

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 4, 2015

**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 6 *Here in this place*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith

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

Proclaiming the Word

First Reading Matthew 2:1-12

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

Children's Time Beth Burns

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

Hymn HWB 218 *As with gladness men of old*

Second Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Meditation Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 220 *Worship the 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

Announcements

Sending Song HWB 216 *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

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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"The three kings had only a rumor to go by. But it moved them to make that long journey. The scribes were much better informed, much better versed. They sat and studied the Scriptures like so many dons, but it did not make them move. Who had the more truth? The three kings who followed a rumor, or the scribes who remained sitting with all their knowledge?"

Søren Kierkegaard, *Meditations from Kierkegaard*

Greeters: Mary & David Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier
Processional & Candle Lighting: Becky & Jeremy Kindy, Jon Neufeld
Full-body Bible Study participants: Mary Duerksen, Eulala Pankratz, Lisa Weaver, Joe Smucker, Lynell Bergen, Natalie & Kendra Neufeld
Musicians: Euny Kerbs, Karen Schlabaugh
Visual Arts: David Kaufman
Bulletin Cover: *Adoration of the Magi*, Dr. He Qi
Sound & Closing: Greg Nickel

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

Epiphany Sunday

Your Saving Mystery Revealed



*Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.*
- Isaiah 60:1,3,6b

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