



Osler Mennonite Church

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

OMC CALENDAR

- Jan 4 Kid's weekly Bible School zoom 7:00 pm
- Jan 6 Executive zoom 6 pm; Council zoom 7 pm
- Jan 7 Youth weekly Group / Bible School zoom, 7:00 pm
- Jan 13 Zoom Appreciation Party for Loretta, 7:00 pm (she says "bring on the donuts", haha)

*OMC Mask Quilt: Please save your cloth masks for an OMC Mask Quilt after the pandemic!

*Got a new laptop for Christmas? Used laptops with Zoom capability needed for community. Drop off at church.

Upcoming In Sanctuary & Facebook Live Sunday Services:

- Jan 3 Patty Friesen preaching
- Jan 10 Patty Friesen preaching
- Jan 17 Servant Partners (affiliated with Vine & Table)
- Jan 24 Nora Pederberg preaching
- Jan 31 Patty Friesen preaching

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen Children's Time: Patty Friesen
 Pianist: Lynette Janzen Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk
 Song Leaders: Michelle McKinnell, Dayna Stefaniuk, Doug McKinnell
 Ushers: Bill & Anna Peters

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We gather on Treaty Six Lands, Nehiyaw Territory, and the Homeland of the Métis.

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

December 27, 2020

Christmas
On the road to rejoicing

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 148

L: Alleluia! Praise Creator from the heavens; praise in the heights!

People: Praise God, all you angels; and all you heavenly hosts!

L: Praise God, sun and moon; and all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens; and you waters above the heavens!

People: Let them praise the Name of the Lord by whose command they were created. God established them forever and ever and gave a decree which won't pass away.

L: Praise Creator from the earth, you sea creatures and ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and mist and storm winds that fulfill God's word, mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small animals and flying birds, rulers of the earth, leads of all nations, all the judges in the world, young men and young women, old people and children -

All: Let them all praise the Name of our God whose Name alone is exalted, whose majesty transcends heaven and earth, and who has raised up a Horn for God's people to the praise of the faithful, all the people dear to God! Alleluia!

Hymn: Purple/VT #264 "Still, still, still"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will joyfully exult in God, who is the joy of my soul! My God has clothed me with a robe of deliverance and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, the way a bridegroom puts on a turban and a bride bedecks herself with jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and a garden brings its seeds to blossom, so Creator makes justice sprout, and praise spring up before all nations. For Zion's sake, I will not be silent; for the sake of Jerusalem, I will not rest - not until her integrity shines like the dawn, her deliverance like a flaming torch. The nations will see your vindication and the rulers your splendor; you will have a new name that Creator's mouth will bestow. You will be a garland of beauty in God's hands, a solemn crown worn by your God.

Children's Christmas Song: **Gloria #204 HWB**

Children's Time: Patty Friesen

Offering Prayer/Offertory

Sharing Joys and Concerns/ Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Purple/VT #586 "All will be well"

Gospel Monologue: Luke 2:22-40 Jesus Presented in the Temple:
Edna Zacharias

22 When the day came for them to be purified, as laid down by the Law of Moses, the couple took Jesus up to Jerusalem and presented him to God. 23 For it's written in the Law of our God, "Every firstborn heir is to be consecrated to God." 24 They likewise came to offer in sacrifice "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accord with the dictate of the Law of our God. 25 Now there lived in Jerusalem a man named Simeon. He was devout and just, anticipating the consolation of Israel, and he was filled with the Holy Spirit. 26 She had revealed to Simeon that he wouldn't see death until he had seen the Messiah of God. 27 Prompted by her, Simeon came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child to perform the customary rituals of the Law, 28 he took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, 29 "Now, O God, you can dismiss your servant in peace, just as you promised; 30 because my eyes have seen the salvation 31 which you have prepared for all the peoples to see— 32 a light of revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel." 33 As the child's mother and father stood there marveling at the things that were being said, 34 Simeon

blessed them and said to Mary, the mother, "This child is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that is rejected, 35 so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare. And a sword will pierce your heart as well." 36 There was a woman named Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, who was also a prophet. She had lived a long life, seven years with her husband, 37 and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple, worshiping day and night, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up at that moment, she gave thanks to God and talked about the child to all who anticipated the deliverance of Jerusalem. 39 When the couple had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the Law of God, they returned to Galilee and their own town of Nazareth. 40 The child grew in size and strength. He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was with him.

