



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 5, 2025

Epiphany Sunday

Together on the Journey: Nurturing Faith

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements/Focus Statement

God provides spaces for us to ask questions; God provides mentors and teachers along the way to help us grow in wisdom and faith.

Where do we go to learn and be challenged? How do we nurture growth in others?

Epiphany Candle Lighting

Reader 1: We never stop facing opportunities to learn.

Reader 2: We learn through successes and achievements;
we learn through mistakes and failures.

Reader 1: In our learning, we can also mentor others and model wisdom along the way.

(the Christ candle is lit)

All: Like a tree, may we grow in faith and wisdom with roots spreading deep to provide grounding, and rings of growth showing our continued learning.

Call to Worship based on Luke 2:41–52

Leader: Jesus, grant that we may learn from you as long as we live,

People: that we would mature in wisdom and years.

Leader: Just as you listened and questioned, grant us humility

People: that we would sit among the teachers.

Leader: We look to you, Emmanuel,

All: Jesus, teach us how to learn.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymns of Praise: VT #11 Mountain of God
VT #275 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

First Reading: Psalm 2:7-8

I will tell of the decree of the Lord: who said to me, "You are my chosen one; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story for All Ages: Luke

Offering Prayer/Choir

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers – for the pastoral search committee's discernment and their interview with a candidate

-Jan 12 - with joy we will receive Nora Bergen-Braun in baptism and Noah, Casadi & Brad Schroeder in transfer of membership

-for Harry (and his family) in his last days back at Saskatoon

Convalescent Home #325 – visitors and singers are welcome

Condolences to Sarah & Cornie at the death of Sarah's brother Peter

-to Eugene & Shelley at the death of Eugene's uncle Bill Wiebe

Congratulations – Vanessa Stefaniuk & Griffin Lehnert are engaged!

-to Matthew and Dayna on their baby news

Candle Prayers for inner and world peace

Hymn: VT #277 As with Gladness

Second Reading: Mark 2:23 – 3:6

One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the

Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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 #423 God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Sermon: What We Share Holds Us Together

Hymn: VT #273 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Benediction: Go in peace, growing and learning together on the journey, as beloved children of God.

Welcome to Len Rempel our Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. Len is married to Kathleen who works at U of S. They have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren. Len will lead us in our 11:11 SS Forum on the 7 Shared Convictions of Global Anabaptists that we will vote on at Sat. Feb. 8 AGM. Folks are welcome to join us for lunch at the restaurant.

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

*Our Services are all Streamed and Archived on-line.

TODAY Jan 5 Epiphany Sunday

Speaker: Len Rempel Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn, Anna, Loretta Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Luke Sound: Keri/James Ushers: Lanae/Carl

Offering Counter Team: Carl Martens-Funk, Shelley Penner

No Sunday School

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

Coffee time at church – 10:00 am all are welcome

Patty's Week: Mon. Exec/council; Tues. Worship, book club; Weds. Office; Fri. office

Luke's Week: Mon. Exec/council, Wed. Office; Thurs. KCC; Fri. NPMC youth; Sat. OMC Youth

Birthdays: 11- Candice Buhler

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Jan 5 – Patty

Jan 12 – Bergen Braun family

Jan 19 - ??? RJC Choir is coming

Please consider signing up to bring snacks &/or make coffee/clean up

CALENDAR

Sun. Jan 5 – 10:00 am Len Rempel – Creeds and Confession

11:11 Forum on Creeds, Confessions and Convictions
with Len Rempel

12:00 Lunch with Len Osler Restaurant Back Room

Mon. Jan 6 – 6:00 pm Exec mtg

7:30 pm Council mtg

Sun. Jan 12 – 10:00 am Baptism, New members & Communion

11:00 am Worship mtg Patty's office

11:00 am Deacons mtg Room #3

11:00 am Community Connections mtg Room #2

Sun. Jan 19 – 10:00 am RJC Highschool Choir

11:30 am Potluck – bring lots Group A-B help

Sun. Jan 26 – 10:00 am Patty Friesen Anabaptism 500th Birthday

Party and Hymn Sing

11:00 Birthday Cake and Dutch Blitz and Crokinole

in the MPR (bring crokinole boards and DB cards)

NEXT SUNDAY Jan 12 *New Members, Baptism & Communion*

Speakers: New Members Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben, Loretta, Benjamin Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Patty Sound: Doug Ushers: Bill/Anne

Offering Counter Team: Jim Dyck, Loretta Sawatzky

Sunday School Leaders: Karl, Eli and Dylan

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