

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Christmas Sunday: Dare to imagine God's robe

December 26, 2021

10:30 A.M.

<i>Prelude</i>	“God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen” ~ <i>John W. Schaum</i> “Angels We Have Heard on High” ~ <i>Edward Broughton</i> “Joy to the World” ~ <i>Gerald Peterson</i>	
Opening Song	“O come, all ye faithful”	#212
Welcome & Prayer		
Lighting the Christ Candle	<i>The Kiesel</i> s	
Celebrating in Song	<i>What favorites would you like to sing?</i>	
Scripture	1 Samuel 2:18-20	
Song	“Away in a manger” <i>(Dismissal for Children’s Church)</i>	#194
Worship Music	“Mary, Did You Know”	<i>Jack & Brenda</i>
Scripture	Luke 2:41-52	
Message	<i>Pastor Michael</i>	
Celebrating in Song	<i>More favorites</i>	
Sharing & Praying		
Sending Song	“He shall reign forevermore”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“Go Tell It on the Mountain” ~ <i>John Carter</i>	

This Sunday

Worship Leader:	Katie Mood
Greeters:	Les & Linda Mood
Pianist:	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 about to start studying John. Contact Lynne Rush if you would like to join this class.

West Swamp Mennonite Church

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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: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Linda Beachy, who is in the middle of her year-long SOOP assignment at the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission in Bloomfield, New Mexico.



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

Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

December 26, 2021

Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

Dec. 27	Church offices closed
Jan. 5, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Jan. 5, 7:15 pm	Choir practice

~ 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 the survivors of the Essex Court (Quakertown) fire that took the lives of a father and two sons on Christmas Day.

~ **What's Happening at West Swamp** ~

We thank Brenda Landt and John Mood for sharing their gift of music with us this morning. They have performed together for many years as the duo “Jack & Brenda.”

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**

Congregational Collage: Still two weeks to join in creating a collage in the fellowship hall. Bring clippings, print outs and photos that reflect the theme each week of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. 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.

~ **What's Happening in the Community** ~

This week, all Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Mosaic Conference staff**. Pray that staff members will continue to discern God’s direction for our Conference and our communities and guide us accordingly.

“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.

Help **Care & Share Thrift Shoppes** keep our neighbors warm! They currently have few coats, and many customers and non-profits are needing them. Drop off your gently used, clean, winter wear, Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Children’s coats are especially needed!

Are you considering a home improvement project soon? With a home equity loan or line of credit from Everence, a faith-based partner of our church, you can get the cash you need – when you need it – at a great rate! Learn more and note the creation care discount for green-related projects at everence.com/home-equity.

Sometimes, the people we least want to interact with are the ones who have the opportunity to most impact our lives. For Danilo Sanchez, co-pastor of Ripple Mennonite Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Wendy was this person. Read his blog, “Practicing the presence-ministry of Jesus,” to learn about how he was able to build a relationship with Wendy, through his church and community center, that changed both of their lives forever. (You can find the blog at mennoniteusa.org/presence-ministry.)

Church Office Hours

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

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

The church offices are closed Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.