



DEEP RUN MENNONITE CHURCH EAST
December 23, 2012

Josh Rush

“Bringing people in contact with God”

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, with prayer as our foundation, we at DRE envision a community of faith that will glorify God in worship, open our lives to our community, and share our gifts and resources in faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Pre-service Music

Carol Palermo

Praising God

Gathering Song

“Jesus Messiah”

Adult Worship Team

Lighting of the Advent Candle



Anna, Karen & Rita Detweiler

Call to Worship

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Leader: Our souls magnify you, our God. Our spirits rejoice in you, our Savior.

People: **You have looked with favor on your lowly servants; because of you, we are called “blessed.”**

Leader: You have scattered the proud and brought down the mighty.

People: **You have raised up the lowly and filled the hungry.**

All: *You have remembered your mercy helping those in need and their descendants forever.*

Congregational Singing

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” with the chorus of “How Great is Our God”

“Christmas Offering”

Special Music

“The Echo Carol-arr. Wagner”

Chimes Choir

Children's Time



Visit from the Magi
Joel Kempf, Rich Leatherman, Duane Bishop

Offering/Offertory

Giving to God

Patapan - arr. Wagner

Chimes Choir

Guests, please fill out the welcome card and place in the offering

Scripture:

Hearing God's Word

Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:39-55

Vernon Clemmer

(page 658 & 724 of the pew bible)

Sermon

"Why Bethlehem, Why Us?"

Brent Camilleri

Responding

Response Song

"My Soul is Filled with Joy"

STJ# 13

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Commissioning for Elder Transition - Rhoda Detweiler & Ruth Swartley

Congregational Sharing & Prayer Time

Sending

Benediction

Sending Song

"The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy"

HWB# 202

Guests! - We are glad to have you here for worship today. We trust that you will encounter God's presence, as you worship with us. Please know you are welcome to worship with us again!

Sunday school Hour – 10:15 (Classes for all ages – Nursery through adult)

The peace candle on the front table symbolizes our continued prayers for the many persons affected by the tragedy in Connecticut, as well as our prayers for Christ's light and peace to reign in the dark places of this world.

The season of Advent is a time of waiting, watching, and preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. Our advent theme this year, utilizing resources from Mennonite Church USA, is *Flood of Mercy*.

Bulletin Cover - Advent Artwork

Our beautiful Advent artwork was created by Josh Rush to go along with our advent theme, "Flood of Mercy." Josh chose the white Heron to symbolize the mercy and purity of God. His decision to utilize watercolor paints as his medium, as well as the "rain" and the blue and purple hues represent water and the "flood of mercy."

Tomorrow, Monday, December 24th - *Christmas Eve Service* at 7:00 pm. There will be a variety of special music, a meditation, children's time and candle lighting. Come and worship our newborn King, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this meaningful service of worship.

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Nursery attendants: **Today** – Nancy Myers & Olivia Gemmel
Next week – Sandy & Gwen Gemmell

Greeters: **Today** – Lee & Connie Crouthamel, Dean & Kathy Myers,
Al & Miriam Rice
Next week – Joe & Ruth Hohenstein, Jerry & Karen Detweiler,
Norm & Mabel Myers

Greeters for Christmas Eve:

Mark & SueAnn Rush, Esther & Grace Leatherman,
Bob & Kathy Moyer

Prayer room *(between the worship service and Sunday school):*

Today – Barb Hackman **Next week** – Pat Bishop



Looking for 3 additional prayer partners from our congregation who would like to connect with our college students. This will involve praying for your student and encouraging him/her throughout the year. If you are interested please see Rachel Burkhardt.

Thank you, *Christian Education Commission*



Thank you for the poinsettia, the Christmas caroling and the fruit tray from the MYF. Christmas Blessings to everyone.

Thanks again, *Marvin & Esther Detweiler*

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas poinsettia and the card from the Jr. & Sr. MYF students. I appreciate your prayers and visits.

Blessings, *Paul H. Godshalk & family*

Thank you to the Deep Run Congregation for the poinsettia.

Harvey and Anna Myers



Lois Wismer was in Grandview Hospital last weekend. She was discharged on Tuesday, December 18th.

Next week, Toshi Imchen will be preaching. Toshi and his family will be sharing their gifts of music through our worship service.