



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 11, 2022

Third Advent/Child Dedication

Tell What You Hear and See

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Hymns: VT #241 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (v 1-3)
#252 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Call to Worship

Leader: Look, I am sending my messenger, go tell what you have seen!

People: God’s awesome wonders fill the earth, the lost are found, the blind receive sight, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the poor are preached to, and those who are dead in spirit receive new life.

Leader: Is this what you were expecting to see?

People: Blessed are they who trust in Christ!

Leader: For his yoke is easy, his burdens are light.

All: Great is thy faithfulness!

Candle-lighting liturgy

Leader: Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of Christ is soon.

People: Tell what you hear and see: even now, like water in the desert, we see God’s action all around.

Leader: As we gather strength, we light this candle as a sign of your love made visible among us.

People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Children’s Gathering Song: #510 “Today Earth Is Singing”

Today earth is singing with stars up above,

Our arms wide in welcome for God’s gift of love;

We greet you, dear children, we’re glad you are here;

Your newness renews us and heaven comes near.

Children’s Time: Marlene Campbell

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

- prayers for whom Christmas is a difficult season
- all those dealing with cancer

Choir

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hymn: VT #217 "Hark! The Glad Sound!"

Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:13-16

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people; but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away.

And behold, one came up to him, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?"

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 #258 "Love Has Come"

Child Dedication Service for Alexander Grayson Edwards Buhler

Reflection: Patty Friesen

Sharing by Kaytee and Chris

Congregational Response: VT #970

Leader: You have offered Alexander Grayson to the strong and tender care of God.

All: We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your child. With god as our guide, we will share in your child's nurture and well-being. We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home where trust in God grows and Christ may be known. Our prayers are with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help you grow as a family in faithfulness and joy.

Hymn: VT #832 "The Lord Lift You Up"

Benediction: May our shared life and witness help us all grow in faithfulness and joy.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP **December 11** *Third Sunday of Advent*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Adeline Cox

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben, Dayna Accompanist: Naomi & guitars

Children's Time: Marlene Sound: Matthew Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

*Youth Sunday School -Stephanie Siemens; Children – Naomi Schellenberg;
Bible Study - Jake Buhler*

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

Church Office will be closed Dec 27 thru to Jan 3

Patty's Week: Tues. Xmas prep; Weds. office; Fri. Office

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

Birthdays: 11 – Terri Lynn Friesen, 15 – Benjamin Doell

Snack/Coffee Schedule: Dec 11 – Nora & Julie
18 - ???

Dec 11 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Fourth Sunday of Advent
and Child Dedication*

Dec 17 10:00 am Christmas Program Rehearsal

Dec 18 10:00 am Christmas Program *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Dec 24 7:00 pm Christmas Candle Lighting Service

Dec 25 No 10:00 am Service

Upcoming Services:

January 1, 4:00 p.m. Stories, Songs, Faspa and Games - we will meet informally in the coffee room for about 20 minutes of Christmas singing and sharing followed by faspa and games.

January 6 - 2:00 p.m. Wise Guys Party for OMCers @ Bethany Manor

January 8 – 10:00 am Epiphany Baptism and Communion

11:00 Forum in Sanctuary with Dick Braun on the 100th Anniversary of South American Mennonite migration. Also, on FB.

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP *December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
And Children's Christmas Program*

Accompanist: Lynette

Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

No Sunday School Bible Study - Jake Buhler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****All who wish to sing,** please come at 9am Sunday mornings for an impromptu quick one-song rehearsal.

***Please sign Jacob Friesen's 99th Birthday card** on lobby table. Jacob is our oldest member living in B.C. who regularly reads our newsletter and responds with appreciation.

***The Warman Concert Band** is presenting “Let the Bells Ring!” at the Legends Theatre in the Warman Home Centre Communiplex on Sunday, **Dec. 11th** @ 2:30 pm. Admission by donation.

***Shekinah** invites you to our annual **A Very Shekinah Christmas**, December 11, 2:30pm at the Shekinah Timberlodge. Join us for an old-fashioned carol singing, a performance by local bluegrass group BJ & Friends, and - of course - some tasty goodies before your trek home. Admission is by donation, with money raised going towards our summer camp. See <https://shekinah.ca/events/2021/a-very-shekinah-christmas-2022> for more details

Hey folks,

I have definitely seen an uptick in donations but we are closing in on the final month of our fiscal year and we are still short. Please consider giving an extra donation this month to support the good work of Osler Mennonite Church. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support in all its forms.

