



Orrville Mennonite Church
1305 W. Market St. Orrville Ohio 44667
www.orrvillemenno.net

Order of Worship
December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Gathering Songs *We Come* VT 225
 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper VT 237

Call to worship Based on Ezekiel 37:1–14 NRSVue

One: God in our desert, you are our peace in all places.

Piano Side: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.

One: Thus says the Lord GOD: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

Offering Side: Can these dry bones live?

Leader: The wind of God moves among these dry bones. Stand and live!

(Everyone stand)

All: We are the people of God, a vast multitude, filled with God’s Spirit.

Leader: “I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

All: You are the only source of true life, O God. You breathe new life into our dry bones and fill us with your peace. We stand before you, ready to enter your story and be amazed.

Singing *Rain Down* SJ 49
 Breathe on Me, Breath of God WB 356

Candlelighting

Leader: We have been wandering in the dark, our spirits dry and cracked from conflict, aching for peace to pour into the crevices to revive us.

Piano Side: Come, Peace of the world.

Offering Side: Come amaze us.

All: May Your peace fill the cracks in our dry, brittle bones. Bind us together, strengthen and unite us, that we might dance!

Sing verses 1 and 2 of the theme song *Come, Hope of the World* as two candles are lit.

Unison Prayer

Breath of Life, our lives, our congregations, our world are filled with dry bones. We gather today, confident in your power to breathe new life into your aching world. Give us the courage to stand here, in this desert place and to see the world as you imagine it. Prepare us for your new vision of peace and wholeness for a world of dry bones. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Offering Song

The Lord Lift You Up

SJ 73

Offering

Scripture

Ezekiel 37.1-14

37 The LORD's power overcame me, and while I was in the LORD's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. ² He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³ He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?"

I said, "LORD God, only you know."

⁴ He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the LORD's word! ⁵ The LORD God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. ⁶ I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the LORD."

⁷ I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. ⁸ When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

⁹ He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, human one! Say to the breath, The LORD God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live."

¹⁰ I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

¹¹ He said to me, "Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.' ¹² So now, prophesy and say to them, The LORD God proclaims: I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel's fertile land. ¹³ You will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. ¹⁴ I will put my breath^[a] in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the LORD. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the LORD says."

Sermon *Be Amazed – Peace in the Valley of Bones*

Song of Response *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* SJ 77

Love Step Prayer

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. Help us to see that as we do these things together we are growing closer to Christ. Amen.

Benediction

Stand up people of God, feel the breeze on your skin.

God is doing something new among us!

As you wait, may God's peace settle deep within your bones, renewing and restoring you. →

Go out into the world, filled with the peace of God.

Be ready, waiting to look on in amazement as God calls old bones to new life.

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests, Prayer Announcements

Greeter, LaVonne Amstutz

Usher, Willie Miller

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

Accompanist, Missy Short

Song Leader, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi

Preschool/Nursery, Marilyn Kamp

Quiet Table, all ages welcome

Reader, Sandy Miller

Sharing & Prayer, Mark 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 is closed for the season. We will return on January 5, 2026.

Reflection and Hymn Sing for December 28

On our last Sunday of the year, December 28, rather than a regular service with a sermon, we'll have a service with readings, hymn sing, and time for reflection. There will be two reflection →

spaces in the service. The first will invite you to share what you have learned this year in sermons or Sunday School that you wish to remember. The second sharing time will give space for sharing hopes and dreams for our Orrville Mennonite community in the new year.

3rd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Will be Sunday morning, December 14. This is your chance to dress badly with no guilt! Be creative! No prizes, just good laughs together.

You're invited to a Carol Sing at Orrville Mennonite Church, Sunday, December 14 at 6pm, with cookies and cocoa afterward! We will be taking donations to benefit our Monday Meals program, which currently serves about 200 people in our community per week. All ages and abilities welcome!

Looking Ahead

December 14 – 3rd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Morning

December 14 – Christmas Carol Sing at 6 pm.

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

December 28 – Reflection and Hymn Sing worship service

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

Schedule-At-A-Glance for December 7 - 14

Sunday, December 7 **2nd Sunday of Advent**

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Sunday, December 14 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Third Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Morning

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching
Christmas Carol Sing and Cookies & Cocoa, 6 pm

Offering Report for November 30, 2025

Ministry Spending Plan: \$8,305.03
Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,367.00
Mennonite Central Committee: \$1,000.00
Ohio Conference: \$245.00
Open Arms: \$100.00
Mennonite Disaster Service: \$1,150.00
Dollar Project (Salvation Army): \$234.00
Zuerchers: \$100.00
College Matching Fund: \$400.00
Donation for use of fellowship hall: \$50.00

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Bret Andreasen
 Monica Trapp
4 Bobby Haas
17 Allison Seymour
20 Mel/Mim Wenger
24 Ken Wenger

Orrville Mennonite Church

1305 W. Market St., Orrville, OH 44667

Email address: omcjan@gmail.com

Orrville Mennonite Church Website

Ohio Conference of MC USA Website

330-682-5801Office Hours: Monday - Friday,
9 am - 12 noonwww.orrvillemenno.netwww.ohiomennoniteconference.org**Pastor** Bill Seymour

330-347-7034 (Cell)

omcbill@gmail.com**Elder Council**Dan Jantzi – Elder for Finance/Facilities & EC
Facilitator

208-971-6488 (Cell)

djjantzi@gmail.com

Bill Seymour – Elder for Worship

330-347-7034 (Cell)

Louisa Pirozzi Erb – Elder for Missions

330-317-0726 (Cell)

louerb@gmail.comBev Squirrel – Elder for
Community/Discipleship

330-845-3732 (Cell)

joshuasmombev@gmail.com**Ministers:** Each member of the congregation**Church Copyright Licenses:**

CCLI #687886

One LICENSE #A-738260.

Unless otherwise noted, Bible Passages in the bulletin are from the CEB Bible. *The Common English Bible: Bible dictionary*. Nashville: CEB Bible, 2011. Print.

OMC WiFi password – OMCpub4u