



Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 27, 2022

Hangings of the Greens: First Sunday of Advent

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship *from Isaiah 2:2-5*

One: In the days to come the mountain of God's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many people shall come and say:

Many: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."

One: "For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Many: "O house of Jacob, people of OMC, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymn: VT #218 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Reading:

One: How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

Many: With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.

One: How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

Many: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

One: In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and

outward preparation for Jesus, Emmanuel, God With Us, the One who comes to give us second birth.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time: Lynette Janzen

One: How shall we prepare our church for Christmas?

Many: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his life, death and resurrection.

One: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus?

Many: By hearing again the words from the Bible and God's promises.

The Christmas Wreath: *hang the wreath during this reading:*

Hosea 14:4, 8-9 "I will heal [my people's] disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them.

O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols? I am the One who answers you and who looks after you!

I am like an evergreen cypress; your faithfulness comes from me...For the ways of God are right..."

Hymn: VT #237 "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"

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One: How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

Many: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

The Christmas Tree: *light the tree during the following reading:*

God, the Holy One of Israel, is a God of comfort and compassion.

With the Christmas tree we remember God's everlasting promises to the poor and needy.

Isaiah spoke of God's making of the wilderness a place of blessing where water and plants, even pine trees,

Would manifest God's loving action to save and provide.

Isaiah 41:17-20

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst,

I the LORD will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys;

I will make the wilderness a pool of water, I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive; I will set in the desert the cypress, the plain and the pine together, so that all may see and know, all may consider and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this, the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Offering Prayer/Music for Meditation

Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

-Jake's 80th celebrated with family in Edmonton,

-successful MCC blanket making

Hymn: VT #216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Litany of Installation: Josh Wallace

Josh: During Advent, we celebrate with all creation the birth of Immanuel, God with Us.

All: A voice cries, "Shout for joy, all the earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

For God brings comfort to the people, and will have compassion on all creation."

Josh: With rocks and rivers and trees, we join our voices and lives in response, echoing praise. And the Spirit of God lifts our singing and sighing, groans and *glorias*, gifting us one by one with faith, wisdom, creativity, and compassion.

Luke: Spirit of imagination and expectation: In this holy season, give us hope in our hearts. Prepare us to hear the music of creation and see the beauty of your presence among us.¹

All: The Spirit of Truth and Peace is with us today!

¹ Adapted from *Growing Justice: KAIROS Advent Resource 2013*, "Advent I: Hope/Minerals."

Josh: This morning we celebrate the unique intersecting of Luke's journey with that of this congregation. We believing that we have been guided down this path by God's Spirit, so with joy and thanksgiving we gather to install Luke as a pastor here among you. As we do so, we enter into a covenant of mutual accountability so that together we may be a blessing to all the world.

[To Luke] Luke, do you renew the commitments you made at your baptism?

Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus and your commitment to serve him?

Luke: I do

Josh: We recognize that pastoral leadership here at Osler Mennonite Church is shared. Patty, as lead pastor in this congregation, do you give yourself to this mutual ministry, seeking to offer and to receive support through prayer and encouragement?

Patty: I do, with God's help.

Josh: Osler Mennonite Church, do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ, and alongside Luke, agree to work together in living out God's kingdom of healing, hope and peace?

Congregation: By the grace of God, we will.

Luke, we are pleased to enter into this covenant relationship with you, to work together with you for the good of this congregation, for the good of the larger church, and for the life of the world.

Luke: I promise to be faithful in my task here at Osler Mennonite Church, as God gives me strength and ability.

Congregation: We affirm you as Pastor of Faith and Community, and we offer ourselves as partners on this journey together.

Josh: Mennonite Church Saskatchewan values the partnership demonstrated here within your congregation and between your congregation and Nutana Park MC. We commit to offer our support and resources to you and to Luke as you walk with God on this path. Luke, based on this covenant between the congregation and you, we install you as Pastor of Faith and Community within Osler Mennonite

Church, committing them to your spiritual care and guidance, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer

O God, bless the covenant made between pastor and people. Let them be mutually shaped and strengthened by the generous exchange of the gifts that each brings, given by your Spirit, to the church, for the life of the world.

Give Luke a discerning heart, confidence in your call, and strength and joy in the work of ministry now set before him. Make us all partners with him and with you in ministry, constant in support, prayerfully seeking your face in all things. Embrace and touch us with your compassionate, generous love, and bind us together within the bond of peace. **Amen**

Meditation: Luke Bushman

The Advent Candles: *place the candles during the following reading:*

Here in this place we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Here we will remember his Advent, his birth in Bethlehem, weak and helpless as an infant.

