



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 16, 2025

God Moves Us

Prelude

Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Call to Worship: VT#851

L: Jesus calls us
To praise and prayer,
To song and silence;

P: Jesus calls us to worship.

L: Jesus calls us
To hearing and healing,
To service and solidarity;

P: Jesus calls us to love.

L: Jesus calls us
To advocacy and action,
To protest and provision;

P: Jesus calls us to justice.

L: We hear the call of Christ.

All: *We worship together with joy.*

Prayer of Invocation

**Hymns of Praise: VT #103 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
VT #199 O God, You Search Me**

First Reading: Psalm 139:1-18

Lord, you have examined me. You know me.

You know when I sit down and when I stand up.

Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

You study my traveling and resting.

You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.
There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,
that you don't already know completely.
You surround me—front and back. You put your hand on me.
That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.
Where could I go to get away from your spirit?
Where could I go to escape your presence?
If I went up to heaven, you would be there.
If I went down to the grave,[a] you would be there too!
If I could fly on the wings of dawn,
stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—
even there your hand would guide me;
even there your strong hand would hold me tight!
If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me;
the light will become night around me,"
even then the darkness isn't too dark for you!
Nighttime would shine bright as day,
because darkness is the same as light to you!
You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.
I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.
Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.
My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,
when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.
Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written that was being formed for me,
before any one of them had yet happened.
God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!
Their total number is countless!
If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!
If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.

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

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation
Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Prayers –

Condolence to the Funk family at the death of brother Peter

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

Hymn: VT #636 Spirit, Open My Heart

Second Reading: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: “Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, ‘God, I thank you that I’m not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.’ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn’t even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, ‘God, show mercy to me, a sinner.’ I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.”

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#209 We Dream of a Turning

Sermon: Contempt of Contempt

Hymn: VT #568 Christ Has No Body Here but Ours

Benediction: God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always.

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

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

TODAY Nov 16

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Julie

Song Leaders: Loretta, Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Naomi

Story: Wilf Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Harold/Lloyd

Offering Counter Team: Diana/Kevin

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

Luke's Week: Wed; OMC Office Hours; Thurs: KCC; Fri: OMC Office Hours/OMC Youth; Sat: Works From Home

Brad's Week: usual work days will be 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 Weeks: 16 – Uma Boldt; 18 – Sarah Guenther (85); 18 – Steve Guenther; 18 – Nettie Siemens (90); 20 – Mika Schroeder; 22 – Lois Siemens

Sunday Coffee: Nov 16 - ?

Nov 23 - ?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Contemplative checkin" Wednesday evenings at 7pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

MCC Connects: Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development, and peace work by participating in our quilt sale! Each of these beautiful quilts has been sewn by generous donors, and you can explore the collection of quilts on display at Lakeview Free Methodist Church in Saskatoon from November 20-30, or online at www.mccskquiltsale.com

MC SASK Updates:

Please pray that the Mennonite Church in El Salvador continues to heed God's call to mission work so that we can reach those not yet reached across the globe. We pray that God will provide the people and the finances, and will continue to call, prepare, and send missionaries out into the world. Also, please pray that the General Council meetings in May will be guided by the Holy Spirit so that they bless the global Anabaptist community of faith.

-- *Samuel Martínez Leal, Evangelical Mennonite Church of El Salvador, from Mennonite World Conference, Prayers of Gratitude and Intercession (new)*

Praying for each other: Pray for Mount Royal as we continue through our worship series, “Why the Church?”. Pray that we would be open to what the Spirit has to say to us about how to be the church in such a time as this. Pray also for our Annual General Meeting happening later this month as we seek leaders to fill various roles. We rejoice in new folks who have joined our congregation and are eager to be part of church life.” (new)

November 16, 2:30 pm Ordination service for Lisa Martens Bartel at North Star Mennonite Church, Drake. Coffee and snacks to follow. Please come and join in the celebration and pray for Lisa and the people of North Star Mennonite.

MC Sask Announces Office Administrator Resignation - After 12+ years, Marianne Siemens has decided the time has come to step aside and has officially resigned from her position as Office and Financial Administrator, effective March 14, 2026.