Response to the Scripture:

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: Purple/VT #243/HWB#206 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Sermon: "Anna in the Temple/Julian in the Anchor-hold" by Patty Friesen

Hymn: Purple/VT #208 "With Mary Sing Magnificat"

Benediction: People of God, people on the road: Go forth, rejoicing, for like Anna and Simeon and Julian our eyes have seen the salvation of God!

Patty's week: Patty will not be in church office Dec. 21-Jan. 2 but in church Dec. 27, Jan.3.

Nora's Week: on holidays Dec 21- Jan 3

NEXT SUNDAY: Jan 3: “On the Road to Radiance” by Patty Friesen
Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Children’s Time: Kathy Braun Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg
Sound: Stephanie Siemens Usher: Harold Loewen
Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Kathryn Janzen

Remember in Prayer:

-those separated from loved ones during this holiday season due to the pandemic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you to Loretta for her years of ministry/admin assistance to us. **There will be a Zoom appreciation party held Weds. Jan. 13, 7:00 p.m. Link coming soon.**

***Committee Chairpersons – please have your committee reports in to Karl Martens before January 9th. Please email to karlwmartens@gmail.com**

***Student Bursary Fund:** The Bursary fund was started by a donation from the Estate of Rev. Corney Boldt for students who will be attending one of our church schools. Originally, it was a once in a lifetime bursary of \$500.00 per student. In 2016 the bursary was changed to be up to **twice in a lifetime**. One bursary is available for a student when attending a Mennonite high school and one bursary when attending a Mennonite college or university. The bursaries will be made available for as long as there is money in the fund. To qualify the applicant or its parents must be members of Osler Mennonite Church or must have been active in the church program for the past three years. If you qualify, please obtain a form from the office and submit it to either Doug McKinnell, Margret Boldt or Adeline Cox.

***Mosaic Sunday School class:** Every Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212174301> Meeting ID: 872 1217 4301

***2020 Sunday School Christmas Giving Project: Lina Refugee Fund.** Through Advent and at Christmas Eve pre-recorded service, we will be receiving gifts for Lina Al-Nouris Refugee Fund in anticipation of their arrival in the new year. Please pray for Lina, Ayiat, Hajar, Hussein, Abdal, and Mohammed as they prepare for their new life in Saskatoon. Please also check out <http://www.oslermennonitechurch.org> for an updated list of household items also needed.
Contact Sandra Grismer (306-380-4576; sgrismer1@sasktel.net) if you can donate, pledge to provide, or have questions.

***OMC December Outdoor Activities** with safe distancing and weather permitting (306-260-6069)
Sun. Dec. 27, 1-3 p.m. Skate around Osler tree 2nd Ave.
Sun. Jan. 3, 1-3 p.m. Snowshoe Shekinah trails by chalet with campfire ring. \$10/day use
Let Pastor Patty know if interested 306-260-6069,
oslermcpastor@sasktel.net*

***From the Re-opening and Executive committees:**

If you can use live stream to connect with the worship service, we would ask you to stay home and connect virtually through Facebook. If you are not on Facebook, due to the 30 person limit (for us it would be 20 people plus the worship team), **people attending in person are required to register with Kathy Braun by Friday NOON so we know who can be accommodated that week. You can email the church office at oslermcoffice@sasktel.net**

***Wednesday Wellness Zoom Check-Ins with Deacons’ Care Groups. Frieda’s group: Mon. Dec. 28, 7:00 p.m. for Frieda’s 75th birthday party. Wilf’s group: Weds. Dec. 30, 7:00 p.m.**
Zoom links are the same so if you want to see other people you are missing, please join in.

And then , Save the Date: Deacons’ Fab Feb 7 Faspa @ 5:00pm.
A frozen faspa could be delivered to your door and Zoom eating with other church folks. Don’t need to have Zoom on computer; you can call in or just eat with rest of church in spirit. **To order your faspa: call/email/text Patty, oslermcpastor@sasktel.net, 306-260-6069.**