

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 28, 2014

**During this Christmas season,
we are invited to enter worship in silence,
actively opening our spirits to God's presence in our midst.**

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome Joe Smucker

Gathering Music & 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.

Opening Song HWB 50 *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith

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

Sung Response STJ 8 *Somos pueblo que camina (in Spanish)*

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time Beth Burns

Nursery care for young children is available after Children's Time till the end of the service.

First Reading Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Scripture passages are read in English or Spanish to reflect the community in and around Shalom.

Hymn HWB 202 *The virgin Mary had a baby boy*

Year-End Reflections Everett Bradley

Quiet Reflection

Second Reading Luke 2:22-40

Year-End Reflections Maria Jantz

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 395 *Here I am, Lord*

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 Sara Dick

Announcements

Sending Song HWB 51 *Let the whole creation cry*

Benediction

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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Your Beauty is Revealed

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

- Galatians 4:4-7

Greeters: Kristen Mayhue, Brett & Marathana Prothro, Dick & Mary Rempel
Processional & Candle Lighting: Cay Siebert, Jen Cirene, Paul Fransen
Musicians: Shalom Band, Yvonne Bontrager
Spanish Scripture Reader: Melanie Zuercher
Visual Arts: David Kaufman
Sound & Closing: Russ Neufeld

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Barth Hague

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