Osler Mennonite Church

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service **November 29, 2026**

Second Sunday of Advent
God Dreams of Peace

Prelude
Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements

Focus statement - God's dream of peace becomes reality as the community of faith boldly prays and speaks on behalf of beloved and beleaguered neighbors.

Candle lighting
May Holy Spirit put God's dream in our hearts and open the doors of peace for God's dreams to become reality.

Call to Worship:
Leader: We gather in this season of darkness and uncertainty,
watching and asking:
Where is God moving in such a time as this?
People: God is dreaming among us.
Leader: While we gather,
wars rage and empires cast dark shadows over the land.
What is God's dream in such a time as this?
People: God dreams of peace on earth.
Leader: Too often it seems that darkness will prevail and the powerful will crush the weak.
How can we dream with God in such a time as this?
People: We can bring our imagination!
All: God is groaning with all creation, in the pains of childbirth.
Let us join in imagining a world at peace.

Invocation

Gathering Hymns: VT #217 **Hark! the Glad Sound!**
VT #212 **Comfort, Comfort, O My People**

First Reading Esther 4:1-9 *(CEB)*
When Mordecai learned what had been done, he tore his clothes, dressed in mourning clothes, and put ashes on his head. Then he went out into the heart of the city and cried out loudly and bitterly. He went only as far as the King's Gate because it was against the law for anyone to pass through it wearing mourning clothes. At the same time, in every province and place where the king's order and his new law arrived, a very great sadness came over the Jews. They gave up eating and spent whole days weeping and crying out loudly in pain. Many Jews lay on the ground in mourning clothes and ashes. When Esther's female servants and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, the queen's whole body showed how upset she was. She sent everyday clothes for Mordecai to wear instead of mourning clothes, but he rejected them. Esther then sent for Hathach, one of the royal eunuchs whose job it was to wait on her. She ordered him to go to Mordecai and find out what was going on and why he was acting this way. Hathach went out to Mordecai, to the city square in front of the King's Gate. Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him. He spelled out the exact amount of silver that Haman promised to pay into the royal treasury. It was in exchange for the destruction of the Jews. He also gave Hathach a copy of the law made public in Susa concerning the Jews' destruction so that Hathach could show it to Esther and report it to her. Through him Mordecai ordered her to go to the king to seek his kindness and his help for her people. Hathach came back and told Esther what Mordecai had said.

Children's Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing
Story Time for All Ages

Offering Prayer/Music by the Choir
Celtic Christmas Lullaby
Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church
- Sandra as she begins chemotherapy this week

Prayer for the Church
Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts' desires…

Hymn: VT #218 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Second Reading: Esther 4:10-17 *(CEB)*
In reply Esther ordered Hathach to tell Mordecai: "All the king's officials and the people in his provinces know that there's a single law in a case like this. Any man or woman who comes to the king in the inner courtyard without being called is to be put to death. Only the person to whom the king holds out the gold scepter may live. In my case, I haven't been called to come to the king for the past thirty days."
When they told Mordecai Esther's words, he had them respond to Esther: "Don't think for one minute that, unlike all the other Jews, you'll come out of this alive simply because you are in the palace. In fact, if you don't speak up at this very important time, relief and rescue will appear for the Jews from another place, but you and your family will die. But who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family."
Esther sent back this word to Mordecai: "Go, gather all the Jews who are in Susa and tell them to give up eating to help me be brave. They aren't to eat or drink anything for three whole days, and I myself will do the same, along with my female servants. Then, even though it's against the law, I will go to the king; and if I am to die, then die I will." So Mordecai left where he was and did exactly what Esther had ordered him.

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 #494 Gravity of Love

Sermon: God Dreams of Peace

Hymn: VT #797 We Are People of God's Peace

Benediction:

*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com
*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

TODAY **Nov 29** *First Sunday of Advent*
Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Terry Stefaniuk
Song Leader: Michelle (Choir) Accompanist: Lynette
Story: Wilf Sound: Matthew Ushers: Anne/Bill
Offering Counter Team: Jim/John
Snack/Coffee: ??

