

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 8, 2012

A Winter Count

Among the American Indians of the Great Plains there was a long-observed tradition called the Winter Count in which the community gathered to tell stories from the past year and to record these stories in visual images. In a similar spirit we join on this Sunday to listen as members of our congregation reflect on the last year and share their hopes for the year to come.

*We remember that God is with us
in and through it all.*

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Special Announcements

Eric Massanari

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

Come, follow Jesus to the sacred place where God is,
a place of intimate prayer, of open heart.

**We come seeking God's face,
pierced by the power of Love's presence,
silent before the glory of divine beauty.**

Come, follow Jesus to a place of community,
to the place where sons and daughters join as one,
sharing in the bountiful grace of our Provider.

**We come seeking God's face
in our brothers and sisters,
we worship, work and play,
sharing our lives together.**

*Jesus, lead us to the Holy One
that we might see God's face. Amen.**

Hymn HWB 648

Morning has broken

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Andi Schmidt-Andres

Hymn STJ 80

Christ be near at either hand

Scripture Readings Mark 1:9-11
Acts 19:1-7

Quiet Reflection

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

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Marilyn Wolgemuth

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Marathana Prothro

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Hymn HWB 369

Lord, whose love in humble service

Responding to the Word

Offertory & 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

A Celebration of Communion

Sending

Blessing

Sending Hymn HWB 118

Praise God from whom

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

* written by Jane Stoltzfus Buller, Goshen, IN

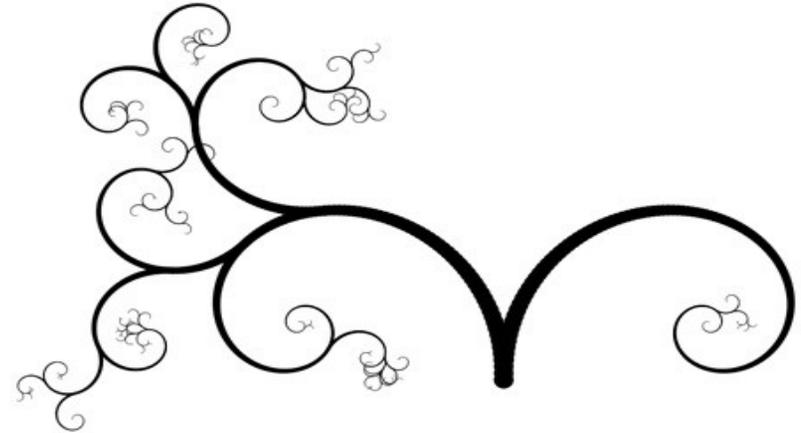
*Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
May the Lord give strength to all people!
May the Lord bless all people with peace!*

- Psalm 29:1,11

*When you let go of trying to get more
of what you don't really need,
it frees up oceans of energy
to make a difference with what you have.
When you make a difference with
what you have it expands.*

- Lynne Twist

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Greeters: Lola Schmidt, Stan & Marlene Smucker, Dave & Joan Wasser
Visual Arts: Beth Burns & many artists in the congregation!
Musicians: Christopher Dick, Mark Schmidt-Andres
Communion Servers: Trish Bouterse, Euny Kerbs, Tony Graber,
Marlene Smucker, David Duerksen
Sound & Closing: Phil Graber

Pastor: Eric Massanari
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
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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