



# 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

December 7, 2025

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*Be Amazed: Peace in the valley of bones*

## **Prelude**

### **Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements/Focus Statement**

Imagine a valley full of dry bones – not a breath of wind. Then a noise, a rattling sound as the bones come together, bone to bone, tendon to tendon. In this miraculous vision given to the prophet Ezekiel, God breathes life into the bones so that they may dance again.

Come, Holy Spirit; we pray on this second Sunday of Advent for peace as a renewal of body, mind, and spirit.

### **Call to Worship: Based on Ezekiel 37:1–14 NRSVue**

One: God in our desert, you are our peace in all places.

**Many: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost;  
we are cut off completely.**

One: Thus says the Lord God:

“Come from the four winds, O breath,  
and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

**Many: Can these dry bones live?**

One: The wind of God moves among these dry bones.  
Stand and live!

**Many: We are the people of God, a vast multitude,  
filled with God’s Spirit.**

One: “I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.  
I will place you on your own soil;  
then you shall know that I, the Lord,  
have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

**All: You are the only source of true life, O God.  
You breathe new life into our dry bones**

*and fill us with your peace.  
We stand before you,  
ready to enter your story and be amazed.*

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #223 Bless'd Be the God of Israel  
VT #241 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

## **Candle Lighting Litany:**

One: We have been wandering in the dark,  
our spirits dry and cracked from conflict,  
aching for peace to pour into the crevices to revive us.

**Many: Come, Peace of the world. Come amaze us.**

*All: May Your peace fill the cracks in our dry, brittle bones.  
Bind us together, strengthen and unite us,  
that we might dance!*

## **First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-6**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

## **Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing**

**Story for All Ages: Kathy**

## **Offering Prayer/Music by the Choir**

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

**Prayers** - Anna Rehan continues to recover from successful surgery

- Cornie Guenther will be undergoing surgery on Dec. 12
- Betty Friesen's move into *more care* after suffering a stroke

- Continue to pray for those grieving loss during the holiday season

**Thanks -**

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

**Hymn: VT #373      As the Wind Song through the Trees**

**Second Reading: Ezekiel 37:10, 13-14**

*10* I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

*13-14* And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

**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#57      Holy Spirt, Come with Power**

**Sermon:      Peace in the valley of bones**

**Hymn: VT #737      Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

**Benediction:** Go out into the world, filled with the peace of God. Be ready, waiting to look on in amazement as God calls old bones to new life.

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

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

**TODAY      Dec 7      *Second Sunday of Advent***

Speaker: Luke Bushman      Worship Leader: Brad

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben, Kathryn      Accompanist: Lynette

Story: Kathy      Sound: Benjamin      Ushers: Dick/Susan

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Alex

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

**Luke's Week:** Wed. OMC office; Thurs. Mega Menno Mtg; Fri. OMC Office; Sat. Mega Menno Xmas Party; Sun. OMC Church, NPMC Xmas

**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.

**Coffee Time Friday - 10:00 am with the OMC staff**

**Birthday this Week:** 6 – Braden Martens-Funk

**Sunday Coffee:** Dec 7 – Diana Buhler

Dec 14 – Sharing Christmas Baking

*For the December 14<sup>th</sup> coffee/snack time you are invited to bring Christmas Baking to share. The Deacons are in charge of coffee.*

**Adult Christmas choir practices** will be on December 7, 14 & 21 at 9:00 am. We will practice one song each Advent Sunday morning and sing it that Sunday. Anyone interested is very welcome to come!

**Sunday School Christmas Project for 2025 – MCC Christmas Gifts**

Check the *Giving Tree* in the Lobby for details.

**TODAY** we will collect Loose Change – the Kids/Youth will decide which of the projects today's collection will go toward.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Nominating Committee** is asking for your help....we need 2 members to fill vacancies on the Community Connections Committee. If this is a committee that you are interested in being a part of please speak with Shelley Penner, Ben Buhler, Steve Guenther or Louise Buhler.

