TODAY:

Worship Leader: Dave Feick Children's Time: Kathy Braun Pianist: Naomi Schellenberg Sound: Stephanie Siemens

Song Leaders: Ben Buhler, Kathryn Janzen

Ushers: Harold Loewen

OMC CALENDAR

Jan 6 Executive zoom 6 pm	; Council zoom 7 pm

Jan 7 Youth weekly Group / Bible School zoom, 7:00 pm

Upcoming In Sanctuary & Facebook Live Sunday Services:

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Jan 10: Patty Friesen preaching

Worship Leader: Adeline Cox
Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Children's Time: Adeline Cox
Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta, Dayna, Ben

Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky

Patty's week:

Nora's Week: working Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sun.

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



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 3, 2021

Epiphany Sunday On the Road to Radiance

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement from Voices Together #878

We acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territory of Indigenous peoples.

We affirm that settlers have specific responsibilities in the journey of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

We give thanks to Creator, and to those peoples who have stewarded this and for generations. We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work, and worship here, as we witness the reconciling movement of the Spirit and seek to live into right relations with our Indigenous neighbors all of creation.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (adapted from Isaiah 60:4-6; Psalm 72:12)

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around:

People: God delivers the needy when they call.

Leader: Let your hearts thrill and rejoice:

People: God will deliver the poor and those who have no helper.

Leader: The nations will bring gold and frankincense before the

Lord.

People: We shall see and be radiant,

All: and we will proclaim the praise of the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation Voices Together #859

God of every place, some of us see you today from mountains of joy and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise,

Some of us seek you today from valleys of grief or doubt, valley of loss or exhaustion.

And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward.

When we descend from the heights,

show us your presence on the ground.

When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way.

Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.

Hymn: Purple/VT #497 "Hallelujah! schöner Morgen"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephan; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Children's Christmas Gathering Song: Gloria #204 HWB

Children's Time: Kathy Braun

Offering Prayer/Offertory – V/T #861

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church – V/T #1107

God, give me grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that you will make all things right, if I surrender to your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen

Hymn: Purple/VT #277 "As with Gladness"

Gospel Monologue on Matthew 2:1-12 Stephanie Siemens

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 #275 "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

Sermon: "On the Road to Radiance" Patty Friesen

Hymn: Purple/VT #258 "Love Has Come"

Benediction: People of God, people on the road: arise and shine! Go forth in the radiance of God: for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Remember in Prayer:

Leo Driedger, the elder brother of Ben, Wilf and Jake Buhler, died in Winnipeg on December 28 at age 92. Leo was a renowned professor of sociology at the U of Manitoba. He was baptized at OMC. Leo was active in MCC and wrote prolifically about Mennonites. He was predeceased by his wife Darlene. Leo was a member of Charleswood MC in Winnipeg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you to Loretta for her years of ministry/admin assistance to us. There will be a Zoom appreciation party held Wednesday January13, 7:00 p.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMrcuyoqjstH9zhs4YXOTRLHC xm1WVb0QKT/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvqD4vGtCVtxyPRpwEBI_4 Z_TwiGJagvpHlAyxOhh8VjHaHsFaP-NIJtqA Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87655040758

*Harley Peequaquat sends enormous thanks for the big food hamper given by OMC

*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 Doug McKinnell, Margret Boldt or Adeline Cox.

*OMC December Outdoor Activities with safe distancing and weather permitting (306-260-6069)
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,
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*Mosaic Sunday School class: Every Sunday at 11:00am via Zoom. The password is: Mosaic. This is a NEW link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87212174301 Meeting ID: 872 1217 4301