

**Cover Art:** *Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope and Love*, Chicago, IL, 20th century. This mural places Jesus centerstage with arms outstretched, welcoming all people to him. Incorporated into the figure of Jesus is a mosaic quality that undoubtedly represents his multifaceted nature as well as the ability for all peoples to claim him as their own. Surrounding him is a diverse group holding hands in unity. One of the scripture passages listed for this image gives us the second greatest commandment: “to love one’s neighbor as oneself.” In loving one another, we stimulate peace, faith, and hope for the war-torn and unjust world in which we live. This painting reminds us that it is in our love for one another—a love that seeks equality and justice for all—that we show true, deep, and abiding love for God as well.

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What kind of God  
brings the wine to the party?

# WEST SWAMP MENNONITE CHURCH

## Worship Service

***February 2, 2025***

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

### ***Prelude***

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

Opening Song                      Mountain of God

Welcome & Prayer

Songs of Praise                      Praise with joy  
   Lord, whose love                      #369  
   Hark! the glad sound                      #184

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

Scripture                      Jeremiah 1:4-10

Offering

Scripture                      Luke 4:14-30

Sermon                      The offensiveness of God's love                      *Pastor Michael*

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

Song of Response                      There's a wideness                      #145

Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song                      Build your kingdom here

Benediction

Postlude

### **This Sunday**

**Worship Leader:** Deb Stevenback  
**Greeters:** Tim & Karen Butenuth  
**Musicians:** Brenda Landt, Lynne Rush  
**Videographer:** Mark Kemmerer  
**Visual Technicians:** Marsha High, Emily Rush  
**Sound Technicians:** Carl Raub, Rod Rush, Tim Scheetz

### **Sunday School Classes for Winter Quarter**

The TLC Class (Topics, Learning and Conversation) is studying curriculum based on The Chosen TV series, 9:30 am.

Bible Project—Genesis: 8:45 am, Room 104 or join us through Zoom.

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**Ministry Team,** Carl Raub

**Community,** Nancy Jacobs

**Discipleship (DISCO),** Katie Mood

**Mission,** Karen Parzych

**Stewardship,** Alex Parzych

**Worship,** Joan Hallman

**Church Secretary:** Lynne Rush

**Treasurer:** Pat Bevan

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Would you like to help Mennonite youth learn more about their Anabaptist heritage? There are still two weeks to register for MMN 's Youth Venture "Anabaptism at 500: Looking Back to See the Future" trip this summer. Pray that the next generation of Mennonite leaders will be shaped by the rich diversity of the global Mennonite church during this once-in-a-lifetime encounter in Germany and Switzerland.



Notes:

## Welcome to West Swamp Mennonite Church

February 2, 2025

*Discovering together how to follow Jesus  
and make our community and world a better place*

### Calendar

Feb. 2, @12 pm	Worship Leader Workshop
Feb. 4, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Feb. 4, 7 pm	Community Commission
Feb. 5, 6:30 pm	Chimin' In practice
Feb. 5, 7:15 pm	Choir practice
Feb. 11, 8 am	Knotting & Quilting
Feb. 11, 7 pm	Mission Commission
Feb. 12, 6:30 pm	Worship Commission

~ What's Happening at West Swamp ~

We pray for **Rod Rush** and **Joan Hallman** as they represent our congregation at Solidarity and Harmony Church this morning, as they extend our love and support to their congregation in these difficult and uncertain times.

**Worship Leader Workshop, Feb. 2:** Have you served as a worship leader? Have you ever thought about giving it a try? If so, join us for a pizza lunch and conversation about what a worship leader does and how to plan to lead worship.

**Special Congregational Meeting:** There will be a brief congregational meeting after the worship service on **Feb. 9** to take action on proposed updates and changes to our Constitution/Bylaws.

The Mission Commission is collecting items for **MCC Relief Kits**. There is an item list on the bulletin board in the fellowship room and a box to put your items in. Last year, MCC shipped 28,583 relief kits to Cuba, El Salvador, Malawi, Ukraine and Zambia. Thank you for helping with this project.

**Offering Tax Statements** were in last Sunday. If you believe there is a discrepancy in the amount, please contact Rod Rush. (Possible reasons for a discrepancy: No amount marked on envelope; pew envelope used and no envelope number marked.)

~ What's Happening in the Community ~

All Mosaic Conference congregations are invited to pray for the work of Conference-Related Ministry **Peace Proclamation Ministries International (PPMI)**. In mid-February, Paulus and Sumatha Thalathoti will be leading a trip to India with Dr. Manickam, Dr. Null, and Jessica, Ron and Rebecca Bergey. They will be preaching, teaching, serving and supporting the local pastors and their wives who share the gospel of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

You are invited to the Perkasie Mennonite Church's **Patchwork Coffeehouse** live concert with Big Valley Bluegrass and opener Russ Rentler on Feb. 15, 7:30 pm, at 320 W Chestnut St., Perkasie, Pa. Come enjoy the *"DYNAMIC blend of traditional bluegrass, jazz and folk music."* Wheelchair accessible.

**Save the date:** The MCC Canning Event in our area is Apr. 22, 23 & 24. You can be one of over 30,000 people who volunteer with the MCC mobile meat canner each year to fill, weigh, wash and label every can. The finished cans are shipped to our partners, providing important nutrients when meat is hard to purchase. More details about signing up to volunteer will be available in the New Year.

**Church Office Hours**

Pastor Michael: Monday-Thursday, 9-4.

Lynne: Working remotely from home and in the office when possible. If you need to reach me quickly, call me at 215-538-5311, or text 267-272-3089.