



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 26, 2023

Memorial Sunday

Prelude

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

**C: Know that the Lord is God; the Holy One who made us,
and we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

L: Enter Yahweh's gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise.

We give thanks and bless God's holy name.

**C: For the Lord is good; whose steadfast love endures forever
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #70 Praise God

VT #49 All Who Are Thirsty

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I

will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Children's Gathering Song: VT #510 Today Earth Is Singing
Story for All Ages: Lynette

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

Prayers –Emmett's health changes
-all those grieving loved ones
-for our new conference minister Len Rempel and the congregations he has been serving at Pleasant Point and Warman as they begin pastoral searches.
-also searching for pastor are Nutana Park, Wildwood, Rosthern and Mount Royal

Hymn VT #653 Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23 *Paul's Prayer:*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God has put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under Christ's feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 #657 Go, Silent Friend

Sermon: A Hole in the World

Hymn: VT #671 The Hand of God Shall Hold You

Benediction: May the fullness of Christ who fills all in all, comfort us in all our sorrow that we may be a comfort to others. Go in the peace of Christ. Amen.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP November 26 *Memorial Sunday*

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leaders: Ben, Kathryn Accompanist: Melanie

Story Time: Lynette Sound: Benjamin Ushers: Bill/Anna

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

Patty's Week: Tues. Advent/Christmas; Weds. MHSS, Webinar/Faspa;
Fri. Office

Luke's Week: Wed. NPMC Youth; Thurs. Sermon & KCC (*Kids' Club & Choir*); Fri. OMC Office/Youth; Sat. Sermon prep; Sun. preach

Birthdays: 28 – Jake Buhler (81); 29 – Zoe Schellenberg; 30 –
Cheyenne Buhler; December 2 – Oren Bird; 2 – Noah Doell

Friday: coffee is on every Friday in the church office – 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Room Coffee Schedule: Nov 26

NEXT SUNDAY December 3 *First Advent Sunday*

Speaker: Luke Bushman Worship Leader: Adeline

Song Leaders: Loretta, Anna Accompanist: Melanie

Story Time: Adeline Sound: Doug Ushers: Bill/Anna

CALENDAR

Nov 26 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Memorial Sunday*

Nov 29 6:00-7:30 pm Faspa & CMU Webinar – please sign up

Dec 3 10:00 am Luke Bushman speaking *First Sunday of Advent*

Dec 10 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking *Second Sunday of Advent*

Dec 17 10:00 am Christmas Program

Dec 24 No 10:00 am Service

7:00 pm Candlelight Service

Dec 31 10:00 am Patty Friesen speaking Communion

TODAY: Memorial Sunday we will be lighting candles and saying the names of our deceased loved ones. Those who wish to visit with a deacon or pastor afterwards, please meet in Patty's office.

You are invited to join a Sunday morning choir that will sing during Advent. "Impromptu" rehearsals start at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday, December 3rd to 24th, to sing one (maybe two) songs each Sunday morning to celebrate the season.

No Pickle ball this Wednesday due to a church booking.

New Address for Robert & Brandee Borne
201 – 2703 Spadina Cres E
Saskatoon, SK S7K 6P8

Creating Healthier Church Culture Webinar Weds. Nov. 29, 6:00-7:30 CT in OMC Coffee Room with faspapotluck.

By creating a culture that affirms and invites dialogue amid difference, we can address small conflicts in constructive ways before they turn into large, destructive conflicts. It is helpful to learn and imagine potential structures and processes that are useful for group dialogue. Good process makes a big difference. This is something churches can do - it is an important and authentic way to embody the gospel of peace within our own communities. ***Please sign-up on the bulletin board.*** If no one else signs up, Patty will Zoom from the comfort of her recliner

Community Connections: 2 MCC Blankets in the Lobby are for Sale for \$100 each.

Forever in Motion - free drop-in classes every Tuesday and Friday starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Hall led by Lucy Friesen and Susan Braun. Join OMCers' and other Osler locals for seniors' exercise and conversation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC has developed an email that can be sent to Justin Trudeau and others in the Canadian Government re: a call for a ceasefire in Israel/Palestine. The Link is below:

[Call for an end to violence in Palestine and Israel \(Canada\)](#)

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Council is pleased to announce the hiring of Len Rempel as our new Executive Minister. Len is currently pastoring at Warman Mennonite Church and Pleasant Point Mennonite

Church. Prior to moving to Saskatchewan, Len was very involved in the work of the wider church. He served as Chief Financial Officer of Ten Thousand Villages Canada; was Chief Operating Officer at Mennonite World Conference, working out of the Kitchener, ON office; and was Pastor at St. Agatha Mennonite Church in Ontario.

