time away.

**MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions March 11, 2023 at Bethany Manor, Saskatoon.** David Boshart, President of AMBS will be sharing with us on our theme "Rooted in Good Soil: Resourcing the Rural Church" This is a hybrid online and in person event, and registration is required to attend. Details and registration are available at <https://mcsask.ca/event/8602>

**Feb 5, 3pm Forest Church at Shekinah** This month we will be led by coffee-drinker, church-lover and all-around good guy Josh Wallace. All are welcome to join us as we worship and fellowship around the fire!

**Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for numerous full-time and part-time positions.** We need a Program Director to work with school groups and camp and a Maintenance Manager to take care of our physical facility. In addition, we are looking for spring school group programmers, maintenance workers, summer camp counsellors, and a camp kitchen coordinator. Please go to [shekinah.ca/jobs](https://shekinah.ca/jobs) for more information

**Save the Date. Shekinah is planning a rib night fundraiser "Putting of the Ribs: St Patrick's Day Edition" for March 17th at Shekinah.** This is a fundraiser for Shekinah's much-needed water project. More information will be available at <https://shekinah.ca/events/2023/putting-on-the-ribs-saint-patrick-s-day-edition>

**Consider CMU – "Where faith and community matter."** Virtual open house on Wednesday, February 22, 6:00–7:00 PM CST. Receive a virtual tour of CMU's campus, ask questions of our Admissions team, and hear from faculty and current students. For information and to register, visit [cmu.ca/virtual-open-house](https://cmu.ca/virtual-open-house).

**Creation Justice Webinars** presents a webinar on Land Back Feb. 8, 12 noon Saskatchewan Time. Speakers include Sarah Augustine and Katerina Gea from the Anabaptist Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. To register for this event, go to [https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ua\\_nheG1T7OqyrZJSZ4cvA?blm\\_aid=22839320](https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ua_nheG1T7OqyrZJSZ4cvA?blm_aid=22839320)

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