



# Osler Mennonite Church

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

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

November 30, 2025

*First Sunday of Advent*

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Land Appreciation/Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

One: God of our ancestors,

you are our constant hope through all the ages.

*All: We come eager for stories of you standing among us. We come  
longing to feel your presence among your people once again.*

One: As the days darken around us, hope can feel a distant memory.

*All: Even in the middle of trials, we keep our eyes on you.*

*Our allegiance is to you alone.*

One: Trust in God's steadfast love. Stand in amazement,

ready to recognize God already among us here, in this place.

*All: Our hope is in you, O God. Fill our hearts with the courage of our  
ancestors. Ready us to enter their story and be amazed.*

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymns of Praise: VT #211 Hope is a Candle (verse 1)**

**VT #218 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Candle Lighting Litany:**

One: We have been wandering in the dark, fear engulfing us like a  
burning furnace. We long for your hope to find us and silence the flames  
of our fears.

*All: Come, Hope of the world. Come amaze us.*

*May your hope flood the flames of our fears.*

**First Reading: Daniel 3:1, 8-18**

**1** King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue. It was ninety feet high and nine feet wide. He set it up in the Dura Valley in the province of Babylon.

**8** At that moment some Chaldeans came forward, seizing a chance to attack the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar: “Long live the king! Your Majesty, you gave a command that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, zither, lyre, harp, flute, and every kind of instrument should bow down and worship the gold statue. Anyone who wouldn’t bow and worship would be thrown into a furnace of flaming fire. Now there are some Jews, ones you appointed to administer the province of Babylon—specifically, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego - who have ignored your command. They don’t serve your gods, and they don’t worship the gold statue you’ve set up.”

In a violent rage Nebuchadnezzar ordered them to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They were brought before the king.

Nebuchadnezzar said to them: “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: Is it true that you don’t serve my gods or worship the gold statue I’ve set up? If you are now ready to do so, bow down and worship the gold statue I’ve made when you hear the sound of horn, pipe, zither, lyre, harp, flute, and every kind of instrument. But if you won’t worship it, you will be thrown straight into the furnace of flaming fire. Then what god will rescue you from my power?”

**18** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar: “We don’t need to answer your question. If our God - the one we serve - is able to rescue us from the furnace of flaming fire and from your power, Your Majesty, then let him rescue us. But if he doesn’t, know this for certain, Your Majesty: we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you’ve set up.”

## **Children’s Gathering Song: Today Earth is Singing** **Story for All Ages: Luke**

### **Offering Prayer/Music by the Quartet** **Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church**

**Prayers** - Anna Rehan continues to recover from successful surgery  
- Continue to pray for those grieving loss during the holiday season

**Thanks** -

### **Candle Prayers for peace and our hearts’ desires...**

**Hymn: VT #225      We Come**

**Second Reading:** Daniel 3: 19 - 2

<sup>19</sup>Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and his face twisted beyond recognition because of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. In response he commanded that the furnace be heated to seven times its normal heat. He told some of the strongest men in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the furnace of flaming fire. So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were bound, still dressed in all their clothes, and thrown into the furnace of flaming fire. Now the king's command had been rash, and the furnace was heated to such an extreme that the fire's flame killed the very men who carried Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to it. So these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell, bound, into the furnace of flaming fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in shock and said to his associates, "Didn't we throw three men, bound, into the fire?"

They answered the king, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

He replied, "Look! I see four men, unbound, walking around inside the fire, and they aren't hurt! And the fourth one looks like one of the gods."

Nebuchadnezzar went near the opening of the furnace of flaming fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire. The chief administrators, ministers, governors, and the king's associates crowded around to look at them. The fire hadn't done anything to them: their hair wasn't singed; their garments looked the same as before; they didn't even smell like fire!

**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#621 My Hope Is Built**

**Sermon: Hope in the Furnace**

**Hymn: VT #416 Beyond a Dying Sun**

**Benediction**

\*Offerings can be done via e-transfer to [osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:osler.mc.treasurer@gmail.com)

\*Our services are all streamed and archived on-line.