Jan to Nov 2022			
	Actual	Budget	difference
Revenue	\$ 151,128.45	\$ 181,137.52	-\$ 30,009.07
Expenses	\$ 166,997.96	\$ 180,436.35	-\$ 13,438.39
Difference	-\$ 15,869.51		
Jan to Nov 2021			
	Actual	Budget	difference
Revenue	\$ 156,277.97	\$ 176,381.15	-\$ 20,103.18
Expenses	\$ 152,899.26	\$ 176,925.83	-\$ 24,026.57
Difference	\$ 3,378.71		

Matthew Braun
Osler Mennonite Church Treasurer

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.

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.

Christmas Giving Project: Saskatoon Friendship Inn provides two nutritious meals a day, 365 days a year to vulnerable and marginalized people. The Community Connections committee invites you to assist the Inn by donating money or the following items this Advent season: *diapers sizes 4,5, pull-ups, Baby formula, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine pads, men's razors and shampoo or unisex T-shirts. Certain grocery items are needed as well, including dried or canned beans, sugar, cooking oil and salt and pepper.* For a more complete list see the bulletin board, or friendshipinn.ca. **Giving boxes** will be set up in the church for you. Thank you for your generous caring!

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.

RJC High School is inviting applications for a teaching position beginning in January of 2023. Part-time or full-time work may be available depending on the needs of the successful candidate and the school. We are seeking a dynamic, student-focused teacher willing to contribute to the school community and the wellbeing of the whole child. Teachers from all disciplines are invited to apply.

For more information visit our website at rjc.sk.ca, or contact the Principal, Ryan Wood, at ryan@rjc.sk.ca. Come join our team!

***MCC Connect:** Feeling overstretched during this holiday season? MCC Thrift has put together a free resource called How to Have a More Peaceful Christmas. Visit this link for some helpful ideas for adding a bit more calm to your life amidst all the busyness of Christmastime: <https://thrift.mcc.org/peaceful-christmas>

MC Sask Updates:

Join us in celebrating the Christmas season with the **RJC Christmas Concert**. 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 20 in the RJC Auditorium. Admission by donation.

MC Sask Camping Ministry Study Update: Tim Nickel, the project facilitator, has completed interviews with key stakeholders, visited all three camp sites, conducted much of the Stakeholder Analysis, and brought a mid-term report back to MC Sask Council. The study is

making great progress! In December, Tim will conduct a market analysis in comparison with similar camps and organizations. Stay tuned in January as they seek input from MC Sask congregations in this discussion about camps.

***Give the gift of fair-trade coffee and support our youth!** Level Ground coffee is available in 300g bags or 5lb boxes in either bean or ground in varieties from the favourites Colombia and Decaf to Dark Tanzania and French Roast! Go to <https://mcsask.ca/coffee> and order today!

***SAVE THE DATE!** ReNew: A Resourcing Conference for Pastors and Church Leaders, January 30–31. Our theme this year is **Living Call Stories: Dynamics of the Pastoral Vocation** with Kathleen Cahalan, Professor of Practical Theology at St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary. More information to follow, visit cmu.ca/renew for further description of the conference.

***MCC Quilt sale 30% OFF!**

Thanks to generous donors, we have everything from placemats, to couch quilts, to twin and queen quilts available. Get yours today before they're gone! <http://www.mccskquiltsale.com>

The Shekinah Youth Retreat is coming on the weekend of Jan 27-29, and we are in need of kitchen help to make this weekend of rest and learning happen. If you'd be willing to help out in the kitchen please let Zach Dueck know at youthminister@mcsask.ca or you can call Zach at 306-880-6834

YOUTH CALENDAR

December 14th: 7pm - Christmas Party at OMC

January 4th: 7pm - Carrot Night at OMC

January 21th: 7pm - Game Night at Schellenberg Residence

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"Wow! You weren't kidding. The triple chocolate fudge mocha cheesecake was to die for!"

Seen on a Church Sign – *Not Fake News-Good News!*

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**"I know you care about cleaning up the planet.
Your bedroom is part of the planet!"**