



# 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*

*November 20, 2022*

## *Memorial Sunday*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome/Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship** *a medley of Psalms*

L: Holy God, we are in danger of the fowler's snare and the deadly pestilence.

**P: Our Strength and ever-present Help in trouble: Cover us with your feathers and give us refuge under Your wings.**

L: When we are walking through the darkest valley:

**P: We fear no evil, for You are with us. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort us.**

L: When we are broken hearted and crushed in spirit:

**P: You are close; You deliver us from our troubles. You lift us from the slimy pit and the miry clay, and set our feet on a Rock.**

L: When we are exhausted and full of cares, we will put our trust in You.

**P: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. My God is my rock, in Whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation. My stronghold.**

L: The Lord will watch over our lives; The Lord will watch over our coming and going; both now and forevermore.

***ALL: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's love endures forever!***

### **Prayer of Invocation**

**Gathering Hymn: VT #203 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep in my pasture!” declares YHWH. “Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who are tending my people: You have scattered my flock and driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds, declares YHWH. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their own pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. I will also raise up shepherds who will look after them and pasture them. They will no longer be afraid or terrified nor will any be missing, declares YHWH. Behold, the days are coming, declares YHWH, when I will raise up for the house of David a righteous branch, who will reign as a true ruler and act wisely, and do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. This is the Name on which they will call: ‘YHWH, Our Justice.’”

**Children’s Gathering Song – VT #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:** Adeline Cox

**Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation**

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

- all who mourn losses
- Rita’s relatives’ return to Kherson, Ukraine
- climate summit

**Hymn: VT #619** “In the Rifted Rock I’m Resting”

**Hymn: VT #605** “My Life Flow On”

**Gospel Reading: Luke 23:33-43 *First Nations Version***

When they had come to the place called “The Skull,” they nailed the hands and feet of Jesus to a tree-pole-the cross. They did the same for the two criminals, putting one on each side of him. “Abba, forgive them!” Jesus cried out. “They don’t know what they are doing.” The soldiers divided up his garments and gambled for them by drawing

straws. The people watched as the spiritual leaders mocked him. “He set others free,” they said, “why can’t he free himself, if he is Creator’s Chosen One?” The soldiers offered Jesus wine mixed with bitter herbs and mocked him. “If you are the Great Chief of the tribes,” they laughed, “then set yourself free.” Above his head, carved above the crossbeam, were these words in three languages: This is the Chief of the Tribes. One of the thieves next to him spewed out angry words, “If you are the Chosen One, save yourself and us!” Then the other thief spoke up and said, “Have you no fear or respect for the Great Spirit? We are guilty and suffering for our own wrongdoings, but this man has done nothing wrong!” The man turned to Jesus and said to him, “Honoured One, remember me when you come into the power of your good road.” Jesus looked at the man and said, “Listen closely, before the sun sets today, you will walk with me in the beautiful garden.”

**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 #660 “The Lord’s My Shepherd”**

**Sermon: “Today You Will Be with Me”**

**Memorial Lighting of Candles**

**Hymn: VT #658 “Nearer, My God, to Thee”**

**Benediction:** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Creator who loved us and through grace gave us comfort and good hope, comfort our hearts and strengthen them. Go in peace.

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

**TODAY’S WORSHIP November 13**

Speaker: Patty Friesen

Scripture Reader: Anna Rehan

Song Leader: Kevin

Accompanist: Melanie

Children’s Time: Adeline Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Benjamin/Dick

Youth Sunday School -Christie Martens-Funk; Children – Julie Bergen;

Bible Study - Jake Buhler

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

**Patty's Week:** Tues. sermon; Weds. office; Thurs. worship; Fri. office

**Luke's Week:** Tues work from home; Wed office, Thurs office OMC & NPM; Fri office

**Birthdays:** 22 - Lois Siemens; 24 - Ruth Buhler

**Snack/Coffee Schedule:** Nov 20-Kaytee Edwards/Buhler  
Nov 27-Anna Peters

*Please consider signing up to bring a snack and prepare the coffee!*

Stephanie Siemens has moved. Her new address is:  
836B Main St., Saskatoon, SK S7H 0K3

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, Nov. 20 Potluck** group C-L helping Wilf and Julie with set-up at 9:00 a.m. and clean-up.

**Community Connections:**

**Blanket Making** for MCC will take place during the week starting at 9 am

**\*Anyone interested** in hot chocolate making/caroling around Osler tree this Saturday (Nov 26)? This is part of *Osler's Kickoff to Christmas*. Talk to John Gascho.

CC will be gifting \$500 worth food certificates for local families for Christmas. Please consider giving to Community Aid and Local Family Fund for this and ongoing projects.

**\*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](http://friendshipinn.ca). **Giving boxes** will be set up in the church for you. Thank you for your generous caring!

**Deacons Announcements:** Want to be a part of a prayer chain for Creation Care? Talk to Julie. Want to be part of a prayer chain for Congregation Care? Talk to Frieda.

Please talk to Pastor Luke or Pastor Patty if interested in a couple of **baptism conversations**. We will be sharing our faith stories with deacons on Sun. Dec. 6, 11:00 a.m.

**Art for Advent:** Advent Art is being displayed in the Meditation Room 3 – please view prayerfully and have a blessed Advent.

**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.

**Worship: Impromptu Advent Choir** will meet Sundays in Advent starting Nov. 28, 9:00 a.m. to share a song for meditation time and for Christmas Eve.

**Forever in Motion** is starting up again at the Osler Community Hall. Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Wear running shoes and bring a water bottle. Free Drop in Classes

### **MCSask Updates:**

**\*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](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca) or you can call Zach at 306-880-6834

**\*Visit CMU** – The next CMU Campus Visit Day takes place on November 25 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (CST). Enjoy a tour of the campus, meetings with professors and current students, a financial aid presentation, opportunities for your questions, and a treat from folio café! Visit [cmu.ca/campusvisit](http://cmu.ca/campusvisit). Application fees are waived for those who apply by November 30!