And here we rekindle our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus" as we await his coming as the bright and morning star.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; But the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will be seen upon you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Special Music

The Christ candle is lit during the following reading:

Revelation 22:12-14, 17

See, I am coming soon ... I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end...It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

Hymn: VT #210 “O Come, O Come, Immanuel”

Revelation 22:12-14, 17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Hymn: VT #49 “All Who Are Thirsty”

Leader: Joy is now in every place, the light of promise shines on every wall and window and door. So does that same light shine in each and every heart gathered here.

All: Our God, by your mercy guide our outward actions in such ways that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love.

May the decorations we offer bring us joy during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship, In the name of the child of Bethlehem, our risen and coming saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let's decorate the Christmas Tree!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Connections:

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. **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. 4, 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.

***Dec 8 10:00 am – Osler School grades 4 & 5** will be presenting a Christmas Choir Program in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

MC Sask Updates:

***Dec. 4: Wonderful winter worship outdoors at Shekinah.** Forest church meets at **3pm** with **Kirsten Hamm-Epp** taking the lead this month. Dress warm and join us; **all are welcome!**

***The Youth Farm Bible Camp is having a Christmas Supper Fundraiser in the dining hall at the camp on December 8 from 5-7pm** and all are welcome to attend. Entrance is by donation and we will be enjoying smoked roast beef, turkey, stuffing and potatoes.

***Rosthern Museum and Mennonite Interpretive Centre** presents Christmas by Lamplight. Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 7 or Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:00PM for an evening of Christmas stories and carol singing in the little church at the corner of 5th St. and 6th Ave. in Rosthern. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free but seating is limited. RSVP by email: rosthernmuseum@gmail.com or by phone/text: 306-232-7447.

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!

***Shekinah invites you to our annual A Very Shekinah Christmas, December 11, 2:30pm** at the Shekinah Timberlodge. Join us for an old-fashioned carol singing, a performance by local bluegrass group BJ & Friends, and - of course - some tasty goodies before your trek home. Admission is by donation, with money raised going towards our summer camp. See <https://shekinah.ca/events/2021/a-very-shekinah-christmas-2022> for more details

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

***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!

***Apply now for Fall 2023 at CMU!** The \$80 application fee will be waived until November 30. Professors as mentors, work-integrated learning opportunities, excellent teaching, and a faith community are only a few of the reasons to choose CMU. Visit cmu.ca/admissions.

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 or you can call Zach at 306-880-6834

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.

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

From the Relief Sale Committee -The relief sale will be on June 18th at Forest Grove Community Church. We are adding to the sale this year by bringing back several parts from previous sales. This includes the bake sale table. Rosthern MC is no longer able to be in charge of the bake sale table, and we are hoping that a group from OMC would be willing to pick up the mantle. Ted & Bev Janzen are willing to share their knowledge with you! *If you are interested or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Patty or the office.*

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

Patty's Week: Tues. sermon; Weds. Office/exec/council; Thurs. chaplains support group; Fri. office

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

Birthdays: 28 – Jake Buhler (80), 29 – Zoe Schellenberg, Dec 2 – Oren Bird; 2 – Noah Doell, 3 – Tree Loewen/Bird

Snack/Coffee Schedule: Nov 27- Anna Peters
Dec 4 – Louise Buhler

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

OMC Calendar

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

Dec 7 1:00 pm Education mtg Zoom

Dec 11 10:00 am Patty Friesen *Third Sunday of Advent*

Dec 17 ???? Christmas Program Rehearsal

Dec 18 10:00 am Christmas Program *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Dec 24 7:00 am Christmas Candle Lighting Service

Dec 25 No Service

Jan 1 No 10:00 am Service
4:00 pm Faspa with games and singing

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP December 4

Speaker: Patty Friesen Worship Leader: George Janzen

Song Leader: Loretta Accompanist: Melanie

Children's Time: Luke Sound: Doug Ushers: Bill/Anne

Youth Sunday School -Matthew Braun; Children – Naomi Schellenberg;

Bible Study - Jake Buhler



.....an ode to the beautiful Saskatchewan sunrises

TODAY'S WORSHIP **November 27** *First Sunday of Advent*

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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