Len shares “I am honoured to be entrusted with the role of Executive Minister. I am thankful to be able to serve the Church in this way and I look forward to connecting with each congregation and pastor in MC Sask.” He will replace Gary Peters, who is currently serving as Interim Executive Minister for MC Sask since March 2023. This leadership transition will take place in early June, 2024. Watch for more information and a full interview with Len in the next few weeks.

We invite you to pray for Len, Pleasant Point MC, Warman MC, Gary, MC Sask Staff and the Council as we look toward the future.

Canadian Mennonite presents, “Answering the Call: Three Young Pastors Reflect on Ministry,” an online discussion on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. CT / 8:00 p.m. ET. Guests Curtis Wiens, Kennedy Froese and Elshaday Baraki will discuss their call to ministry and what they enjoy about being leaders in the church. Register today at: www.canadianmennonite.org/events

MCC Connects: Are you a young adult, or know a young adult, who is interested in being immersed in a new culture, and growing in ways you never imagined? MCC’s SALT program (Serving and Learning Together) is a cross-cultural service experience that runs from August to July every year, providing a wide variety of areas to serve in such as education, agriculture, healthcare, information technology, peace, and more. All assignment-related costs are covered, student loan fees are covered, and there are low fundraising expectations. Apply now and learn more at: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/volunteer/salt>.

MC Sask Update:

Nov 28: Remember MC Sask in your giving Tuesday donations to spread your generosity locally, nationwide and globally. Donate at <https://mcsask.ca/giving> (New)

Please remember OMC on Giving Tuesday, November 28 in support of our accessibility parking pad, local Christmas vouchers and youth programming.

December 3: Forest Church @ Shekinah 3pm. Join Amy Peters around the fire to begin the Advent season in outdoor worship. All are welcome! **(New)**

Join Micah Mission at Wanuskewin on December 4 for our learning series, Conversations in the Spirit of Truth & Reconciliation, as we dive into the theme of Justice. Cost: \$30.00. Contact info@themicahmission.org for more information and to buy tickets. **(new)**

Tuesday, December 5 from 5:00-7:00 pm, the Youth Farm Bible Camp will be hosting their annual **Christmas Fundraising Supper**. Menu is Slow Roasted Beef and Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes, Salad and all the fixings! Admission is by donation. Come support the camp and learn about the ministry. **(new)**

A Very Shekinah Christmas December 10 3 pm with North Sky Chorale conducted by Richard Janzen. There will be a formal farewell for Ron and Sue. Goodies to follow. Admission by donation. **(new)**

Christmas at CommonWord – Christmas Sale is on from November 25 to December 1. Prepare for the season with gift-giving ideas like fair-trade coffee, Advent/Christmas books, other books to gift, and Indigenous gifts. Visit us online at commonword.ca. **(New)**

**Joint Council Update to the MC Canada constituency
In 2017, Mennonite Church Canada put new structures into place. However, it has become clear that a few structural adjustments are needed to streamline some processes. See their update at**

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/res/pub/Documents/Structure/Joint-Council-Update-to-the-MC-Canada-constituency.pdf> to find out about how they are working on this. **(new)**

MC Sask Council is pleased to announce the creation a new Special Projects Fund

When reviewing current finances, Council determined that MC Sask's current reserves held a significant surplus, and that the funds could be put to better use by congregations and related organizations. Tim Wiens, MC Sask Finance Chair, states "Previous Councils had set aside specified donations and bequests to be used as a reserve fund. We determined that these dollars had grown to a level where some could be best used now, rather than waiting for a time in the future. We will still have a reserve fund that would cover potential shut down costs and budget shortfalls."

These funds can provide opportunities both within MC Sask and to other related organizations. The special projects would be one-time endeavors designed to build organizational capacity, or seed money for new programs. All MC Sask programs and related organizations are encouraged to apply. The next submission deadline is February 1, 2024.

Interim Moderator, Sharon Schultz adds "There may be new ideas from our related organizations that need co-funding to be implemented. Budgets are tight with many organizations and if we can provide some financing to help get these new projects started, we are pleased to offer assistance. Projects of a capital construction are eligible. Projects which make the organization better by providing professional development for staff, new marketing initiatives, or improved governance will also be considered."

The entire policy and application process can be found at <http://mcsask.ca/specialprojectsreservefund>. For additional information, contact Tim Wiens at finance@mcsask.ca

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