

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 8, 2013

Second Sunday of Advent

The mystery of God's dwelling in our relationships!

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God. Romans 15: 7

Gathering and Special Announcements

Inviting the Mystery

Gathering Music and 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.*

Welcome and prayer

Call to worship

Come and welcome one another in the name of Christ!
**Christ came to make new, to break down barriers, to bring
us to a way of harmony and peace.**
How we respond to each other, every other, is a sign of God's
presence among us.
We come seeking to be the peace and light of Christ.
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Hymn HWB 233 (verses 1 and 3)

Joyful is the dark

Engaging the Mystery

First reading

Romans 15:4-13

Confession and lighting the Advent wreath

The coming of Christ brings peace. In his coming God brings
harmony from dissonance and speaks life into our dead
places. Let us confess the violence of our fractured
relationships and remember that in Christ we are healed
and made one.

The second Advent candle is the candle of peace.
In this light, we receive forgiveness and rebirth,
knowing that God dwells with us in our relationships.

Children's Time

David and Sarah Kaufman

Second reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Quiet Reflection

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

Shalom Choir *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* - arr. Joseph Clokey
Advent Message - Martin How

Celebrating the Mystery

Isaiah 11:1-10 – Meditation

“Eyes that see”

Rob Burdette

Silence

Hymn of response HWB 211

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Offertory and Prayer

Dedication of Piano

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 STJ 54

Longing for light

Benediction

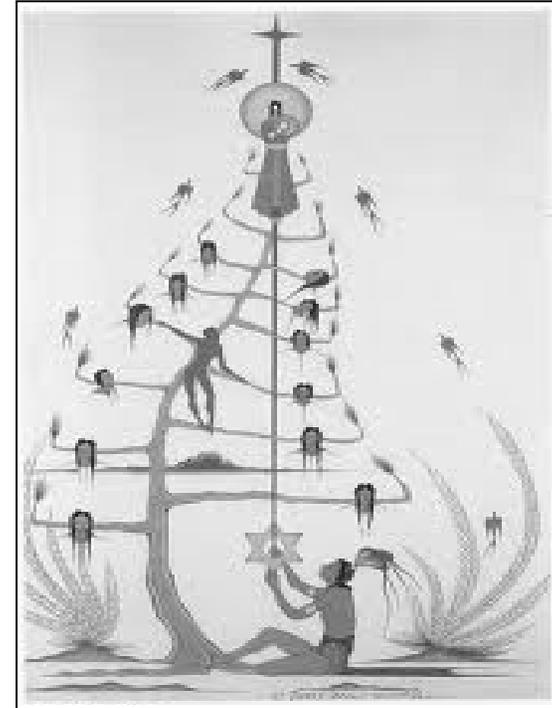
Hearing devices are available from an usher or the sound booth.

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Bulletin Cover:

Terry Saul paints the ancient Hebrew prophecy of Isaiah from his Chickasaw/Choctaw worldview. The Promised One is born of the Spirit, cradled in the arms of Mary, nurtured by branch after branch, by elder after elder that preceded him. The tree of Jesse leads to Isaiah's vision of peace within all of creation.



Sunday, December 8, 2013

Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt,
Marlene & Stan Smucker
Musicians: Adult Choir, Rachel Epp Buller, Zach Hague
Visual Arts: Marlene Smucker
Sound and Closing: Tim Buller

Pastor: Sara Dick
Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette
Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger
Church Moderator: Matt Schmidt

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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