



# 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*

*January 8, 2023*

## **Epiphany, Baptism and Communion Sunday**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome/Announcements**

**Christ Candle:** We light the Christ candle to welcome Christ's presence with us.

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: God of grace, Creator of waters, your Spirit hovered over the deep.

*Left: We remember that you separated the land from the waters and provided rain to freshen the ground.*

Right: We remember that you flooded the earth and held creatures and people above the waters.

*Left: We remember that you parted the waters as your people fled from bondage in Egypt.*

Right: We remember Jesus your Son, who, like all of us, arrived in the waters of childbirth.

*Left: We remember John baptizing in the waters of the Jordan and the Spirit descending like a dove.*

Right: We remember that Jesus shared our thirst and a Samaritan woman shared water from a well.

***All: Living Water, pour your Spirit upon us. Wash us and free us from sin, make us fruitful in every way, and renew your world with showers of blessing.***

**Gathering Hymns: VT #254**

**VT #275**

**“O du fröhliche”**

**“O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”**

**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6 (*Inclusive*)

“Arise, shine, for your light has come! the glory of YHWH is rising upon you! Though darkness still covers the earth and dense clouds enshroud the peoples, upon you YHWH now dawns, and God’s glory will be seen among you! The nations will come to your light and the leaders to your bright dawn! Lift up your eyes, and look around: they’re all gathering and coming to you—your daughters and your sons journey from afar, escorted in safety; you’ll see them and beam with joy, your heart will swell with pride. The riches of the sea will flow to you, and the wealth of the nations will come to you—camel caravans will cover your roads, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of YHWH.

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

Children’s Time: Edna Zacharias

**Offering / Offertory Prayer / Meditational Music**

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

- prayers for persons involved in that horrific accident at Osler
- prayers for persons who have lost love ones during this season
- war in the Ukraine

**Hymn:** VT #89

“**Tú eres todopoderoso**” (**Because You’re Holy**)

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:13-17 (*NRSV*)

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. 16And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

**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 #453** “As I Went Down to the River to Pray”

## **Pastoral Reflection and Blessing of the Water**

**Sharing** by Benjamin Penner and Baptism

### **Communion**

L: God of covenant, when Jesus came up from the waters of baptism, you claimed him as your beloved child. Through Jesus you claim everyone who comes to you as your beloved. (*Bread distributed*)

**C: With this bread, we abide in Your Word as wisdom for our lives.**  
(*Eat together*)

L: We drink with thanksgiving looking forward to a time when all will be one. (*Cup distributed and shared together*)

**C: We are empowered by the Spirit to follow Jesus’ way of love as the body of Christ, broken and blessed for the life of the world.**  
**Amen.**

**Hymn: VT #103** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**Benediction:** Strengthen us, God of love, bind us together as your baptized people, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. We carry the light of Christ with us into the world. Amen. (*Christ candle extinguished*)

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

**TODAY’S WORSHIP**      **January 8**      *Communion & Baptism*

Speaker: Patty Friesen    Worship Leader: Luke Bushman

Song Leader: Kevin    Accompanist: Melanie

Children’s Time: Edna    Sound: Doug    Ushers: Anne/Bill

*Kid’s S.S – Kaytee Edwards, Youth S.S – Luke Bushman*

*Adult S.S. Forum in the Sanctuary – Dick Braun*

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

**Patty’s Week:** Mon. MC SK; Tues. sermon, spiritual direction; Weds. office; Thurs. worship Zoom; Fri. Office

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

**Birthdays:** None this week

**Snack/Coffee Schedule:** Consider signing up to provide the snack

## CALENDAR

- Jan 8 10:00 am Communion/Baptism – Patty Friesen**  
11:00 Forum in Sanctuary with Dick Braun on the 100th Anniversary of South American Mennonite migration.
- Jan 11 1:00 pm Education mtg @ OMC
- Jan 12 7:30 pm Worship mtg zoom
- Jan 15 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking**
- Jan 16 7:00 pm Community Connections mtg zoom
- Jan 18 1:30 pm Pickleball MPR  
6:15 pm Executive zoom  
7:00 pm Council
- Jan 22 10:00 am Lois Siemens speaking**

### **NEXT SUNDAY January 15**

Speaker: Luke Bushman                      Worship Leader: Henry Funk  
Song Leaders: Dayna, Loretta      Accompanist: Naomi  
Children's Time: Kathy                      Sound: Matthew      Ushers: Anne/Bill  
*Kid's S.S – Kaytee Edwards, Youth S.S – Christy Martens-Funk*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**From the Treasurer:** Donations for Friendship Inn were generous. There will be a verbal update on this and the final number for the general fund on Sunday morning.

