

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Advent 4: Dare to imagine God's face

December 19, 2021

10:30 A.M.

<i>Prelude</i>	“Love Came Down” ~ <i>Allanson Brown</i> “Love Has Come” ~ <i>David Lasky</i> “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ~ <i>arr. Lani Smith</i>	
Opening Song	“Of the Father’s love begotten”	#104
Welcome & Prayer		
Lighting the Advent Candle		<i>The Propsts</i>
Praising our God	“Love has come” “Love came down at Christmas” “This is Jesus”	#208
Scripture	Luke 1:39-55	
Song	“My soul is filled with joy” <i>(Dismissal for Children’s Church)</i>	
Scripture	Micah 5:2-5a	
Message		<i>Pastor Michael</i>
Song of Response	“My soul cries out”	
Sharing & Praying		
Sending Song	“Solemn stillness, weary streets”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ~ <i>arr. Norman Johnson</i>	

This Sunday

Worship Leader:	Katie Mood
Greeters:	Madison Mood, Michaela Wieand
Organist:	Joan Hallman
Musicians:	Lynne Rush, Brenda Landt
Videographer:	Mark Kemmerer
Visual Technicians:	Marsha High, Emily Rush
Sound Technicians:	Glenn High, Tim Scheetz

Nursery Service is not being offered at this time.

Sunday School Classes for Winter Quarter

The Bible Project continues to meet in Room 104 and via Zoom at 9 am. We are currently studying Luke. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

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Commissions & Deacons:

Ministry Team, Randy Rush

Community, Nancy Jacobs

Discipleship (DISCO), Lori Farrell

Mission, Glenn High

Stewardship, vacant

Worship, vacant

Church Secretary: Lynne Rush

Treasurer: Pat Bevan

Mennonite Mission Network: Matthew and Toni Krabill, of Mennonite Mission Network, are serving as co-directors for the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for their health, creativity and joy, as they welcome researchers, share Anabaptist resources and develop online classes for French-speaking theology students throughout the world.



A series of horizontal lines for writing prayer requests.

Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are experiencing illness and ongoing medical treatment.

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church
December 19, 2021
Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

- Dec. 22, 6:30 pm Chimin' In practice
- Dec. 22, 7:15 pm Choir practice
- Dec. 24, 7 pm Candlelight Service

~ REMINDERS ~

As per CDC guidelines, we ask all people to wear a face covering over mouth and nose while in the church building.

Hand sanitizer dispensers are placed throughout the church. Please use them before entering the elevator and the sanctuary.

Offering plates are located at the sanctuary entrance and the second floor elevator.

Please continue to make wise choices that reflect care for others and yourself.



Weekly Prayer Focus:

Pray for those who have experienced loss this year as they face the holiday season without loved ones.

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

I want to thank my West Swamp friends for the delicious cookies and Poinsettia Plant. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. —**Loretta Keiser**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Join us Dec. 24 at 7 pm for a “Lessons and Carols” service of scripture and song celebrating Christ’s birth.

Advent Season Congregational Collage: Join us in creating a collage in the fellowship hall. Bring clippings, print outs and photos that reflect the theme each week of Advent. Add them to the collage on the divider wall in the fellowship hall and see how we all dare to imagine our journey with God!

Gift Cards for Code Blue: Help decorate the little tree in the foyer with \$5-10 gift cards from local places like Target, Wawa, Walmart, McDonalds, Burger King, Dunkin’ Donuts, etc. They will be added to Christmas gift bags for Code Blue guests this holiday season.

Thanks to all who contributed to Crossroads Community Center for renovations to their new building. \$1140 was raised, which will be matched by Mosaic Mennonite Conference. (Closing for the purchase of the building was on Dec. 13.)

Thanks also to those who supported Caleb’s Cocoa Stand. \$4,414.70 was raised last Sunday with more donations coming in daily for the Code Blue shelter. (And did you see some West Swampers on the Channel 69 news blurb about it?)

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

This week, Mosaic Conference is invited to pray for those affected by the devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and seven other states on December 10-11. Please also pray for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) as they discern needs and prepare to help.

“The angel said to them, ‘You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you – news of a great joy to be shared by the whole people.’” (Luke 2:10) Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff hope that you and yours are blessed by the good news and transforming power of Christ this Christmas.

As Edith Yoder of Bridge of Hope National can attest, community can make a great difference in a person’s life. In her blog, “Anabaptist theology — and what compels me to create belonging for families facing homelessness,” Yoder reflects on how her own experience could have been very different had she not had a good support system. Read her call to action here: mennoniteusa.org/belonging-homelessness.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** is currently hiring a full time **Business Manager**, responsible for financial, property, and office management as well as overseeing membership and assisting in special events. For a full job description and application instructions, visit mhpc.org/who-we-are/employment/.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4:30.

Lynne: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30-1:30.