



Orrville Mennonite Church
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Order of Worship
November 23, 2025
Reign of Christ Sunday

Link: <https://youtube.com/live/9K8kpgWH8IU?feature=share>

Welcome

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| Gathering Songs | <i>Over My Head</i> | SJ 18 |
| | <i>I Will Call</i> | SJ 19 |

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).

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| Singing | <i>Beneath the Cross</i> | WB 250 |
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| Responsive Reading | Colossians 1.11-20 |
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Leader: Be strengthened with all power according to [Christ's] glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

Offering Side: And [give] joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Piano Side: For [God] has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, All: In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Piano Side: For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Offering Side: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

All: And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Leader: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Affirmation of Those Serving Us

Singing *There Are Many Gifts* WB 304

Offering Prayer

Offering Song *God of the Fertile Fields* MH 360

Offering

Scripture Luke 23.32-46

³²They also led two other criminals to be executed with Jesus. ³³When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

Sermon Response
Prayer Requests, Prayer
Announcements

Greeter, Bev Squirrel
Usher, Judy King
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter
Song Leader, Hank Rossiter
Preschool/Nursery, Sky Lofty
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Readers, Tim Short & Sandy Miller
Sharing & Prayer, Bev Squirrel

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 – Oak Grove served 202 meals this week. Our regular team will serve a meal this week of mostly leftovers and then we will take a break and start back January 5.

Affirmation Sunday and new Elder(s). We are blessing our committees and ministries for our 2025-2026 program year today during worship.

Advent and Christmas Season. Advent begins 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.

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.

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 next Sunday, November 30. This is the fourth (and final) Fifth Sunday offering

for this year. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this special offering.

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>.

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 is a sheet at the back of the church for you to sign up. Thank you for considering another way to support our community.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for November 23 – 30

Sunday, November 23

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Affirmation and

Wild Church and Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's, **4 pm**

Monday, November 24

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

November 25

2026 Planning Meeting for church calendar events, 6 pm

Thursday, November 27 **Thanksgiving Day**

Office Closed

Sunday, November 30

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Sunday School, **9:30 am**
Worship, **10:30 am**
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Looking Ahead

November 30 – 1st Sunday of Advent

December 2 – Orrville Mennonite Kit Packing event at the Kidron Material Resource Center

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service at church and Open House at Bill and Allison’s afterwards

January 4, 2026 – Combined, multi-language worship at Oak Grove, 10:30 am

Offering Report for November 16, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,501.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00

Monday Meals: \$500.00

Dollar Project (Salvation Army): \$1,126.00

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