



Orrville Mennonite Church  
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**Order of Worship**  
**November 16, 2025**

**Welcome**

<b>Gathering Songs</b>	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	WB 89
	<i>O Praise the Gracious Power</i>	WB 111

**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).**

<b>Singing</b>	<i>Slowly Turning, Ever Turning</i>	SJ 23
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**Responsive Reading** from Psalm 40

Leader: I put all my hope in the Lord, who leaned down to me and listened to my cry for help.

**Piano Side: The Lord lifted me out of the mud and filth, set my feet on solid rock, and steadied my legs.**

*Offering Side: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise for our God.*

**Men: Many people will learn of this and be amazed, trust the Lord, and will be blessed. →**



defeated by Israel. <sup>11</sup> The Israelite soldiers came out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines. They struck them down until they reached a place just below Beth-car. <sup>12</sup> Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah. He named it Ebenezer, explaining, "The Lord helped us to this very point."

**Sermon** *Ebenezer* Elizabeth Glass Turner

**Song of Response** *Come, Thou Fount* WB 521

### **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**

Greeter, Lou Erb

Usher, Jo Bixler

PA Operator, Dan Jantzi

Accompanist, Missy Short

Song Leader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

Preschool/Nursery, Sandy Miller

Quiet Table, all ages welcome

Reader, Amber Andreasen

Sharing & Prayer, Marion Beyeler

**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**

We welcome Elizabeth Glass Turner, M.A., as our guest speaker this morning. She is a writer, editor, and independent researcher. She writes *FireFall*, a newsletter amplifying resources by, for, and about women in pastoral ministry and church leadership. She is credited as “book doula” for *Live Anointed: How the Holy Spirit Sanctifies Men and Women to Lead Together* by Rev. Katie Lance; contributed entries to the latest edition of *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*; an essay to *The Philosophy of Sherlock Holmes*; a chapter to *The Sound of Revival: Seven Powerful Prophetic Proclamations*; and a chapter to *The Journey of Grief: Traversing Our Sorrows Together*. She was line editor for *This Holy Calling*, a collaborative devotional volume by women in ministry for women in ministry and worked on the original printing of *Saints Alive! Thirty Days of Pilgrimage with the Saints* by Maxie Dunnam. Elizabeth has interviewed figures like Narnia producer and C.S. Lewis’ stepson Douglas Gresham as well as author Kay Warren. She has met a variety of leaders from an ecumenical array of backgrounds, including Dr. Ivan Abrahams, who preached Nelson Mandela's funeral, and the late Charles Colson, Rev. Dr. Marilyn McCord Adams, and Father Richard John Neuhaus. However, the first person she was ever excited to see in person was Roscoe Orman - better known as Gordon from Sesame Street.

A graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University and Asbury Theological Seminary, she has pastored a small rural church through revitalization, worked with international students in campus ministry, collaborated across denominations as associate director for community and creative development at World Methodist Evangelism, and crafted speeches and content for non-profit, for-

profit, and faith-based entities. Currently, Elizabeth is working on a series of articles on the Women Pastors of World War II and collaborating with freelance clients.

**Monday Meals** – Martins Mennonite served 185 meals on Monday. This week Oak Grove Mennonite is serving ham and scalloped potatoes.

**November's Dollar Project** is to support Orrville Salvation Army's Christmas Food Box drive. Financial donations will help to purchase turkeys and hams used for the nearly 200 families to be served. Canned fruit, pie filling and vegetables as well as stuffing mix, rice and instant mashed potatoes are also welcomed. Many thanks for your generous support.

**Advent and Christmas Season.** Believe it or not, but Advent begins in two weeks, on November 30. This year, as with most, we will be using Advent Materials from Menno Media worship aid magazine, *The Leader*. The series is title: *Be Amazed!*, and we will take a look in the Fiery Furnace, into the Valley of Bones, out into the desert, and into the cosmos as God incarnates on earth. Sharon Stutzman is creating a display for the stage. We will have our traditional Christmas Eve service at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve, followed by an open house at the Seymour's. There are some new Advent devotional books on the bookshelf in the coffee area, if you would like to borrow one.

