

# Chicago Community Mennonite Church

December 28, 2014 ✦ Christmas

## INVITING MYSTERY

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship.

Incarnate God, work in our hearts,  
that our worship would be filled with the joy that comes from remembering your beauty and mystery.

**All: In a little child, God is revealed to us.**

One: This is God's plan of freedom, held up for the nations to see.

**All: A revealing light to all peoples, the glory of God's people.**

One: We rejoice in our rescue and celebrate creation's redemption.

**All: The hills and the mountains praise the Lord.**

One: The animals, wild and tame, lightning and hail,  
snow and fog, all people of the earth,

**All: All praise the Lord together,  
our Messiah has come. Alleluia!**

HWB 233 *Joyful is the dark*

Welcome

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prayer for Peace

Announcements

Sharing

Children's Time (STS 47)

*Let the children come to me; let the children come.*

*Never hinder them; never stop them. O let the children come.*

Offering: HWB 318 *Joy to the world* (v. 1-2)

## ENGAGING MYSTERY: LESSONS & CAROLS

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

*The people offer praise in anticipation of their restoration*

HWB 211 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

Second Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

*The angel Gabriel salutes Mary*

HWB 181 *My soul proclaims with wonder* (v. 1-3)

Third Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

*Luke tells of the birth of the Christ*

HWB 191 *O little town of Bethlehem* (v. 1-2)

HWB 190 *'Twas in the moon of wintertime*

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

*The shepherds gather at the manger*

HWB 197 *Angels we have heard on high* (v. 1-2)

HWB 208 *Love came down at Christmas*

Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

*Jesus is presented at the temple*

HWB 203 *Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly* (v. 1, 3)

HWB 215 *What child is this & STS 26 Helpless and hungry*

Sixth Lesson: John 1:1-5, 10-14

*John proclaims the great mystery of the incarnation*

HWB 212 *O come, all ye faithful*

Sharing the Light of Christ

HWB 193 *Silent night, holy night* (v. 1-2)

## CELEBRATING MYSTERY

Communion

STS 10 *Come! Walk in the light*

Benediction: STS 133

Extinguishing the Peace Lamp

One: Now the light of Christ is in you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Worship Leader: Philip Kendall

Song Leaders: Maria Paff, Mariell Waltner,  
Glenn Martin Klaassen

Pianist: Steve Warkentin

Altar: Janet Friesen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Megan's Travel Schedule:** Jon and I are visiting his family in Germany and spending the holidays there. I return to the States on Jan 1. I'll be in worship Jan 4 and then return fully to the office Monday Jan 5.

**Save the Date: Annual Church Retreat, Feb 14-15:** Mark your calendars and plan to join the fun at Camp Menno Haven in Tiskilwa, IL. Church will not be meeting in Chicago that weekend. All are welcome!

**Pledges for 2014 and 2015:** Please check with me if you want to know what the remaining amount of your 2014 pledge is. Because of the deficit budget for 2014, we can use all contributions. We encourage those of you who intend to pledge for 2015 to do so, including those of you who are new to the congregation.  
—Paul Myers, Treasurer, paulmyerschicago@gmail.com

**Turning of the Year Retreat, Thur Jan 1, 1-4:00 PM (Chicago):** Reflect, share, create, rest in God's love, start the year off in joy and peace. \$10-\$40 contribution. Contact Carol Rose to reserve a spot: 312-933-8986, carolarose77@gmail.com.

### SCHEDULE

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Greeter:</b>	Merle Baker	Derek Becker
<b>Nursery:</b>	Sean Conner Liz Finch	Mark Frey Brooke Hutchison
<b>Fellowship:</b>	Paul Myers	Rochelle Martin Klaassen Brennan Martin Klaassen
<b>Welcome Table:</b>	Derek Becker Mark Liechty	Potluck



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