**\*Christmas with CMU** Saturday, November 26 at 7:00 PM (CST) at Bethel Mennonite Church (465 Stafford St., Winnipeg). This year's Christmas program will be in-person and livestreamed featuring favourites performed by a variety of CMU's music ensembles. Space is

limited; free tickets are required and are going quickly, available at [cmu.ca/Christmas](http://cmu.ca/Christmas)

**\*Christmas at CommonWord** – Prepare for Advent and Christmas with gift-giving ideas (fair-trade coffee, seasonal books, other books to gift, Indigenous gifts) and church resources (worship, devotionals, group studies, performed dramas). Visit in person (2299 Grant Ave., Winnipeg) or online at [commonword.ca](http://commonword.ca). See the online flyer for Christmas sale specials available from November 28 to December.

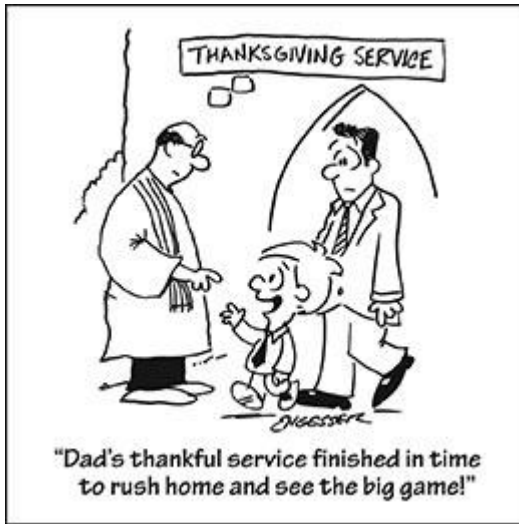
**\*Coro Nova Choir** invites you to their Christmas Concert on Saturday December 10th at 7pm at First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. Join us for an evening of music to celebrate the Christmas season with special guest, the newly formed Nutana Park Mennonite Church Kids Club Junior Choir. Directed by Lynne Driedger-Enns and Accompanied by Brenda Epp. Tickets are \$10 (children under 12 are free) at the door - rush seating only! We look forward to seeing you there!

**\*RJC Spend-A-Day** | November 23 Prospective students in Grades 7-11 are invited to experience a day in the life at RJC. Please contact [admissions@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:admissions@rjc.sk.ca) or call 306-232-4222 for more information.

You're invited to a special **celebration of 50 years of MCC Thrift** on November 22nd! This live, virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity, and generosity of the MCC Thrift network, which has raised more than CA\$305 million over the last 50 years for the work of MCC at home and around the world. You'll hear stories about the grassroots beginnings of the thrift network, meet some of our amazing volunteers, learn about the impact that MCC Thrift has made. The virtual event will take place at 7 pm. Register online to reserve your spot today at [thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50](http://thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50)

**\*MCC Connect:** 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 have been sewn by generous donors and you can explore the collection of quilts at this link: <https://mcccanada.ca/mcc-saskatchewan-quilt-sale>.

**\*Bethany Manor – Villa** has a Light to Intermediate Personal Care room available for immediate occupancy. See Posters for details.



## **CPT – Christian Peacemakers**

*A behind the scenes look at World Sports.....*

In two days, the Football World Cup will kick off in Qatar with billions of people worldwide glued to screens in hypes of nationalism and camaraderie. As you might have already read, this World Cup is not without controversy; most significantly, the death of 6500 migrant workers who died while building the infrastructure needed for this tiny nation to host the tournament. Most workers who make it to Qatar from South Asia pay an agent a recruitment fee averaging around 1500 USD. For those who die, the burden of paying the loan back falls on surviving family members. In most cases, another adult family member or a teenage son awaits to migrate. This cycle traps them in a debt spiral.

On arrival, the worker gets trapped in the Kafala labour system, where the employer seizes the passports, and changing jobs is prohibited. Qatar passed a law to abolish the system, but labour and human rights organizations claim its implementation is lacking.

Qatar might have a labour system that violates human rights, but large global corporations also use these laws in their favour to recruit migrant workers and profit from their sweat and deaths. The World Cup is a money-making machine deeply entrenched in a predatory capitalistic

system. Qatar will spend 220 billion dollars to host these games, and FIFA, the global football association, will most likely make over 4 billion dollars in net profit.

How do we speak of labour rights when we have a system designed to exploit people? How do we talk about migration when borders are barriers for people and not capital? How do we critique other systems of oppression while recognizing the benefits some of our countries derive from centuries of colonization and exploitation? How do we break from the chains of the oligarchy?

Will you be one of the 3.5 billion people watching the World Cup?

Caldwell Manners  
*CPT Communications Coordinator*

### **OMC Calendar**

- Nov 20 10:00 am Patty Friesen Memorial Sunday**  
Noon Pot Luck with group C-L
- Nov 21 9:00 am start to MCC Blanket Making all week
- Nov 24 7:00 pm Worship mtg
- Nov 27 10:00 am Singing/Luke First Sunday of Advent**  
11:00 am Deacon mtg
- Dec 4 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Second Sunday of Advent*  
11:00 am Deacon mtg

#### **NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**November 27**

Speaker: Singing/Luke Bushman      Worship Leader: Henry Funk  
Song Leaders: Kathryn, Ben, Michelle      Accompanist: Lynette  
Children's Time: Lynette      Sound: Benjamin      Ushers: Bill/Anne  
*Youth Sunday School - Luke Bushman; Children – Naomi Schellenberg;*  
*Bible Study - Jake Buhler*

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