“I have been honored to serve the people of MC Sask, getting to know many of you through events, meetings, and seeing you in the office. The warmth and caring of the people of MC Sask has been felt throughout my time with MC Sask, and it is very much appreciated. God has richly blessed our regional office with such wonderful people in the congregations who are willing to share of their time and talents to further the work of both the local and global church”.

“Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus and give thanks to God the Father through him.”
Colossians 3:17

Marianne started with MC Sask half time, but she quickly took on more workload and went to full time. Her position grew to include day to day financials, weekly emails, event planning including the ADS, web page creation and updating, youth coffee fundraising orders, and many other duties.

Len Rempel, Executive Minister of MC Sask said, “Marianne was a great support for me as I took on this role. Her dedication and commitment to the church has been evident through her work over the years. On behalf of all of MC Sask, we thank Marianne for her years of service and wish her well as she transitions to the next stage of life.”
(new)

RJC Kielke Supper Fundraiser at Bethany Manor | November 19

You're invited to join us for a kielke and sausage supper prepared by the RJC kitchen staff, with musical performances by the RJC Singers at Bethany Manor in the Fellowship Centre (110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon). First dinner seating at 4:30pm for Bethany Manor Residents & Guests. Second dinner seating at 6:30pm for RJC families & friends. Admission by donation. Receipts will be issued for any donation over \$15/meal. RSVP to the RJC office by phone (306) 232-4222 or by email to development@rjc.sk.ca.

RJC Basketball Mini Sports Camp | November 28 & 29

We invite youth in Grades 6–12 to join U of S Huskies Assistant Coach Reed Fitzgerald and other university-level coaches for a fun, skill-building weekend at RJC. The day camp runs Friday, 6:00–8:30 PM, and Saturday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM. Cost is \$50 per player, including lunch. Players will be grouped by level (Grades 6–8 and 9–12). Register at rjc.sk.ca/sportscamp.

November 21 | Discover Day – Join us for the full day or the afternoon of November 21 to discover what it is like to be a CMU student. Tour the CMU campus, attend sample lectures, meet professors and current students, and have lunch and treats on us! For more information and to register, visit cmu.ca/discover-days.

November 21 | Music Discover Day – Prospective music and music therapy students are invited to learn more about studying music at CMU with a full day campus visit on November 21. Visit cmu.ca/discover-days for more information and registration.

November 27. 7pm | MC Sask Advent Prayer Service at Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. Through music, scripture, prayer, and silence we will prepare our hearts to be attentive to and amazed by the ways God is at work in the church and the world this Advent season.

December 4 - Youth Farm Bible Camp Christmas Supper

Fundraiser – Join us at Youth Farm Bible Camp for a Come-and-Go Meal! Enjoy slow roast beef on BBQ, turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, salads, and soft serve ice cream. Admission by donation. Come for great food and learn more about the ministry of Youth Farm Bible Camp

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.

YFBC Mexico Impact Trip – Be part of an amazing cultural experience! Join our Mexico Impact Trip and make a difference while growing in faith and service. Deadline to join: December 15. For more information and to apply online, go to www.yfbcMexico.com (new)

A new learning opportunity in the Conflict Management and Congregational Leadership Certificate, created to serve churches through a webinar series for church leaders and members seeking to strengthen their leadership skills. Register for one topic or join regularly. For details, topics, and dates, visit: uwaterloo.ca/conflict-management/congregational-leadership-webinar-series Next webinar: Leading Congregational Meetings, Wednesday, January 14, 2026. 7:00-9:30 pm EST. Cost is \$60 for 1 person, \$45 each for 2 people, or \$30/person for 3 or more people from same group

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov 16 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching

Wed. Nov 19 7:00 pm Deacon mtg

Sun. Nov 23 – 10:00 am Brad Schroeder preaching – *Memorial Sunday*

Mon. Nov 24 – 6:00 pm Executive mtg

-7:30 pm Council mtg

Wed. Nov 26 – Hanging of the Greens

Sun. Nov 30 – 10:00 am Luke Bushman preaching – *1st Advent*

NEXT SUNDAY Nov 23 *Memorial Sunday*

Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Henry

Song Leader: Michelle Accompanist: Naomi
Story: Luke Sound: Matthew Ushers: Harold/Lloyd
Offering Counter Team: Diana/Shelley

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