

# Shalom Mennonite Church

November 29, 2015

## *Advent 1: The Path of Justice*

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

### Gathering in God's Presence

**Welcome & Announcements**

Matt Schmidt

**Hymn STJ 109**

*There is more love somewhere*

**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 25:1-10, Luke 21:25-36)

Leader: We live in troubled times, waiting for God's burst of light into our dark world.

**People: Lift up your eyes! God's justice is on the way.**

Leader: Liberating God, sustain us and help us to walk in your ways.

**People: Free us from the chains of prejudice and the shackles of sin.**

Leader: This is the moment to wake from sleep.  
Be ready, Jesus is coming to set us free.

**All: Let us worship God, whose mercy promises us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Prayer**

### Praising

**Hymn STJ 2**

*Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us)*

**Blessing and Dedication of:**

Anna Marie Graber, daughter of Jeffrey and Elisabeth Graber  
Dedication Response HWB 791

### Proclaiming the Word

**Children's Time**

**Hymn HWB 178**

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

**Scripture Reading**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Quiet Reflection**

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

**Sermon**

Rachel Ringenberg Miller

**Quiet Reflection**

### Responding to the Word

**Hymn**

*Hope is a candle* (vs. 1 & 3, on screen)

**Prayer for Justice**

1: Together, we light this first candle of Advent in anticipation of God's justice breaking in.

2: In the midst of our realities and the realities of the world, God longs to free us from all that holds us captive to fear, confusion, even despair.

1: We light this candle as a reminder to take heart. God is coming to make things right.

2: The path God reveals is freedom. Freedom from fear.

**All: Freedom from sin. Freedom from injustice. Amen.**

**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**

**Hymn HWB 427**

*You shall go out with joy*

**Benediction**

*\*Nursery care for young children is available following Children's Time through the end of the service.*

## 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

**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 about trust.

**December 20 – Advent 3 Theme: The Path of Love; Rachel Ringenberg Miller** will preach about love.

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### Greeters:

Musicians: Anita Bohn, Rachel Epp Buller, Deb Voth, Euny Kerbs

Spanish Scripture Reader: Melanie Zuercher

Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen & Twila Schrock

Sound & Closing: Tom Szambecki

Church Board Chair: Barth Hague

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### Church Staff

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## Shalom Mennonite Church

*Following Jesus, we risk love.*

# The Path of Justice

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