

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 14, 2014

**During this season of Advent,
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 Ron Flaming

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 182 *Oh, how shall I receive thee*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Confession and Assurance

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

Sung Response STJ 8 *Somos pueblo que camina*

Proclaiming the Word

Adult Choir

Noel Nouvelet (Sing We Now of Christmas) arr. by Richard Zgodava

Children's Time Beth Burns

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

First Reading Psalm 126

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

Hymn HWB STJ 95 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Second Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Quiet Reflection

Meditation "In the face of despair" Rob Burdette

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Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 188 *Sleepers, wake*

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 367 *For the healing of the nations*

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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*A person you don't recognize has taken his stand in your midst . . . I'm not even worthy to hold his coat for him.
John 1:26-27*

Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt,
Stan & Marlene Smucker
Processional and Candle Lighting: Ed Duerksen, Evette Mason and
Teague Chesed
Musicians: Greg Nickel, Karen Schlabaugh (choir director)
Visual Arts: David Kaufman
Sound & Closing: Jeffrey Graber
Spanish Scripture: Zandra Sawatzky
Bulletin Cover: Senad Gubelic, "Child with Gun", taken from *Imaging
the Word, An Arts and Lectionary Resource, Volume 3.*

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

Advent Three

O That You Would Reveal Your Joy



“The smiling child's light grasp of the gun prevents its immediate use as a weapon. The photographer catches a moment of peace and creates a statement of hope.”

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