

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 29, 2013

First Sunday after Christmas

The mystery of God's dwelling in our distress!

Gathering and Special Announcements

Debbie Schmidt

Inviting the Mystery

Prelude and Procession

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.

Welcome and prayer

Call to worship

We gather this morning before the one made perfect in suffering.
We worship this one who calls us all brothers and sisters,
this one who helps us in our times of trouble and testing.
Jesus came to reveal "God with us" in joy and distress.

Hymn HWB 212

O come, all ye faithful

Engaging the Mystery

Old Testament reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

Confession and experiencing the light of the Advent wreath

In both the exuberance of Christ's birth
and the human sorrow that accompanied it,
we recognize God's presence in both joy and grief.
Let us confess the violence we have experienced and spread,
that God may overcome it with grace.
In this light, we celebrate forgiveness.
In his love and compassion, Jesus redeems us.

Children's time

David and Sarah Kaufman

Hymn HWB 190

'Twas in the moon of wintertime

New Testament reading

Matthew 2:13-23

Quiet Reflection

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

Celebrating the Mystery

Meditation

Edna Dyck and Marathana Prothro

Quiet Reflection

Hymn of response HWB 206

Infant holy, Infant lowly

Offertory and Prayer

Sharing Time and 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

Hymn HWB 195

It came upon a midnight clear

Benediction

Let us proclaim the mystery!
Christ is born
that the house of the Lord may be filled!

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

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Greeters: Senior High youth, Melanie Zuercher
Musicians: Greta Hiebert, Sam Smucker
Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker
Sound and Closing: Phil Graber

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
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 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - Worship
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