

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 25, 2011

Celebrating the Savior

Christmas Day

*For unto us is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ, our Lord.*

Luke 2:11

Gathering in God's Presence

Opening Reading

Luke 2:1-14

Gathering Music

Call to Worship

Come let us rejoice! The fullness of time has come.

We join creation's chorus of praise: Emmanuel! God is with us!

Let us give thanks for the one who shows us the way and sets us free.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace be with all!

Prayer of Invocation

Carols

HWB 201

Hark! the herald angels sing

HWB 209

Oh, how joyfully

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Everett Bradley

Carol HWB 211

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:15-40

Quiet Reflection

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

Meditation

“seers”

Eric Massanari

Quiet Reflection

Carol HWB 210

Good Christian friends, rejoice

Responding to the Word

Offertory & Prayer

During the offering time the children are invited to help carry food donations from the foyer to the front of the sanctuary.

Sharing Time & 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

Sending

Blessing

Lord, now dismiss your servants in peace,

for our eyes have seen your salvation.

God's word has become flesh, and dwells among us.

May Christ's light shine in our lives, and in our world.

God is with us!

Alleluia! Amen

Carol HWB 189

To us a Child of hope is born

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

For the Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Light bearer: We are awake and watching. . . .
 We see a flicker of light and want to share it!

*All: Thanks be to God for giving us light!
 And thanks be to all who share the light,
 and who do not quench the Spirit.*

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Greeters: Lois & Peter Voran, Lisa & Kelvin Bartel, Kristen Mayhue
Worship Leader: Jennifer Szambecki Benninga
Musicians: Austin McCabe-Juhnke, Alyssa Graber
Candle Lighter: Luella Lohrentz
Visual Arts: Joanna Fenton Friesen, Beth Burns
Sound and Closing: Tim Buller

Pastor: Eric Massanari
Associate Pastor: Sara Dick
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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Sunday, December 25, 2011