

# Shalom Mennonite Church

January 1, 2012

## *Paying Homage*

### Epiphany

*Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.*

-Psalm 72:1,4 (New Revised Standard Version)

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Opening Reading and Welcome

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14\*

#### Gathering Music and Processional

*We carry in a flame, the Bible, and a prayer cloth. May we trust the Light to  
guide us, the Word to teach us, and prayer to knit our lives together with  
God as we begin our time of worship.*

#### Call to Worship

Let us arise and shine, for our light has come,  
**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**  
Where once darkness covered the earth,  
**people stream to the brightness of a new dawning.**  
Lift up your eyes and look around!  
**We will see and be radiant.**  
***Our hearts thrill and rejoice, for the light has come!***

#### Prayer of Invocation

Hymns HWB 114  
HWB 184

*In thee is gladness  
Hark! The glad sound!*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Children's Time

Everett Bradley and John Hobbs

#### Reading from the Prophets

Isaiah 60:1-6

#### Quiet Reflection

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

#### Hymn HWB 221

*Hail the bless'd morn*

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

#### Quiet Reflection

#### Brief Spoken Reflections

#### Quiet Reflection

### Responding to the Word

#### Hymn HWB 182

*Oh, how shall I receive thee*

#### Offertory and prayer

#### 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 218

*As with gladness men of old*

#### Blessing

This grace has been given to us:  
to reveal the mystery hidden for ages,  
**so that through the church**  
**the wisdom of God in its rich variety**  
**might be made known.**  
***Our light has come!***

***Let us share what we have received with boldness and confidence.***

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

\*from *Psalms for Praying* by Nan C. Merrill

## Love Alone

The Child we seek  
doesn't need our gold.  
On love, on love alone  
he will build his kingdom.  
His pierced hand will hold no scepter,  
his haloed head will wear no crown;  
his might will not be built  
on your toil.  
Swifter than lightning  
he will soon walk among us.  
He will bring us new life  
and receive our death,  
and the keys to his city  
belong to the poor.

from *Amahl and the Night Visitors* by Gian Carlo Menotti

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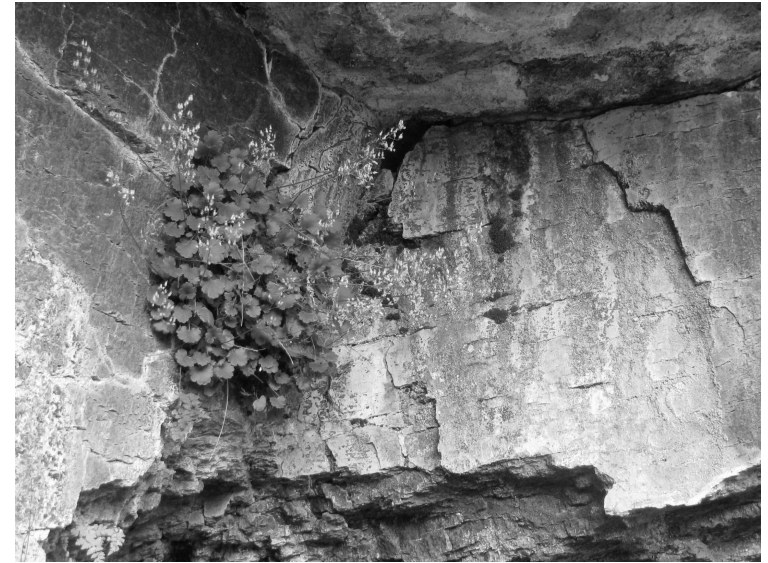
Greeters: Chuck & Cindy Regier, Mary & David Duerksen  
Worship Leader: Sara Dick  
Visual Arts: Beth Burns & the Shalom community  
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Greg Nickel, & Sam Smucker  
Scripture Readers: Mark & Giovanna McQuillen Schnabel  
Sound & Closing: Dave Wasser

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Pastor: Eric Massanari  
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick  
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger  
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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*Sunday, January 1, 2012*

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