Office Hours: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am. to 12:30 pm

Friday 10:00 am Coffee Time with staff

Brad's Week: usual work days are Mon, Wed. and Fri. but not necessarily in the office – he may be out visiting, If you'd like a visit, please call him @ 306-361-0601

Luke's Week:

Birthdays this week: 29 – Zoe Schellenberg; 30 – Cheyenne Buhler
December 4 – Rachel Clark

Christmas Giving Project – Education Committee is asking the congregation to support the MCC Christmas Gift giving project. You are asked to make a separate donation for this project – collection will continue until Christmas at which time the children will have an opportunity to choose the gifts they wish to purchase for MCC.

The Library Working Group has been working hard to catalogue all of our wonderful library books into a digital system. This makes it easy to search for books by title, author or topic, and helps us get a sense of what we have in the library and what people are reading. There is an iPad in the library with instructions for how to use the new system. If you would like to try it out with someone nearby to help, please stop by the library after church and a member of the library working group will be happy to help. If you have requests for certain books that you would like to see in the library, suggestions are welcome. Talk to Naomi, Stephanie, Julie or Brad

MCC Connects: With MCC's Christmas Giving Guide, you can give the gifts of comforts and joy throughout December, but consider making your gift on Tuesday, December 1 - Giving Tuesday! On this day only, all gifts received will be matched up to $283,000, doubling your impact! You can help meet the basic needs of people around the world with unique gifts such as pigs, fruit trees, beehives, and more. To donate, call the MCC Centre at 306-665-2555 or visit mcc.org/Christmas

MC SASK Updates:

Where's Len this week?
Len will be speaking at Eigenheim Mennonite Church this Sunday for the beginning of Advent. Earlier in the week Dalen was in Winnipeg for a gathering of youth ministry leaders from across Mennonite Church Canada, dreaming and considering where God is inviting the church. (New)

RJC Grade 9 Dessert Theatre | 7:00 PM Wednesday, December 2
RJC's Grade 9 class invites you to the Station Arts Centre in Rosthern for an evening of mystery, theatre, and delicious desserts. Admission is by donation. Please RSVP to office@rjc.sk.ca or 306-232-4222 so we can prepare accordingly.

RJC Christmas Concert | 7:00 PM Thursday, December 17 Join us at the RJC Auditorium for an evening of student music and community as we celebrate the Christmas season. Admission by donation. A live stream will also be available online. All are welcome!

Forest Church at Shekinah: December 6 @ Shekinah - 3PM. Hear the words of Mary's Magnificat in the beautiful natural setting that Shekinah provides. Connect with others around the fire as we explore the resonance of these prophetic words for our time and place. All are welcome.

The Youth Farm is having a Christmas Fundraiser on Tuesday, December 8, 5:00-7:00pm at the camp. Menu is: Turkey, Roast Beef, Potatoes, Stuffing, and more! Admission by Donation
Find out more information at www.yfbc.ca/christmas

A Simply Superb Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 19, 2026 – 2:00 pm at Bethany Manor

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov 29 – 9:00 am Advent Choir practice
Sun. Nov 29 – 10:00 am – Luke Bushman preaching – *Advent 1*
Sun. Dec 9 – 9:00 am Advent Choir practice
Sun. Dec 9 – 10:00 am – Brad Schroeder preaching – *Advent II*
Sun. Dec 13 – 9:00 am Advent Choir practice
Sun. Dec 13 – 10:00 am – Brad Schroeder - *Advent III*
Sun. Dec 20 – 10:00 am – S.S. pageant– *Advent IV*
Thurs. Dec 24 – 7:00 pm – Candle Light Service
Sun. Dec 27 – 10:00 am – Brad Schoeder preaching

NEXT SUNDAY **Dec 6** *Second Sunday of Advent*
Speaker: Brad Schroeder Worship Leader: Dave Feick
Song Leader: Ben (Choir) Accompanist: Naomi
Story: Kaytee Sound: Stephanie Ushers: Harold/Lloyd
Offering Counter Team: Jim/Shelley
Snack/Coffee: ??

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