

Shalom Mennonite Church

November 27, 2011

Learning to Pay Attention

Advent 1

*Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.*

Mark 13:31

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

Jennifer Szambecki Benninga

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Get up! Pay attention and prepare to follow.

The shepherd of Israel leads us like a flock.

Get up! God's face is about to shine on you.

No ear has heard nor eye seen God's full glory!

Get up! God's salvation is near.

The mighty One tears open the heavens and comes down.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn HWB 16

God is here among us

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Everett Bradley & John Hobbs

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Quiet Reflection

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

Hymn HWB 173

Savior of the nations, come!

Meditation

“keeping vigil”

Eric Massanari

Quiet Reflection

Hymn HWB 594

Lord, you sometimes speak

Responding to the Word

Offertory & Prayer

During the offering time the children are invited to help carry "Harvest of Love" 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 STJ 67

Let there be light, Lord God

Blessing

Go into the world, awake and aware of God's presence!

We go into the world, listening for God's voice.

Go into the world, watching for the activity in God's kingdom!

We go into the world, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Go into the world, receiving the hope of salvation!

We go into the world, reflecting the Spirit's radiance.

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

God's Unexpected Deeds

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.*



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Sunday, November 27, 2011

Greeters: Lois & Peter Voran, Lisa & Kelvin Bartel, and Kristen Mayhue
Musicians: Chris Dick, Christine Crouse Dick and Greg Nickel
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen and Beth Burns
Sound and Closing: David Kaufman

Pastor: Eric Massanari
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Youth Ministry Intern: Allison Schrag
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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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