**We have been invited to ring bells for Salvation Army** again during the Christmas month of December. The Mission and Service ministry team is offering you an opportunity to ring bells at the Orrville Buehler's store. There will be a sheet at the back of the church for you to sign up starting this Sunday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for considering another way to support our community.

### **Men's Breakfast**

In our Fellowship Hall, this Wednesday, November 19, at 8:00 am. Bill will cook breakfast.

**Koinonia Ladies Lunch** – Thursday, November 20, 12 noon. Place to be decided.

**Affirmation Sunday and new Elder(s).** We will be blessing our committees and ministries for our 2025-2026 program year on November 23 (three months late). The list of people serving is in your mailbox. We have one new elder, so far, Hank Rossiter. We still have the possibility of another, so we will wait to bless the new elders on a Sunday in December. The new elder(s) will officially begin in January.

**Orrville Mennonite Kit Packing Event** at Kidron Material Resource Center. Please plan to join us at the new Kidron Material Resource Center for a kit packing event. This is an opportunity to process donated kits, preparing them for international shipment by Mennonite Central Committee. It's also a chance to see the new material resources building.

Date: **Tuesday, December 2**

Times:

- 1st Shift – 3:30pm to 5:30pm
- Shared Meal/Pizza – 5:30pm.
- 2nd Shift – 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Activities: (options for all ages, young and old!)

- Checking and packing school kits for shipment
- Taping pencils, pens, sharpeners in preparation for packing
- Folding comforters and (maybe) baling comforters

The Material Resources building is located in Kidron, next to the MCC Connections Thrift Shop. Please come for as much time as you feel comfortable. I very much appreciate the strong support we receive from Orrville Mennonite and am excited to share this part of the MCC ministry with all of you.

~ Virgil Troyer – on behalf of the Missions & Service Commission

**Fifth Sunday Mission Offering** is coming up on November 30. This is the fourth (and final) Fifth Sunday offering for this year. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this special offering.

**If you are someone who feels closer to God when you are outside**, you're invited to Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's place on the fourth Sunday of each month at 4 pm year-round no matter the weather. (Except for lightning or tornado!) We meet for an hour. We'll start with scripture and a question to ponder and then everyone takes 45 minutes alone to wander and wonder, watch, draw, listen, or reflect in the beauty of God's creation. Then we return to the campfire for a few minutes of reflection or silence, ending with a blessing. If that sounds like something you'd try, then dress for the weather and bring something to sit on. The address is 6426 Chippewa Rd, Orrville. Feel free to invite others. The next dates to put on your calendar are **Nov 23**, Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 22, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26.

**Mennonite Action is coming to Lee Heights Community Church** in Cleveland on December 7th as part of their national *To Build Our Courage* tour! This training will offer skills in noncooperation, grassroots organizing, and mutual aid, along with time for worship in prayer, song, and sharing a meal together. Join us as we continue to organize against ICE and for an end to the genocide in Gaza; join us as we seek courage, inspiration, and deeper commitment to peace and justice. Learn more and sign up here: <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/tour>.

## **Schedule-At-A-Glance for November 16 - 23, 2025**

Sunday, November 16

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Elizabeth Glass Turner preaching

Monday, November 17

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, November 19  
Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am

Thursday, November 20  
Koinonia Ladies' Lunch, 12 noon

Sunday, November 23  
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Sunday School, **9:30 am**  
Worship, **10:30 am**  
Affirmation and Blessing Sunday  
Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's, 4 pm

## **Looking Ahead**

November 30 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 2 – Orrville Mennonite Kit Packing event at the Kidron Material Resource Center, see announcement for more details.  
December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at church and Open House at Bill and Allison's afterwards  
December 30 – Fifth Sunday Mission Offering  
January 4, 2026 – Combined, multi-language worship at Oak Grove, 10:30 am

## **Offering Report for November 9, 2025**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$4,458.82  
Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00  
I.W. Royer Fund: \$50.00  
Dollar Project (Salvation Army): \$93.79

## **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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