



*Speaking by the Spirit*

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

## Worship Service

***October 29, 2023***

***10:30 A.M.***

***Preludes*** O How I Love Jesus ~ *arr. John Turner*  
This Is My Commandment *with* Where the Spirit of the  
Lord Is ~ *arr. Betty Pulkingham and Stephen R. Adams*  
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love ~ *arr. John Carter*

### **We Gather around the Word**

Opening Song What gift can we bring #385

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise When morning gilds the skies #644  
Morning has broken #648  
Shine, Jesus, shine

Offering The Gift of Love ~ *English melody*

### **We Hear God's Word**

Scripture Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Worship Music Love the Lord your God *Choir*

Scripture Matthew 22:23-46

Sermon Speaking by the Spirit *Pastor Michael*

### **We Respond to the Word**

Song The word of God #314

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song Renew your church #363

Benediction

Postlude The Bond of Love ~ *arr. Teresa Wilhelmi*

### **This Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Les Rice  
**Greeter:** Rick & Marian Hinkle  
**Pianist:** Joan Hallman  
**Musicians:** Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush  
**Videographer:** Mark Kemmerer  
**Visual Technicians:** Marsha High, Emily Rush  
**Sound Technicians:** Glenn High, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

### **Sunday School Classes for Fall Quarter**

Stay tuned for what Sunday School options are coming up.

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#### **Commissions & Deacons:**

**Ministry Team,** Randy Rush

**Community,** Nancy Jacobs

**Discipleship (DISCO),** Katie Mood

**Mission,** Glenn High

**Stewardship,** vacant

**Worship,** Joan Hallman

**Church Secretary:** Lynne Rush

**Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Today brings closure to a five-day gathering of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service leaders and participants in Tucson, Arizona. Pray that this gathering inspired each participant to grow in their faith and in their practice of discipleship throughout the coming year.



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

## Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

October 29, 2023

*Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving*

### Calendar

Oct. 31, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Nov. 1, 5 pm	Care & Share Volunteer Night
Nov. 5, 9:30 am	Prayer Breakfast
Nov. 7, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Nov. 7, 6:30 pm	Worship Commission
Nov. 7, 7 pm	Community Commission
Nov. 8, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In
Nov. 8, 7:15 pm	Choir

**MCC Calendars and gift guides** are available on the Welcome Table. Get one before they're gone!

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

**Care & Share Community Volunteer Night:** The October volunteer night will actually be held on Wednesday, Nov. 1 (instead of Halloween night, Oct. 31). Choose your department and help process donations to the thrift store.

**Prayer Breakfast, Nov. 5:** The November prayer breakfast will be a “carry in” meal. Please use the sign up sheet in the fellowship hall to write down what you plan on bringing. Coffee and juice will be provided. And whether you can bring something or not, please join us at 9:30 am for food, fellowship and a time of prayer. And be sure to **turn your clocks back Saturday night**—or you’ll miss the breakfast!

West Swamp members are invited to the **Ripple church service** on Nov. 12. After the service West Swamp will be hosting dinner at Ripple that all are also invited to attend if you can stay. We will need volunteers to serve the meal and provide items needed for the meal. There are sign up sheets in the fellowship hall. Please pay attention to the dates on the signup sheets when items are needed by. If you are volunteering, please be at Ripple at 3 pm. If you have any questions, contact Karen Parzych 215-317-8424.

The **Bible Project SS Class** will be starting fresh on **Nov. 12** and welcomes you to join them. Before beginning our journey through the biblical story, we’re going to take a few weeks to learn “How to Read the Hebrew Bible.” Talk to Karen Parzych or Lynne Rush if you want to know more.

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

All Mosaic congregations are invited to pray for the **Mosaic Annual Assembly** this week. The Assembly will be at Souderton

Mennonite Church on Saturday, Nov. 4. Delegates representing churches and Conference Related Ministries throughout Mosaic Conference will gather together for worship, information, discernment, and listening. Pray for safe travels, as well as openness, clarity, peace, and God's Spirit to be present with all during this time.

As conflict has escalated in the region, **MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel**. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and invites you to join them in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Their response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC’s work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding for those affected. They are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. MCC will continue to work with partners in both Palestine and Israel towards a just peace for all. For more information, visit [mcc.org/palestine-israel](http://mcc.org/palestine-israel).

Camp Men-O-Lan's **Fall woodcutting/work day** is to **Nov. 4**. Meet at the Dining Hall at 8:30 am to get your work assignment. Various projects, including cutting and splitting wood, need done. Lunch is provided. The day will wrap up around 3:30 pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Steve Panning at 215-679-5144 ext 326 or [steve@menolan.org](mailto:steve@menolan.org). Please bring chainsaws and woods splitters. Free wood is available from what is cut during the day.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

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