

# 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

*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

### Quiet Reflection

## 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*

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Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Lola Schmidt,

Stan & Marlene Smucker

Processional and Candle Lighting: Ed Duerksen, Evette Mason and  
Teague Chesen

Musicians: Greg Nickel, Karen Schlabbaugh (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.*

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Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Barth Hague

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## 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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