**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](mailto: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.

**December 15, 7:30 pm - Warman Community Band Presents**  
*Sounds of Christmas* at the Warman Family (Mennonite) Church.  
Entrance by donation, also a collection will be taken for the Warman  
Food Bank. Stay for cookies.

**MCC Connects:** Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief,  
development and peace work by participating in our quilt sale- now at  
50% off! Each of these beautiful quilts have been sewn by generous  
donors and you can explore the collection of quilts online at  
[www.mccskquiltsale.com](http://www.mccskquiltsale.com)

**MC SASK Updates:**

***Second Advent – Peace***

In a world where so many experience violence,

God lights a candle of peace in our hearts.

We wait together for a Saviour,

who will be Immanuel, Christ the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord:

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.’ Luke 1:78, 79 (new)

*from Carol Penner, “Leading in Worship”*

**December 7, 7:00 pm Bethany Chorus** presents "Sing! He Is Born!"  
at the Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre | Conductor: Andrea Johnson  
with special guests Andrea Johnson with Anne and Kevin MacMillan in  
the Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre, Saskatoon. Honorarium at the  
door.

**December 7, 3pm | You are invited to a 'Very Shekinah Christmas':**  
Join us for a festive afternoon of musical offerings by RJC students.  
Devour some sweet Christmas treats and catch up with your Shekinah  
friends and neighbours in the Timber Lodge at Shekinah Retreat Centre.  
Admission by Donation. All proceeds will go towards upgrading our  
winter equipment

**December 13, 7pm MegaMenno Christmas Party at Osler  
Mennonite Church.** *Bring a snack item to share, your Christmas cheer  
& dress in something Christmassy - there will be prizes! And also silly*

games, trivia, karaoke, snacks & more. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome. **(updated)**

**RJC Dine & Donate in support of Good Neighbours Food Centre | 5:00-7:00pm, Monday, December 15** Join us in the RJC Dining Hall for our Dine & Donate Supper, serving ham & scalloped potatoes, with live music, kids' crafts, festive photo ops, and a Dash & Donate take-out option. Proceeds raised will go to GNFC for Santa's toy shop and food aid for families during the Christmas season.

**RJC Christmas Concert | 7:00pm, Thursday, December 18** Join us in the RJC Auditorium for our Christmas Concert, an evening of student music and community. Admission by donation. All are welcome!

**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. **(new)**

**Throughout the year, we have heard about the importance of the connections between the 20 congregations who make up Mennonite Church Saskatchewan.** We invite you participate in the work of building and maintaining these connections through your prayers, your volunteering, and your financial giving. Donations to MC Sask can be made by visiting <https://mcsask.ca/giving> **(new)**

**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](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca) **(new)**

**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](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca) (new)

### **InCERT: Steering Christmas Away from the Snares of Consumerism** – Brenda MacDonald

I asked my friends at Wildwood Mennonite Church to share some ideas of how they spend Christmas without spending a lot of money at walk-in or on-line malls. Go to

<http://mcsask.ca/InCERTAvoidingtheSnaresofConsumerism> to see if they match or embellish your own ideas.

**Mennonite Church Canada Advent Greeting** Executive Minister Doug Klassen speaks these words of Isaiah: "*Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!*" In the coming weeks, may the blessings of the Advent and Christmas season be upon you. Watch the full video: <https://youtu.be/OKWH78KIJJE>

**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](mailto:audrey.wichert@tumc.ca) Read more: <https://mcec.ca/event/25068-2026-01-30-youth-choir-retreat-2025>

### **CALENDAR**

**Sun. Dec 7 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching – 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent**

**Sun. Dec 14 – 10:00 am Sunday School program – 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent**

**Sun. Dec 21 - 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching – 4<sup>th</sup> Advent**

Thur. Dec 24 - 7:00 pm Candle Light Service

**Sun. Dec. 28 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching**

**NEXT SUNDAY Dec 14** *Third Sunday of Advent*

Sunday School Program      Worship Leader: Julie

Song Leader: Kathryn      Accompanist: Naomi

Sound: Stephanie      Ushers: Carl/Lanae

Offering Counter Team: Susan/Matthew

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