

# Shalom Mennonite Church

November 22, 2015

## *Old Testament Stories: Covenanted Community*

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

### Gathering in God's Presence

#### Welcome & Announcements

Stan Smucker

**Gathering Music & Procession**     *Soul of a Man* – Blind Willie Johnson  
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 (based on Isaiah 2)\*

L: In the days to come, the mountain of God's house  
will be established as the highest of the mountains  
and raised above all other hills;  
all nations will stream toward it.

P: **Many people will come and say,  
"Come, let us climb God's mountain;  
that we may be instructed in God's ways  
and walk in God's paths."**

**For out of Zion will go forth instruction,  
and the word of God from Jerusalem.**

L: God will judge between the nations,  
and render decisions for many countries;

P: **They will beat their nuclear bombs into plowshares,  
and their guns into gardening tools;  
nation will not raise weapons against nation,  
and never again will they train for war.**

All: *May we be co-creators with God  
in making that day a reality.  
May it begin today. Let us worship God!*

#### Prayer

#### Hymn HWB 86

*Now thank we all our God*

### Proclaiming the Word

#### Children's Time

Beth Burns

Nursery care for young children is available at this time until the end of the service.

#### Hymn STJ 27

*God of the Bible*

#### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

#### Quiet Reflection

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

#### Sermon

Sara Dick

#### Quiet Reflection

### Responding to the Word

#### Hymn HWB 373

*Thou true Vine, that heals*

#### Offertory and Prayer

*All is Well* – Ollabelle

#### 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 383

*God, whose giving*

#### Benediction

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## Welcoming Statement for Shalom Mennonite Church

We embrace all people in the name of Christ. Everyone is a unique creation in the image of God. We are an open and affirming congregation that seeks to follow Jesus. We welcome into full participation in the life and ministry of the church, people of every race, immigration status, culture, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, education, economic status, and life situation. We welcome diverse perspectives as we gather around God's table together.

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Shalom Mennonite Church  
(316) 283-7395  
www.shalomnewton.org  
9:30 am – Sunday School  
10:45 am – Worship

### Upcoming Services

**November 29 – Advent 1 Theme: The Path of Justice; Rachel Ringenberg Miller** will be preaching on the text of Jeremiah 33:14-16.

**December 6 – Advent 2 Theme: The Path of Mercy; Rachel Ringenberg Miller** will preach on mercy using Luke 1:68-79 as the text.

**December 13 – Advent 2 Theme: The Path of Trust; Sara Dick** will be preaching on trust.

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Greeters: Patrice Flaming, Dick & Mary Rempel, Melanie Zuercher  
Musicians: Merle Schlabaugh, Tom Szambecki, Ellie Bradley, Deb Voth, Tim Huber, Joel Krehbiel, Giovanna McQuillen Schnabel, Kate Szambecki, Jeffrey Graber, & members of the Shalom Soul Orchestra  
Spanish Scripture Reader: Daagya Dick  
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen  
Sound & Closing: Jeffrey Graber  
Church Board Chair: Barth Hague

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### Church Staff

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