**TODAY**      **Nov 30**      *First Sunday of Advent*

Speaker: Luke Bushman      Worship Leader: Brad

Song Leaders: Ben, Loretta, Kathryn      Accompanist: Melanie

Story: Luke      Sound: Doug      Ushers: Dick/Benjamin

Offering Counter Team: Lloyd/Dave

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

**Luke's Week:** Wed. OMC office, NPMC Staff mtg; Thurs, KCC; Fr. TiM course/OMC Youth; Sat. work from Home; Sun. preaching at OMC

**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.

**Coffee Time Friday - 10:00 am with the OMC staff**

**Birthdays this Week:** 30 – Cheyenne Buhler; **December** 4 – Rachel Clark; 6 – Braden Martens-Funk

**Sunday Coffee:** Nov 30 – Brandee

Dec 7 – Diana Buhler

Dec 14 – Sharing Christmas Baking

*For the December 14<sup>th</sup> coffee/snack time you are invited to bring Christmas Baking to share. The Deacons are in charge of coffee.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday School Christmas Project for 2025 – MCC Christmas Gifts**

Check the *Giving Tree* in the Lobby for more information.

Next Sunday will be *Loose Change Sunday* – the Kids/Youth will get to decide which gift to donate these coins to.

**For the December 14<sup>th</sup> Snack Time**, you are invited to share some of your Christmas baking. Coffee time will move to the MPR.

**Check the Bulletin Board** for the group photo of last summer's Youth Gathering! See if you can spot '*Our Youth*'.

**"Contemplative checkin"** Wednesday evenings at 7pm, meeting bi-weekly at OMC. Please contact John, Dave or Harold for more information.

**Warman Community Band Presents *Sounds of Christmas*** on December 15, 7:30 pm at the Warman Family (Mennonite) Church. Entrance by donation, also a collection will be taken for the Warman Food Bank. Stay for cookies.

**Canadian Mennonite subscribers:** this is the time of year to note whether you want to change anything about your subscription e.g. if your getting print you may want to change to email only, etc.

One perk of attending Osler Mennonite, is that you may subscribe to Canadian Mennonite, a monthly magazine. Canadian Mennonite also stays in touch between issues with concise weekly emails that offer timely news from the Anabaptist world and behind-the-scenes reflections on articles they are working on. Canadian Mennonite covers the news, events and ideas shaping Mennonite Church Canada.

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Please let me know if you would like to be added to our church's list. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through Mennonite Church Saskatchewan - **for any changes please contact the office.**

**MCC Connects:** Warm up for the winter and help support MCC's relief, development and peace work by participating in our quilt sale- now at 30% off! Each of these beautiful quilts have been sewn by generous donors and you can explore the collection of quilts on display at Rosthern Mennonite Church from the evening of November 30-December 7, or online at [www.mccskquiltsale.com](http://www.mccskquiltsale.com)

**MC SASK Updates:**

**First Advent – Hope**

In a world of where so many despair,  
God lights a candle of hope in our hearts.

We wait together for a Saviour,  
who will be Immanuel, Christ the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord:

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas. Psalm 65:5 (new)  
*from Carol Penner, "Leading in Worship"*

**RJC Café Murder & Dessert Theatre** | 7:00 PM Wednesday,  
December 3 RJC's Grade 9 GROW class invites you to the Station Arts  
Centre in Rosthern for an evening of mystery, theatre, and delicious  
desserts. Admission is by donation, and please RSVP to  
office@rjc.sk.ca or 306-232-4222 so we can prepare accordingly. (new)

**RJC Dine & Donate in support of Good Neighbours Food Centre** |  
**5:00-7:00pm, Monday, December 15** Join us in the RJC Dining Hall  
for our Dine & Donate Supper, serving ham & scalloped potatoes, with  
live music, kids' crafts, festive photo ops, and a Dash & Donate take-out  
option. Proceeds raised will go to GNFC for Santa's toy shop and food  
aid for families during the Christmas season. (new)

**RJC Christmas Concert** | **7:00pm, Thursday, December 18** Join us in  
the RJC Auditorium for our Christmas Concert, an evening of student  
music and community. Admission by donation. All are welcome! (new)

