



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 18, 2022

Christmas Program School Program *“Shepherds, Sheep and a Saviour”*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Behold! Do not be afraid; God is with us. God is our strength and our salvation!

People: Lord, we stand in your presence in faith, not fear.

Leader: God will send angels to keep watch over you, to comfort you, to keep you.

People: Lord, our strong hope is built on your unfailing love. Our hearts yield to you and trust in your transforming power.

All: Praise ye the Lord!

Invocational Prayer

Candle-lighting liturgy

Leader: We cry out for restoration, we call upon God to give us life.

People: Do not be afraid, says the Lord. I have promised to be with you.

Leader: As we hold fast to God’s promise, we light this candle as a sign of our joy.

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

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God

also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Hymns: VT #247 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
VT #254 “Oh, How Joyfully”

Offering / Offertory Prayer / Meditational Music
Sharing of Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

-Thank you to the choir and leaders, Christmas program organizers and children and youth. To the Worship Committee for decorating, to the snow *shovelers* and food and financial donors for making this Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season generous and joyful.

-health concerns for Naomi’s parents, Henry & Susan Janzen

Hymn: VT #237 “Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 (*as the children are assembling*)
Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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!

Scene I		Children
Shaggy, smelly sheep		Children
Scene II		Children
VT #249	“Angels We Have Heard On High”	Congregation
Scene III		Children
VT #245	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Congregation
Scene IV		Children
This is Jesus		Children
Scene V		Children

Today Earth is Singing / Away in a Manger

Children & Congregation

Scripture Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
 You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim
 and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!
 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's
 prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them
 tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
 our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved.
 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you
 made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give
 us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
 let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Hymn: VT #240 “Joy to the World”

Benediction: “Der Friedensfurst”

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

TODAY’S WORSHIP December 18 *Christmas Program*

Worship Leader: Luke Accompanist: Lynette

Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Lloyd/Harold

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

Church Office will be closed Dec 26 thru to Jan 3

Patty's Week: Tues. off; Weds/Fri office; Sat. Service; Sun. Bethany Manor

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

Birthdays: 19 – Shelley Penner; 21 – Charlie Clark; 22 – Jacob B Friesen (90); 24 – Norman Tataryn; 28 – Frieda Rempel; 31 – Linda Stucky; 31 – Adam Boldt

Snack/Coffee Schedule: Dec 18 – Kathy Braun

CALENDAR

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

Jan 1 No 10:00 am Service

4:00 pm Stories, songs, Faspa & Games

Jan 8 10:00 am Communion/Baptism – Patty Friesen

Jan 15 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF 2023 January 8 Communion/Baptism

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: Dave Feick

Song Leader: Kevin Accompanist: Lynette

Children's Time: Kathy 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****The choir will sing on Sunday, December 18th.** Rehearsal of familiar carols starts at 9 a.m.!

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.

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!

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

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. Open to students in Grade 7-11.

YOUTH CALENDAR

January 7th: 7pm - Carrot Night at OMC

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

***MCC Connect:** Moving Day for Village Green is coming soon, but first we need your help! Both shops will be packing up from December 28-30 and then setting up the new shop from January 4-14. If you or a group would like to come help with these projects, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Gabriela at gabrielaaltarugio@thrift.mccsk.ca or 306-665-0102. All levels of physical capability and skill are welcome.

***"Thank you for hosting Selah's Song** back on October 19th! We at Theatre of the Beat are so grateful for your support. Our tour was a great success and you helped make it so special.

As the end of the year approaches, we are reaching out to ask if you would be willing to help us with our end-of-year fundraiser. Your support would go a long way in helping us continue to create and share impactful, thought-provoking theatre with audiences across the country. To donate please head to Theatreofthebeat.ca/donate. Or you can support by sending Cedric a recipe for the new "Recipes from the Road" cookbook, Cedric@theatreofthebeat.ca."

***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.

Upcoming Winter Warmer January Activities:

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. 30 - Alex Thiessen preaching

From the Trustees: If we really want to conserve energy please start by making sure to turn off lights in the WHOLE building when you leave.

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