

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 18, 2011

Reordering Our World

Advent 4

*God has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
Luke 1:52-53*

Gathering in God's Presence

Pre-Service Carol Singing

Welcome and Announcements

Tim Huber

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Our souls magnify you, Lord,
our spirits rejoice in you, our Savior.
You have looked with favor on your servants,
chosen us in our lowliness rather than our strength.
All generations will know your blessing,
for you have done great things, and holy is your name.

Prayer of Invocation

Gathering Hymns HWB 318
HWB 215

*Joy to the world (vv. 1,2,4)
What child is this*

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

John Hobbs and Everett Bradley

Hymn HWB 594

Lord, you sometimes speak (vv.1,4,5)

First Reading

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Second Reading

Luke 1:26-38, 46-55

Quiet Reflection

The periods of silence in our worship will begin and end with the ringing of a chime.

Hymn STJ 13

My soul is filled with joy

Meditation

Eric Massanari

Quiet Reflection

Choir Anthem

Infant holy, infant lowly

Polish carol

Responding to the Word

Offertory & Prayer

During the offering time the children are invited to help carry food donations from the foyer to the front of the sanctuary.

Sharing Time & Introductions

During this time in the service we welcome visitors, invite responses to the worship service, and share prayer concerns and joys. Please sign the Welcome Pages (black books) in the pews so we can learn each others' names.

Prayers of the People

Sending

Hymn HWB 204

Gloria

Blessing (from Romans 16:25-27)

Now to God who is able to strengthen us
according to the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
**according to the mystery that was long kept secret
but is now revealed to all,**
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.

For the Lighting of the Advent Candle

Light bearer: We are awake and watching. . . .
We see a flicker of light and want to share it!

***All: Thanks be to God for giving us light!
And thanks be to all who share the light,
and who do not quench the Spirit.***

Jesse Tree:

Last week's symbols:

Burning bush representing Moses
Musical note representing Miriam
Palm tree representing Deborah
Lamp representing Samuel
Wheat representing Ruth
Branch representing Jesse
Harp representing David

This week's symbols:

Column representing Solomon
Tablets of the Law representing Hexekiah
Scroll representing Josiah
Throne representing Isaiah
Dove representing Elizabeth
River representing John the Baptist
Lily representing Mary

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God's Unexpected Deeds



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Sunday, December 18, 2011

Our purpose is to worship and praise God together, to pray for and encourage each other to live our covenant with God and to share Christ's good news with others. As Anabaptist Christians we will reach out to others, welcome all people, be aware of our neighbors and respond to their needs, and give ourselves to service.

9:30 a.m.- Sunday School 10:45 a.m.- Worship
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