**December 4, 5 - 7 pm- Youth Farm Bible Camp Christmas Supper  
Fundraiser** – Join us at Youth Farm Bible Camp for a Come-and-Go  
Meal! Enjoy slow roast beef on BBQ, turkey with stuffing, mashed  
potatoes, corn, salads, and soft serve ice cream. Admission by donation.  
Come for great food and learn more about the ministry of Youth Farm  
Bible Camp (please update with time included)

**December 6, 2:00 pm & December 7, 7:00 pm Bethany Chorus**  
presents "Sing! He Is Born!" at the Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre |  
Conductor: Andrea Johnson with special guests Andrea Johnson with  
Anne and Kevin MacMillan in the Bethany Manor Fellowship Centre,  
Saskatoon. Honorarium at the door.

**December 7, 3pm | You are invited to a 'Very Shekinah Christmas':**  
Join us for a festive afternoon of musical offerings by RJC students.  
Devour some sweet Christmas treats and catch up with your Shekinah  
friends and neighbours in the Timber Lodge at Shekinah Retreat Centre.  
Admission by Donation. All proceeds will go towards upgrading our  
winter equipment

**December 13, 7pm MegaMenno Christmas Party** at Osler Mennonite Church. Bring your Christmas cheer & dress in something Christmassy - there will be prizes! And also silly games, trivia, karaoke, snacks & more. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome.

**As we enter the Advent season, we look forward in HOPE to the way God continues to work in our lives and our communities.** As Mennonite Church Saskatchewan we seek to work together in our 20 congregations, sharing the message of hope and healing in our world. Please consider MC Sask as you make your end of year donations. Visit <https://mcsask.ca/giving> (new)

**Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is seeking a full-time Office, Communications, and Financial Administrator** to join our ministry team. This position provides key support in three areas: Office Administration, Communications and Financial Administration. For a full job description see

<https://mcsask.ca/officeandfinancialadministratorjobdescription>

Applications will begin being reviewed December 1, 2025. If you or someone you know may be interested, please send a resume and cover letter to: [minister@mcsask.ca](mailto:minister@mcsask.ca) (new)

**InCERT: Steering Christmas Away from the Snares of Consumerism** – Brenda MacDonald

I asked my friends at Wildwood Mennonite Church to share some ideas of how they spend Christmas without spending a lot of money at walk-in or on-line malls. Go to

<http://mcsask.ca/InCERTAvoidingtheSnaresofConsumerism> to see if they match or embellish your own ideas. (new)

**Mennonite Church Canada Advent Greeting** Executive Minister Doug Klassen speaks these words of Isaiah: *"Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!"* In the coming weeks, may the blessings of the Advent and Christmas season be upon you. Watch the full video: <https://youtu.be/OKWH78KlIJE> (new)

**Youth Choir Retreat!** Youth aged 13-21 are invited to a weekend of making music together. From Friday, January 30th to February 1st, enjoy singing and bonding with youth from across the country. Travel bursaries from Mennonite Church Canada are available for those coming

from outside Toronto. Please contact Audrey Wichert about accessing a bursary by email at: [audrey.wichert@tumc.ca](mailto:audrey.wichert@tumc.ca) Read more: <https://mcec.ca/event/25068-2026-01-30-youth-choir-retreat-2025> (new)

### **Youth Announcements**

**Nov. 28 – 7–9 pm** - final Feminist Theology Study

**Nov. 29 *Osler Kick Off For Christmas*** – Helpers Wanted

**Dec. 5 – 7–9 pm** – OMC Youth Christmas Party

**Dec. 13 – 7-9 pm** Mega Menno Christmas Party at OMC

### **CALENDAR**

**Sun. Nov 30 – 10:00 am** Luke Bushman preaching – *1<sup>st</sup> Advent*

**Sun. Dec 7 – 10:00 am** Luke Bushman preaching – *2<sup>nd</sup> Advent*

**Sun. Dec 14 – 10:00 am** Sunday School program

**Sun. Dec 21 - 10:00 am** Brad Schroeder preaching

Thur. Dec 24 - 7:00 pm Candle Light Service

**Sun. Dec. 28 – 10:00 am** Brad Schroeder preaching

**NEXT SUNDAY Dec 7** *Second Sunday of Advent*

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Story: Kathy      Sound: Benjamin      Ushers: Dick/Susan

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