

HYATTSVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

4217 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

Prelude Janet Peachey and Emily O'Brien

Hymn: HWB 172 – *O come, O come, Immanuel*

Welcome and Prayer

Community Reading from Psalms 92 and 98

One: It is good to praise you,
and celebrate your Name in song, Most High –
*Many: to proclaim your love in the morning
and your fidelity through the watches of the night.*
One: Shout to the Most High, all the earth,
break into joyous songs of praise.
*Women: Sing praise to our God with the harp,
with the harp and melodious singing!*
Men: Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world and all its peoples.
*All: Let the rivers clap their hands
and all the hills sing together for joy
before our God who comes to judge the earth,
who will rule the world with justice
and its people with equity.*

Introduction to Lessons and Carols

A contrary carol Ensemble

The First Lesson: *In the beginning*

Genesis 1:1-5 Amy Whittington

Hymn: HWB 177 *Creator of the stars of night*

The Second Lesson: *Light and Shadow*

Isaiah 9:2-7; I John 1:5-7 Tomi Mason & Roxanne Ando

Hymn: HWB 189 – *To us a child of hope is born*

The Third Lesson: *Prepare*

from Isaiah 40 and Mark 1:1-3 Eric Olson & Hope Olson

Hymn: HWB 176 – *Comfort, comfort. O my people*

The Fourth Lesson: *Rejoice*

from I Samuel 2; Luke 1:47-55 Judy Nord, Corrie Mauldin

Hymn: STS 124 – *My soul cries out*

The Fifth Lesson: *God with us*

Isaiah 11:1-2; Matthew 1:18-23 Kaye Brubaker, Simon Conrad

There is no rose Trio

Hymn: HWB 211 – *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

The Sixth Lesson: *The time comes*

Luke 2:1-7 Karen Haynes

Hymn: HWB 191 – *O little town of Bethlehem*

Hymn: HWB 206 – *Infant holy, infant lowly*

The Seventh Lesson: *Peace on earth*

Luke 2:8-20 Krisetya Family

Hymn: STJ 31 – *He came down*

Hymn: HWB 197 – *Angels we have heard on high*

The Eighth Lesson: *The star*

Matthew 2:1-12; Psalm 72:11-14

Hymn: HWB 218 – *As with gladness men of old*

Hymn: HWB 210 – *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

The Ninth Lesson: *In the beginning*

John 1:1-14 (selected) Dorothy Leissa

Hymn: HWB 212 – *O come, all ye faithful*

The Ministry of Giving

Our Christmas Eve offering will go to the Mennonite Central Committee's response to the drought in East Africa. Over 13 million people are now affected by the drought in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya. Contributions will enable MCC to respond to

immediate emergency food assistance and support local organizations and church agencies that help communities adapt to drought, high food prices, conflict, climate change and other causes of hunger. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Prayer

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Hymn: HWB 193 – “Silent night, holy night”

Benediction

Participants in the Service

Worship Leader: Cynthia Lapp, pastor

Music Leader: Adam Tice, associate pastor

Piano: Janet Peachey

Recorder: Emily O’Brien

Cello: Eric Stoltzfus

Ensemble: Cindy Lapp, Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus,
Eric Stoltzfus, Adam Tice, Peter Goering

Candlelighter: Jamie Stoltzfus,

Sound System: Jerome Glick

The poinsettias are available for purchase following the service. Cost is \$10 each for the smaller ones and \$15 for the larger ones. Payment may be given to Cindy Lapp.