

Shalom Mennonite Church

December 13, 2015

Advent 3: The Path of Trust

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome

Ron Flaming

Hymn STJ 109

There is more love somewhere

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing aloud, O people,
Shout out your worship in a loud voice!
People: **God takes away the judgment against us;**
There's no need to fear disaster.
Leader: The Lord our God exults over us with gladness;
Singing loudly as on a day of celebration.
People: **God delivers us from all that oppresses us,**
Changing our shame into praise.
All: **Rejoice! For God is our strength and our might**
And has become our salvation.

Prayer

Praising

Choral Anthems

All My Heart - arr. Kenneth Jennings

Josue Coy Dick and Sam Smucker, violins

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain - Carolyn Jennings

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Nursery care for young children is available through the end of the service.

Gretchen and Lisa Otter

Hymn HWB 184

Hark! the glad sound

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6, Zephaniah 3:14-20

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn HWB 646

O Splendor of God's glory bright

Prayer for Trust (Isaiah 12:2)

Leader: Our first candle reminded us of God's way of justice. Our second candle reminded us of God's mercy.

People: **The third candle of Advent encourages us to trust. Just as people of faith have struggled through the ages to trust, so we struggle to trust in God.**

Leader: Fear of the unknown, fear of the past, fear of our enemies and fear for our security entangles and paralyzes us.

People: **On this Sunday of Advent we bring our fears to God. We long to be freed from their power. With the prophet, Isaiah we pray, "Surely God is my salvation. I will trust and will not be afraid."**

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 other's names.

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Hymn HWB 186

Fling wide the door, unbar the gate

Benediction

Welcoming Statement for Shalom Mennonite Church

We embrace all people in the name of Christ. Everyone is a unique creation in the image of God. We are an open and affirming congregation that seeks to follow Jesus. We welcome into full participation in the life and ministry of the church, people of every race, immigration status, culture, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, education, economic status, and life situation. We welcome diverse perspectives as we gather around God's table together.

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9:30 am – Sunday School

10:45 am – Worship

Upcoming Services

December 20 – Advent 4 Theme: The Path of Love; Rachel

Ringenberg Miller will preach about love on the texts Luke 1:39-56 & Micah 5:2-5a.

December 27 – Sunday after Christmas Theme: The Path of Service; Rachel Ringenberg Miller be preaching about service using the text of Luke 2:41-52.

January 3 – Epiphany: The Path of Inclusion; Sara Dick will be preaching on the text of Matthew 2:1-12.

Greeters: Bob & Yvonne Bontrager, Stan & Marlene Smucker, Lola Schmidt

Musicians: Merle & Karen Schlabbaugh

Spanish Scripture Reader: Phil and Zandra Sawatzky

Advent Candle Lighter: Johann, Laura, Luka, and Anika Reimer

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