

WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

Advent 1: Dare to imagine God's goodness!

November 28, 2021

10:30 A.M.

<i>Prelude</i>	“How Great Thou Art/How Great Is Our God” ~ <i>arr. Victor Labenske</i> “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ~ <i>arr. John Carter</i> “Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus” ~ <i>E. Broughton</i>	
Opening Song	“O come, O come, Immanuel”	#172, v. 1, 2, 5
Welcome & Prayer		
Lighting the Advent Candle		<i>The Butenuths</i>
Worship Music	“Solemn stillness, weary streets”	<i>Choir</i>
Praising our God	“To us a child of hope is born” “Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming” “Here I am to worship”	#189 #211
Confession & Assurance	“Taste and see”	
Reading the Scriptures	Luke 21:25-36 Jeremiah 33:14-16	
Message		<i>Pastor Michael</i>
Song of Response	“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”	#178
Sharing & Praying		
Sending Song	“Come, walk with us”	
Benediction		
Postlude	“All Earth Is Hopeful” ~ <i>Skinner Chavez-Melo</i> <i>All earth is hopeful, the Savior comes at last! Furrows lie open for God's creative task. This, the labor of people who struggle to see how God's truth and justice set everyone free.</i>	

This Sunday

Worship Leader:	Deb Stevenback
Greeters:	Lee & Elaine Propst
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 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.

West Swamp Mennonite Church

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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: Alfonsina and José Oyanguren have walked alongside Toba-Qom churches in the Argentine Chaco since 2004, serving through a partnership that includes the Argentina Mennonite Church, Mennonite Mission Network and congregations in Ohio. Pray for them and their children as they build relationships and promote Indigenous languages and cultures.



A large rectangular area with 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
November 28, 2021
Reflecting God in our living, loving & serving

Calendar

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| Nov. 30, 8 am | Knotting & Quilting |
| Dec. 1, 6:30 pm | Chimin' In practice |
| Dec. 1, 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 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** ~

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!

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 Rocky Ridge Mennonite Church, a Mosaic congregation located in Quakertown, PA. The congregation is discerning a new way of being church. Please pray for God's leading and clarity as they discern a path forward.

Join **Dock Mennonite Academy's** EC to Grade 8 campus for their annual **Christmas Benefit Concert** on Friday, Dec. 3 at 7 pm at Franconia Mennonite Church. The offering at the Christmas Benefit Concert will be matched dollar for dollar by several supportive families, and the goal is to raise \$24,000. For more information, visit dock.org or call 215-723-1196.

Quakertown United Methodist Church cordially invites you to join **The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble** for ***Sleigh Ride!*** Experience music of the holiday season with this exceptional handbell ensemble on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 4 pm. This holiday event is sure to send you into the night filled with the warmth of delightful music. A freewill offering will be taken with a suggested donation of \$10.

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-Thursday, 9-4:30.

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