

HYATTSVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

4217 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2010, 5:00 p.m.

Prelude Eric Stoltzfus and Jerome Glick
"Gaudete" (arr. Stephen Hatfield) Choir

Candle Lighting

The sanctuary will be darkened until the Christ candle on the advent wreath is the only source of light, symbolizing the coming of the One in whom is Light. Light from the Christ candle will be taken throughout the sanctuary to represent the light of Jesus which overcomes the darkness of the world.

Welcome and Prayer Cindy Lapp

Hymn 172 – "O come, O come, Immanuel" Adam Tice

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

The First Lesson Genesis 3:1-5, 22-24 Simon Conrad
The story of disobedience and rebellion in the Garden of Eden
Hymn: HWB 177 – "Creator of the stars of night"

The Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18 Denise Brown
A faithful God blesses obedience
Hymn (see insert) – "A thousand stars" (v.1, solo)

The Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7 Sam Goering
The coming of the Messiah is foretold by the prophet
Hymn: HWB 176 – "Comfort, comfort. O my people"

The Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9 Adam Good and Jennifer Hiebert
The prophet foretells the Messiah's birth in Bethlehem
Hymn: HWB 211 – "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"

The Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-38, 46-55 Reina Neufeldt
The announcement of the Messiah's birth is made to Mary
Hymn: STS 124 – "My soul cries out"

The Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7 Melanie Friesen
Caesar's decree brings Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem
Hymn: HWB 191 – "O little town of Bethlehem"

The Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-20 Nord Family
The shepherds are alerted and find the infant Jesus in a stall
Hymn: HWB 197 – "Angels we have heard on high"
Hymn: STS 23 – "Gloria, gloria, gloria"

The Eighth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 Jenny Marsh and Richard Brown
The Magi follow the star to the newborn King and King Herod seeks to destroy the child
Hymn: HWB 218 – "As with gladness men of old"
Reading: "The Queens Came Late" by Norma Farber
Sara Fretz-Goering
"A Brilliant Star" (Adam Tice and Sally Ann Morris) Choir

The Ninth Lesson John 1:1-14 Maria Tice
The meaning of the birth of Jesus is interpreted for all ages by the fourth evangelist
Hymn: HWB 212 – "O come, all ye faithful"
Hymn: HWB 318 – "Joy to the world"

The Ministry of Giving

The Christmas Eve offering will go to Mennonite Central Committee as it provides assistance in Pakistan. The summer of 2010 brought disastrous floods to many parts of Pakistan. People face enormous challenges as they struggle to rebuild their lives. MCC is working with Church World Service to provide shelter, food and relief kits to some of the 21 million people affected by the flooding.

Offertory Prayer

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Hymn: HWB 193 – "Silent night, holy night"

Benediction

Participants in the Service

Cellos: Eric Stoltzfus
Jerome Glick

Piano: Janet Peachey

Choir: Peter Goering
David Conrad
Jennifer Hiebert
Kimberly Schmidt
Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus
Elijah Lapp Stoltzfus
Cindy Lapp
Eric Stoltzfus
Christian Yoder
Adam Tice

The poinsettias are available for purchase following the service.
Cost is \$20 each and payment may be given to Cindy Lapp.