

**\*MCC Connects** – Give relief for Christmas. Your gift of relief enables MCC and its partners to prepare for emergencies, to respond to urgent needs as they happen and to help people plan for the future. \$60 supports displaced people in Colombia in raising chickens for food and income. See Christmas Giving at [mccsk.ca](http://mccsk.ca) or call MCCS at 306-665-2555.

**\*RJC Alumni Tournament of Memories:** Jan. 4 & 5, 2013 - Basketball, hockey and singing. Alumni and friends of RJC: register by Dec. 21st by phone @ 306-242-1757 or [deneldafast@hotmail.com](mailto:deneldafast@hotmail.com)

**\*Friday Night Live at RJC.** RJC invites Grade 6-12 Youth, youth leaders, parents and pastors to Friday Night Live on Friday, January 18, 7:30 pm. This exciting event includes interactive activities, performances by RJC students, and information about RJC programs and upcoming events. Admission is free, but please RSVP so there are enough seats and treats for everyone! Email Valerie White at [val@rjc.sk.ca](mailto:val@rjc.sk.ca) or click "join" on the RJC Facebook event page. Watch for the BRING-A-FRIEND contests on the Facebook pages and website.

---

Worship Leader: Dave Feick  
Song Leader: Art Zacharias  
Accompanist: Mark Bigland-Pritchard  
This Sunday Nursery care: MaryAnn Braun  
Next Sunday Nursery care: Jan Guenther  
Sound: Abe Braun  
Ushers: Sarah Hiebert, Susan Braun

---

The Osler Mennonite Church, Box 129, Osler, Saskatchewan S0K 3A0  
Vol. LIII December 30, 2012 No. 53  
Gordon Allaby, pastor  
Church Office – 306-239-2133 Pastor's Office – 306-239-2274  
Fax – 306-239-2279  
[oslermc@sasktel.net](mailto:oslermc@sasktel.net) [oslermcpastor@sasktel.net](mailto:oslermcpastor@sasktel.net)  
website: <http://omchurch.org>



## OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

Osler, Saskatchewan  
A Welcoming Christian  
Community for Peace

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
December 30, 2012

Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

#### **Call to Worship Based on Psalm 148**

**One:** Praise the LORD!

**Left:** Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**Right:** Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

**Center:** Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

**All:** Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

**One:** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever - he issued a decree that will never pass away.

**Center:** Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

**Right:** lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

**Left:** you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

**Right:** kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

**Center:** young men and women, old men and children.

**One:** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

**All: Praise the LORD!**

Invocation

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #651** “I owe the Lord a morning song”  
**Blue/HWB #12** “Come, let us all unite to sing”

Sharing of joys and concerns  
Discipline of Silence and Prayer of the church

LISTENING

Children’s Time Kathy Braun

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #209** “Oh, how joyfully”

Old Testament Lesson: I Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
New Testament Lessons: Luke 2: 41-52, Colossians 3: 12-17

Offering and Offertory music  
Offertory prayer

**Hymn: Blue/HWB #324** “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

Sermon Jolene Braun

RESPONDING

**\*Hymn: Blue/HWB #582** “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

\*Benediction

**\*Please rise**

---

**We welcome all who are worshiping with us today.**

To all our visitors: WELCOME. We are delighted that you are worshiping with us.

Nursery care is provided during the worship service for those who desire it (children over 4 years should be accompanied by an adult.) **Children’s Worship Binder**, an instrument to help children through the worship hour, is available in the foyer.

---

**TODAY**

- **Coffee gathering time resumes next Sunday.**
- **No children’s Sunday School today.**
- **No floor hockey tonight.**

---

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*You are invited to a “Messiah’ Sing-A-Long” here this afternoon** at 3:00pm. Those who have sung this famous Handel work are invited to participate in this fun event. Singers; please bring your own scores (if you have one) and be at the church by 2:15pm. If you wish not to sing, you are invited to come, listen, and enjoy this casual musical afternoon, including a Potluck “Faspa”, (sweet or savoury) after the sing-a-long. And fun will be had by all!

\*Thank you for your generous gifts to the Sunday School Christmas Giving Project for MCC’s work in Syria. Gifts totaled \$1,983.91.

\*The deacons invite you to prepare a meal for John and Rhonda Gascho and their son Jem. See the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to sign up for a Tuesday or Thursday in January. Please speak to one of the deacons if you have any questions.

\*Reminder: Committee yearend reports should be submitted to Diana by January 4, 2013.

\*The financial books for the church for 2012 will need to be closed by Jan. 5, 2013. Please ensure that any bills or donations to be included in 2012 are in the hands of the treasurer by that date.

**\*Blanket Making** for MCC will take place at the church on January 21, 22 and January 28 and 29.

\*There is a new 2013 sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to sign up to bring snacks for Sunday School and for the coffee Gathering time.

**\*MDS:** The December 13<sup>th</sup> update for Mennonite Disaster Service is now posted on the far bulletin board, including an update on the Hay Drive to eastern Canada.

## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

### **I Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

18 Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

### **Luke 2: 41-52**

41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and

asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup>He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

### **Colossians 3: 12-17**

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ\* dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.\* <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.