

Shalom Mennonite Church

January 3, 2016

Sunday after Christmas: The Path of Inclusion

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

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome

Bob Bontrager

Hymn STJ 109

There is more love somewhere (words on screen)

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine;
Your light has come.

People: **God's glory has risen upon us.**
Leader: Even if darkness should cover the earth,
Deep darkness cover the peoples,
People: **Nations shall come to your light**
Kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Leader: Nothing can hide God's glorious light.
All: **Let us look to God and be radiant.**
Let us reflect the brightness of this dawning.

Prayer

Praising

Hymn HWB 192

On this day earth shall ring

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Time

Everett Bradley

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

Hymn HWB 199

The first Noel, the angel did say

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-18

Quiet Reflection

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

Sermon

"Inclusion?"

Sara Dick

Quiet Reflection

Responding to the Word

Hymn HWB 200

Where is this stupendous Stranger?

Offertory and Prayer

Gesu Bambino –Pietro A. Yon

Sharing Time and Introductions

During this time in the service we welcome visitors, invite responses to the worship service, hear about the work of our Ministry Teams, 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 185

Hail to the Lord's anointed

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

January 10 – Membership Sunday: **Rachel Ringenberg Miller** will be starting a new series on stories from the ministry of Jesus beginning with Jesus calling his disciples from Mark 1:16-20.

January 17 – We will continue our series on the ministry of Jesus with **Rachel Ringenberg Miller** preaching on Mark 1:21-45 & Psalm 103:1-5.

January 24 – Rachel Ringenberg Miller will preach on the texts of Mark 2:1-22 & Psalm 103:6-14.

Greeters: David & Mary Duerksen, Chuck & Cindy Regier

Nursery Workers: Mary Duerksen, Ellie Bradley

Musicians: Giovanna McQuillen Schnabel, Martha Unruh Szambecki,
Tom Szambecki, Josué Coy Dick

Spanish Scripture Reader: Melanie Zuercher

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Following Jesus, we risk love.

The Path of Inclusion

Epiphany Sunday

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