**Projector Project:** We are close to getting a second projector with a matching grant for easier viewing for those on the west side of the sanctuary. Please give generously.

**Council:** Committees should have your budgets in to Matthew by now and Loretta needs the reports by Jan. 8. AGM is Sat. Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts.

**From Council:** In the event of extreme weather, executive together with worship chair will switch by 9 p.m. Saturday night to Zoom Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m. The link will be sent out by email and put on Facebook and others will be called with the phone number to dial in. Worship leaders, children's time, sermon and possibly music will be part of Zoom Worship.

### **MC Sask Update**

**\*Mennonite Church Saskatchewan invites you to participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** from Jan. 18 – 23. A listing of events in Saskatchewan can be found at <https://mcsask.ca/event/11229>

**\*Shekinah Retreat Centre is looking for a Program Director.** This individual will be primarily involved in running our School Group and Summer Camp programs. This position can be seasonal or up to full time if combined with other work. Please email [ron@shekinah.ca](mailto:ron@shekinah.ca) for more information.

### **RJC Open House | January 20, 2023**

Prospective students & families are invited to RJC's annual Open House & Friday Night Live. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, with a school tour at 6:00pm, followed by Friday Night Live at 7:00pm. Interested students and families are invited to pre-register by email to [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca). Open to students in Grade 7-11.

### **RJC Tournament of Memories: Basketball & Curling Feb 3 & 4/23**

Join the fun at RJC's Alumni & Friends basketball and curling tournament. Come and play or watch the face-paced action in the RJC Gymnasium or at the Rosthern Curling Club (Jubilee Sports Centre). Cost to play is \$25/person, and lunch will be available for purchase in the RJC Dining Hall. To pre-register please email Alex at [development@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:development@rjc.sk.ca). We hope to see you there!

**\*Visit CMU** - The next CMU Campus Visit Day takes place on February 3, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Enjoy a tour of the campus, meetings with professors and current students, a financial aid presentation, opportunities to ask questions, and a treat from folio café! Visit [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit).

**\*Hold in Common** – Join us for the first virtual gathering of the CMU Hold in Common project, a candid look at the place CMU and other institutions have in today's society. Share your perspectives—your hopes and your misgivings—on what's at stake with institutions that are shared and held collectively by diverse, grassroots communities. Whether you are closely invested or more distantly connected to CMU, you are welcome. Monday, January 16, 7:00-8:30 PM (CST). Details at [cmu.ca/holdincommon](http://cmu.ca/holdincommon).

### **From Mennonite Church Canada**

\*In the lead up to the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, three pastors share stories about what Christian unity means, and what it looks like for them: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/14753-the-state-of-christian-unity>

**\*The Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam** is experiencing tremendous growth, creating an urgent need for Anabaptist training. Mennonite Church Canada Witness would like to raise \$6000 in 6 weeks to help subsidize 90 new Vietnamese pastors' travel to attend an Anabaptist Training Conference in Ho Chi Minh City (Feb 8-10). Give at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/vietnam](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/vietnam) Also, pray for Garry Janzen, Kevin Barkowsky, Nhien Pham as they prepare to teach at the conference and Jeanette Hanson as she prepares to make connections to the wider Mennonite Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move, and churches in Vietnam and Cambodia would be encouraged and strengthened in Christ

## **YOUTH CALENDAR**

**January 7<sup>th</sup>:** 7pm - Carrot Night at OMC

**January 21<sup>st</sup>:** 7pm - Game Night at Schellenberg Residence

**\*MCC Connect:** Happy New Year! MCC will be running another Conflict Transformation course on Monday evenings from February 6 – April 3. Join us over Zoom as we learn valuable skills for practicing peace within our families and communities. The registration fee is \$75, and scholarships are available. Please visit this link to register: <https://www.cognitofirms.com/MennoniteCentralCommittee2/ConflictTransformation2023PracticalSkillsToBePeopleOfPeace>

### **Upcoming January Events:**

Sun. Jan. 15 - Luke preaching on the Call of the Disciples

Sun. Jan. 15 - 12:00 Snowshoeing to Boldt cabin for roasting hot dogs over a fire.

Weds. Jan. 18 - 1:30 p.m. Pickleball in the gym.

Sun. Jan. 22 - Lois Siemens preaching

Fri-Jan. 27-Sun. Jan. 29 - Youth Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre

Sun. Jan. 29 - Alex Tiessen preaching

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