



Orrville Mennonite Church
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Order of Worship
November 2, 2025
Mission Sunday

Welcome

Gathering Songs *Create My Soul Anew* WB 3
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God WB 324

Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting

Leader: We come to worship this morning with all of who we are.

Offering Side: Our troubles and laments (one lamp is lit).

Piano Side: Our victories and joys (one lamp is lit).

Leader: We come to worship this morning as part of a community of Jesus followers here and all over the world (*one lamp is lit*).

Piano Side: As we gather, we wonder who else could bless us and be blessed by becoming a part of us.

Offering Side: We trust you, Lord, for growing our community (one lamp is lit).

All: Lord, because you are our hope we come to worship together. You are our light, so we learn together. You are our example, so we serve together. You are our strength, so we stand together (final lamp is lit).

Singing *Come, Light of the World* SJ 3

Responsive Reading WB 755

Leader: Speak to all the world of the Child by whose word the universe is held together!

People: We can hardly speak for ourselves; how can we speak in the name of the Son of God? →

Leader: "Whom shall I send?" God asks us. "Who will go?" If those whom God has shown love have no words, who can tell the world that God's reign is among us?

People: Send us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit to teach us, to remind us of everything Jesus proclaimed.

Leader: Show us how to bring your presence to others ---

**People: when to keep silence,
when to act in secret,
when to openly name the Name.**

Leader: Free our hearts, our hands, our voices to confess Christ, to give people the reason for the hope that is in us.

ALL: Glory be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

You took the form of a servant.

You preached peace.

You healed the oppressed.

You died for us.

We will tell the world that you are the author of our salvation.

Here we are; send us!

Singing

Arise, Your Light is Come!

SJ 30

Offering Prayer

Offering Song

Heart and Mind, Possessions, Lord

WB 392

Offering

Scripture

James 3:1-17 (CEB)

My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly. ²We all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely. ³When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies.

⁴Consider ships: They are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder. ⁵In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly. →

Think about this: A small flame can set a whole forest on fire. ⁶The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell. ⁷People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish. ⁸No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way! ¹¹Both fresh water and salt water don't come from the same spring, do they? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn't flow from a saltwater spring either.

Wisdom from above

¹³Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. ¹⁶Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. ¹⁷What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine.

Sermon

Sow in Peace

Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

Song of Response

As You Go Out From Here

VT 841

Love Step Prayer and Benediction

All: Lord, open my eyes to see when you introduce me to someone. Help me to meet them with love where they are and to be met in love where I am. Help us to walk together, learn from each other, and share your love with others.

Leader: Send us, Lord, in your love and in your joy. →

All: Help us to see that as we walk with people and share your love together that we are growing closer to Christ.

Leader: Go. Be Jesus' Love. Be Jesus' Peace.

All: Amen.

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests, Prayer Announcements

Greeters, Sandy, Norm,
Megan Sohar
Usher, Sherm Amstutz
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Accompanist, Missy Short

Song Leader, Jane Beyeler
Preschool/Nursery, Sky Lofty
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Reader, Hank Rossiter
Sharing & Prayer, Jen Bixler

The "Quiet Table" is available in the coffee area during the worship services at Orrville Mennonite. People of all ages are welcome to come to do quiet hands-on activities as a way of listening and focusing during the worship time. This area works best if there are equal numbers of adults and children sitting together. If you are someone who enjoys listening while creating, maybe this area will be your new regular pew! Our youngest children will "graduate" to this area after their nursery Sunday School hour. If you have been a nursery volunteer in the past, please consider continuing your relationship with the littles at this table.

Announcements

Monday Meals served 150 meals this week. This Monday, we will serve roast pork and mashed potatoes. Bill could use about 4 people to help peel potatoes at 2 pm.

Sign-up sheet for Greeters for November/December is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks for serving our community in this way.

Fall Congregational meeting after worship service this morning.

We will follow our usual schedule – Sunday School hour first, followed by Worship Service. Then, we will stay in the sanctuary for the congregational meeting. Please check your mailbox for the Annual Report which includes the agenda for the fall meeting and the minutes from last spring's meeting. Also, you will find a proposed 2026 Ministry Spending Plan with a cover letter.

Please check your sewing cupboards and craft boxes for pieces or rolls of felt - any color - that you'd be willing to donate for this year's Advent theme. My goal is to only use recycled materials, so any bargains that you may find at a thrift store are also welcome. I'll be collecting supplies through November 2nd. Thank you!
~ Sharon

In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Mennonite Disaster Service, Orrville Mennonite Church received two books in the mail. Enjoy browsing through them in our coffee area. One is a children's book entitled, *Mended*, written by Hillary Daecher and illustrated by Berrie Torgan-Randall. The other is a coffee table book of photos, entitled *Many Hands, Being Good Neighbors in Times of Disaster*, edited by Julie Kauffman & Susan Kim, which illustrates the core values of MDS.

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry. *Praise and Pupusas – Supporting Open Arms*, Sunday, November 2nd, 5 – 7 pm. Enjoy freshly made pupusas while listening to Spanish music and hearing an update on what Open Arms is doing in the community! Salem Mennonite Church, 3363 Zuercher Rd, Dalton, OH.

Save The Date – OMC Kit Packing

We are planning an Orrville Mennonite kit packing event at the new Material Resource Building in Kidron.

- Date: Tuesday, December 2
- Time: 3:30pm to 8:30pm – in 2 shifts with a meal between
- Participation: As many OMC folks as possible!

Stay tuned - more details to come!

~ Virgil Troyer on behalf of the Missions & Service Committee

Schedule-At-A-Glance for November 2 – 9, 2025

Sunday, November 2 **Mission Sunday**

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi preaching

Fall Congregational Meeting (in sanctuary), **12:00 noon**

Monday, November 3

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Thursday, November 6

Elder Council, 4:00 pm

Sunday, November 9

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Offering Report for October 26, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,942.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

I.W. Royer Fund: \$50.00

Dollar Project—Red Lake School: \$136.00

Austin and Griselda: \$150.00

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Mark Bixler

9 Virgil Troyer

15 Jared Shilling

19 Tim Short

24 Norm/Sandy Sohar

30 Hank Rossiter

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