

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

## Worship Service

November 21, 2021

10:30 A.M.

**Prelude** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” ~ *Sebastian Temple*  
“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands” ~ *Irish Melody*  
“All Thanks and Praise to God!” ~ *Lani Smith*

### Gathering & Praising

Welcome & Prayer

Praising our God “Sing to the Lord of harvest” #98  
“For the beauty of the earth” #89, v. 1-4  
“10,000 Reasons”

### Hearing the Word

Singing the Scripture Micah 6:8

Reading the Scriptures *various texts*

Panel *Who Will Be a Witness?*  
Thoughts & Insights from the book discussion group

### Responding to the Word

Song of Response “Build your kingdom here”

Sharing & Praying

Sending Song “You are salt” #226

Benediction

Postlude “We Shall Overcome” ~ *African American Spiritual*

### This Sunday

**Worship Leader:** Jan Wieand  
**Greeters:** Lee & Elaine Propst  
**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 Fall 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

**Mission,** Glenn High

**Community,** Nancy Jacobs

**Stewardship,** vacant

**Discipleship (DISCO),** Lori Farrell

**Worship,** vacant

**Church Secretary:** Lynne Rush

**Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Liz Breckbill and Erin McWilliams are participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Alamosa, Colorado, Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they extend the ministry of the Anabaptist Fellowship of Alamosa, through educating local youth on environmental issues in their community and contributing to environmental restoration.



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

## Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

November 21, 2021

*Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving*

### Calendar

- Nov. 21                      Decorating for Advent
- Nov. 23                      Quilting
- Nov. 28                      Advent begins
- Nov. 30, 8 am              Knotting & Quilting

### ~ 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 safe and peaceful Thanksgiving celebrations. Holidays can often be a time of stress, tension or depression for those dealing with loss or family dysfunction.*

~ *What's Happening at West Swamp* ~

**Buckets of Thanks:** Special thanks to Glenn High & Carl Kiesel for delivering our collected hygiene kits to the Mennonite Resource Center in Harleysville. Ask Glenn how many there were.

**Advent Decorating:** Worship Commission will be decorating the church for the Advent/Christmas season after the worship service today. If you can stay and help, they would be very appreciative. There are many different tasks and only a few of them take any kind of skill. The more people, the quicker everything will get done!

**Advent Giving:** Crossroads Community Center of Philadelphia has purchased a house that will enable them to expand their ministry of sharing the love of Jesus. Renovations are needed to the house before that mission can fully happen. For three weeks in Advent Mission Commission is asking for donations to the renovation project. Donations can be made through your offering envelopes. Make checks out to West Swamp, but mark the Special Amount Box for "**Crossroads Renovations.**" Mosaic Conference matching fund offer only extends to the end of the year, so please get your donations in for this project by Dec. 12.

~ *What's Happening in the Community* ~

**This week all congregations in Mosaic Conference are praying for the 17 missionaries,** including children, who were kidnapped in Haiti over a month ago. The missionaries are from an Anabaptist mission agency, Christian Aid Ministries, in Ohio. The agency specifically encourages prayers for endurance for the hostages, courage for the families of the hostages, wisdom for the government officials working on the release, and God's presence to the kidnapers.

On **Nov. 24** Juan Marrero, executive director of Crossroads Community Center, will bring the message at Line Lexington Mennonite Church for their 6:30 pm **Thanksgiving Eve Service.** If you would like to attend and are interested in carpooling, contact Rod Rush.

**ACTION ALERT: Support global COVID-19 vaccine production.**

Scripture reminds us to be steadfast in doing good: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9) The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause enormous devastation. To date, 52% of the world's population has received at least one dose of the vaccine, while only 4% of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose. Join MCC's Washington Office in asking senators to support the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that calls for the reallocation of \$98 million in funding to support global vaccine production capacity. Visit [mcc.org/Washington](http://mcc.org/Washington) to learn more and take action.

Join the **Mennonite Heritage Center** on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2:30 pm for the **program and book signing event** for the release of John L Ruth's book, *This Very Ground, This Crooked Affair: A Mennonite Homestead on Lenape Land.* This event will be held at Salford Mennonite Church.

The **Mennonite Heritage Center** invites you to their **Christmas Market** open house, which features fine crafts & art. Artisans will be showcasing their items for sale to ring in the holiday spirit to you and your family. Hours are Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 am-4 pm, and Sunday, Dec. 5, 12-4 pm.

**Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Monday-Wednesday, 9-4:30

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

***The church offices will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving.***