

Salina Mennonite Church

Salina Mennonite Church is a Christian community seeking to share God's love through celebration, nurture, service, and peacemaking.

Greeter: Richard Burnett

Worship Leader: Mark Krehbiel **Storyteller:** Christina Litwiller

Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Music:** Donna Burnett

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Watching and Waiting

This first Sunday of Advent we wait and watch with anticipation for the one who comes proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord.

This week is about holding our hope in the coming Messiah while we wait and learn what it means for us to receive God's righteousness today.

Gathering

Gathering Song *In the beginning* Voices Together 1

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching.
We wait expectantly for the Messiah,
for God's promises to be fulfilled.

**People: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world,
longing for that day of salvation to arrive.**

How long must we wait?

Leader: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us.
The signs are all around us.

**People: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be
as we come before you with open hearts.**

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Opening Prayer

Praising

Hymn *The God of Abraham praise* Hymnal 162

Storytelling *Hope*

Candle Lighting *Hope is a candle, vs. 1 (2X)* Sing the Story 15

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Hearing God's Word

Scripture *Psalms 25:1-10* Pew Bible 436

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Pew Bible 645

Hymn *O come, O come, Immanuel* Hymnal 172

Sermon *Living in Hope*

Responding

Time of Remembrance

- ❖ *Remembering Ralph and Rosemary Smith.*
- ❖ *Remember loved ones from whom you are separated by death, distance, or estrangement by writing their names.*
- ❖ *Reflect on the scriptures; listen to the spirit of God talking to you; and write your joys, concerns, and responses.*
- ❖ *Light a candle and place the papers in the bowl.*

Hymn *Longing for light* Sing the Journey 54

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

Offering/Offertory

Offering Response *Lord of all good* Sing the Journey 60

Sending

Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* Hymnal 582

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for WDC's Ministerial Leadership Commission as they support credentialed ministers and offer leadership training and resources.

Praise God for Linda Oyer, who retired this year after three decades of service in France through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for a smooth transition as she moves to the United States and speaks in churches. In "retirement," she plans to return to France twice a year to teach and lead workshops.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray that God will help our rich nation consider the risks of bombarding children with messages that create "wants." Pray that adults will engage children in the joy of giving by together sharing love and time with others.

Pray for those who nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at AnabaptistFaithFormation.org with daily scriptures, songs, activities and questions to ponder together.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 9, 2018

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Advent Prayers

- Pray together using *Take Our Moments and Our Days*

Downstairs – Bible Study

- *God Commands Our Love, Respect, and Obedience*
- *Choose to Love and Serve God* – Joshua 24

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Marla Stucky

Worship Leader: Lois Newcomer **Storyteller:** Kristin Van Tassel

Speaker: Kathy Neufeld Dunn **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

A Congregational Meeting follows worship December 9

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4	Worship Committee @ Tucson's	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 9	Congregational Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Dec. 14	Church Board @ Martinelli's	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
Dec. 23	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Agenda for December 9 Congregational Meeting:

- Committee reports
- Approve 2019 budget
- Review committees & other assignments for 2019
- Review responses to planning survey for 2019

Night in the Barn: Everyone is invited to attend and experience Night in the Barn, presented by Tabor Mennonite Church from 5 – 8 pm during the first two weekends in December (Dec. 1 & 2 and Dec. 8 & 9). Please note the new location of Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 E 70th, Newton - just off of K-15 between Newton and Goessel). Enjoy this walking tour of the Nativity with family and friends. The suggested donation of \$5 per person includes a hot drink and snack. If you have any questions, call (620) 367-2721.

Hesston College Performing Arts will celebrate the Christmas season with "Peace on Earth," a music and theatre performance at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected for Mennonite Central Committee hygiene kits.

All are invited to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, KS to hear Brass Christmas with the McPherson Community Brass Choir and the Goessel High School Elbiata Singers on December 9 at 7 pm.

Annual MCC Christmas Soiree, Thursday, December 13. 5-7 pm
Join us for this holiday open house to enjoy festive food and fellowship! We'll pause at 6 p.m. to hear from International Volunteer Exchange Participants share about their current work and Christmas traditions from their home countries. MCC is located at 121 E. 30th in North Newton. Call us with questions, 316.283.2720.

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