

**Pastor:** Michael Howes

**Organ & Piano:** Joan Hallman

**Musicians:** Lynne Rush, Tim Scheetz

**Scripture Readers:** Pastor Michael, Katie Mood

**Monologues:** written by Emily Rush; performed by Les Rice,  
Jeff Searfass, Sue Howes, Julia Huff, Lynne Rush

**Sound & Screen:** Tim Scheetz, Emily Rush

**Sanctuary Visuals & Decorations:** Katie Mood

**Our Christmas Eve offering** tonight will be split between Crossroads Community Center (Philadelphia) and Ripple Congregation (Allentown). Offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary and by the 2nd floor elevator doors.

**Cover Art:** When Jesus Was Born, by Filipino Artist Federico Dominguez (b. 1953)



Christ is born!



*West Swamp Mennonite Church*  
*Candlelight Service*  
*December 24, 2023 - 7 pm*

**Preludes**

"away in a Manger" ~ *arr. Douglas E. Wagner*

"Lullaby for the Christ Child" ~ *James Pethel*

"Angel Carols" ~ *arr. Lani Smith*

*Joan Hallman, organ*

"Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella" ~ *arr. Reed West*

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" ~ *arr. Roger C. Wilson*

"The Birthday of a King" ~ *William Howard Neidlinger*

*Joan Hallman, piano*

**Welcome & Prayer**

"Prepare Ye!" ~ *Choir*

**Singing**

"O come, all ye faithful" #212

"Good Christian friends, rejoice" #210

"Hark! the herald angels sing" #201

"What child is this" #215

"Joy to the World" ~ *Chimin' In*

**Scripture**

Isaiah 40:9-11; Ezekiel 34 *select verses*

**Monologue:** A shepherd in exile

"Poor of the earth" ~ *Lynne Rush, Tim Scheetz*

**Scripture:** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

**Monologue:** A shepherd returned from the exile

"Come, light our hearts" ~ *Choir*

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-14

**Monologue:** The angel

"Shepherds, awake!" ~ *Choir*

"Angels we have heard on high" #197

"Infant holy, Infant lowly" #206

**Scripture:** Luke 2:15-20

**Monologue:** Mary

"Christ Child Lullaby" ~ *April & McKenzie Huff*

*Tim Scheetz, guitar; Lynne Rush, bass recorder*

"This Is Jesus" Screen

**Monologue:** A Bethlehem shepherd

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" ~ *Choir*

**Lighting of the Candles** ~ "Silent Night" (Screen)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

"Christmas Brings Joy to Every Heart"

~ *arr. David Paxton*