

DEEP RUN MENNONITE CHURCH EAST



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Pre-service Music Rice Family

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit Chimes

Call to Worship Brent Camilleri

Congregational Singing Cleon Hackman
Angels, from the Realms of Glory GHF #99
What Child Is This? GHF #94

Special Music *O Holy Night* Karen Burkholder &
Sharon Leatherman
Accompanied by Lynn Derstine

Children's Time Duane Bishop
(Children may take home their small poinsettias after the service)

Offering
Offertory: "The Coventry Carol/The First Noel" Katrina Rice
as arranged by Mark Hayes
Offering will be given to Mennonite Mission Network

Special Music: Over the Hills and Ev'rywhere-arr. Wagner Chimes



Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Brittany Myers

Congregational Song *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* GHF #98
(verse 1)

Meditation – Movement 1

“Peace on Earth... Goodwill to All”

Ken Burkholder

Scripture: Lamentations 3:17-20

Elmer Detweiler

Congregational Song: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (verse 3)*

Meditation – Movement 2

Scripture: Luke 2: 7-14

Matthew Nyce

Congregational Song: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (verses 4 & 5)*

Meditation – Movement 3

Video/Song: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* – Casting Crowns



Candle Lighting: *Silent Night*

HWB#193

Benediction

Congregational Song of Celebration: *Joy to the World*

HWB #318



Christmas Day Service – 10:00 AM

We invite you and your family to come to worship on Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m. with us. The service will include singing lots of Christmas carols, a Children’s Time, special music, and a meditation.

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!

Leader: O surprising and faithful God:
We have been waiting for this evening,
wondering about your coming.

**People: Will you enter as a mighty ruler with an enormous army?
Will you arrive as a subtle politician,
able to maneuver influential minds?**

Leader: Will you rise to popularity as a charismatic dynamo,
with adoring fans in every corner of the world?

**People: Or – is it true...that you come
in the most helpless life form...
As a newborn infant – poor, vulnerable, dependant?**

Leader: How can this be?
How can your reign possibly begin with a messy birth in a
humble hut?
Yet here you come, with the gasping cry of new birth,
and you invite us to re-imagine God's Power
from the downside-up.

**People: Thank you for inviting us here into your birthing room.
Thank you for finding a deeper, more enduring way.**

*All: Let your birth cries penetrate our minds and hearts.
Bless this celebration, and may we, like Mary,
continue to ponder all these things.
In gratitude and with wonder we pray. Amen.*



Merry Christmas!

*May Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, bring peace to your heart, your
home, this community, and the world!*