

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 28, 2014

**During this Christmas season,
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

Joe Smucker

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 50

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith

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

Sung Response STJ 8

Somos pueblo que camina (in Spanish)

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Beth Burns

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

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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

Hymn HWB 202

The virgin Mary had a baby boy

Everett Bradley

Quiet Reflection

Second Reading

Luke 2:22-40

Year-End Reflections

Maria Jantz

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response HWB 395

Here I am, Lord

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

Sara Dick

Announcements

Sending Song HWB 51

Let the whole creation cry

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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Your Beauty is Revealed



Greeters: Kristen Mayhue, Brett & Marathana Prothro, Dick & Mary Rempel

Processional & Candle Lighting: Cay Siebert, Jen Cirene, Paul Fransen

Musicians: Shalom Band, Yvonne Bontrager

Spanish Scripture Reader: Melanie Zuercher

Visual Arts: David Kaufman

Sound & Closing: Russ Neufeld

Pastor: Sara Dick

Transitional Pastor: Rob Burdette

Administrative Assistant: Grace Wenger

Church Moderator: Barth Hague

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

- Galatians 4:4-7

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