

Salina Mennonite Church

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

Greeter: Marla Stucky

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

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

December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

Proclaiming

On this second Sunday of Advent we listen with open hearts to the one who proclaims God's goodness embodied in the Messiah.

By listening, we learn what we can do to prepare ourselves to live in right relationships as embodied in Jesus' life and message.

Gathering

Song *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Voices Together 4

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel* arr. Curt Oliver

Call to worship

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord,
for things are about to change.

**People: Every valley shall be filled in
and every mountain made low.**

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah,
we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming.

**People: We are called to turn around, repent, and allow God
to renew us and work within us.**

All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!

Opening Prayer

Hymn *Bless'd Be the God of Israel* Hymnal 174

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Hearing God's Word

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

Scripture *Malachi 3:1-4* Pew Bible 778
 Luke 3:1-6 Pew Bible 834

Hymn *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* Hymnal 176

Sermon *Transformation?*

Responding

Hymn *God Who Touches* Hymnal 511

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

Offering/Offertory *The Father's Rose* arr. Mark Hayes
Offering Response *Lord of all good* Sing the Journey 60

Sending

Hymn *Poor of the Earth* Voices Together 6

The Lord's Prayer

Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."

Benediction

A congregation meeting follows worship in the sanctuary.

Practice for a Christmas musical ensemble follows the meeting.

Churchwide Prayer Requests

Give thanks for volunteers who share their time and energy to support the work of WDC.

Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi, includes Gabe Graham, Alexa Rathscheck, Jakob Seiferth, and leaders Cynthia and Roger Neufeld Smith. Pray for them as they worship with the Open Door Mennonite congregation, and as they volunteer with a community soup kitchen and a transition home.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Join the Bethel College community in giving thanks for the light of Christ that has come into the world as students, faculty, staff and friends observe the 33rd annual Lighting of the Green this evening.

Pray for MCUSA and congregations who are participating in the Journey Forward process.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 16, 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
- *Love and Worship God* – Psalm 103

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Barb Kathrineberg

Worship Leader: Pete Smucker

Storyteller: Sherry Krehbiel

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Donna Burnett

Third Sunday Potluck follows worship December 16

Upcoming Events

Dec. 14	Church Board @ Martinelli's	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	Communion	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 8	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.

Announcements

Annual MCC Christmas Soiree, Thursday, December 13. 5-7 pm

Come to 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.

MC USA relies on your support as we seek to follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and help our communities experience transformation.

Consider making a year-end, tax-deductible donation to support the ministries of MC USA at mennoniteusa.org/give.

Excitement is brewing with Menno's Best coffee! You can purchase Menno's Best fair trade and organic coffee today to support a youth group in raising funds for attending MennoCon19 at mennoniteusa.org/MennosBest.

This Christmas, consider giving alternative gifts through Mennonite Central Committee! With 25 ways to give, you can find something for everyone in your family! Give chickens, provide hope, education, tools and new skills to help build up communities. These are gifts that easily fit under the tree and can fit within any budget, but have the power to bring joy for years to come! Visit mcc.org/christmas or call our office for details, 316.283.2720.

Read about the Women Doing Theology conference imagining a new world at mennoniteusa.org/news/wdt18 and find more reflections on the Menno Snapshots blog at mennoniteusa.org/tag/women-doing-theology.

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