

# Salina Mennonite Church

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

**Greeter:** Barb Kathrineberg

**Worship Leader:** Pete Smucker

**Storyteller:** Sherry Krehbiel

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Music:** Donna Burnett

**December 16, 2018**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Rejoicing in God's Justice**

*On this third Sunday of Advent we rejoice and join with the voice who calls out from the wilderness, converting us to the way of God's justice. Out of this rejoicing comes the call to make changes in the way we live so that this justice may be shared with others.*

## *Gathering*

**Gathering Song**     *Joy to the World*     Hymnal 318

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Call to worship**

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,  
for God-with-us is coming to set things right!

**People: The proud will be scattered  
and the humble lifted up.**

Leader: The hungry will be filled  
and the prisoners set free.

**People: He will guide us in the way of peace  
and proclaim salvation.**

**All: Let us rejoice, for our God comes  
to bring wholeness and new life to the world.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn**     *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*     Sing the Story 1

**Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other**

## *Hearing God's Word*

**Storytelling**     *Joy*  
**Candle Lighting**     *Hope Is a Candle, vs. 4 (2X)*     Sing the Story 15

**Scripture**     *Isaiah 12:1-6*     Pew Bible 558

**Hymn**     *My Soul Is Filled with Joy*     Sing the Journey 13

**Scripture**     *Luke 2:7-20*     Pew Bible 834

**Sermon**     *What Should We Do?*

## *Responding*

**Hymn**     *With Mary Sing Magnificat*     Voices Together 5

**Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer**

**Song**     *Angels Watching Over Me*     arr. Joel Raney

**Offering/Offertory**  
**Offering Response**     *Lord of All Good*     Sing the Journey 60

## *Sending*

**Hymn**     *You Are Salt for the Earth*     Hymnal 226

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Benediction**

**Third Sunday Potluck follows worship in the fellowship room.**

## Churchwide Prayer Requests

Pray for WDC chaplains and pastors who offer caring ministry to those seeking healing, hope and comfort.

**Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mark and Mary Hurst** as they prepare to move to a new area west of Sydney. Pray for them as they settle in and continue their ministry of teaching, peacemaking and hospitality with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.

**Goshen (Indiana) College:** Pray for Goshen College basketball players as they compete this month.

**MCUSA:** Pray for Executive Board Members and Staff.

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 23, 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
- *Jesus: God's Loving Promise* – Luke 1:26-31; 2:22-35

**10:00 a.m. WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Gary Weathers

**Worship Leader:** Tom Claassen

**Storyteller:** Pete Smucker

**Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

**Piano:** Lori Schmidt

## Pastor Christina's Schedule

**Usual Office Hours:** 9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

This schedule may vary. Check first before stopping by.

Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	Communion	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 8	Worship Committee	7:15 p.m.
TBD	Church Board	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 20	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.

## Announcements

**Our Christmas Eve Service is at 7:00 p.m on Monday, December 24.** Please bring a song, instrumental offering, or reading to share.

Bring Christmas treats to share after the service.

**WDC Immigration Task Force invites you** to register for the May 6-11, 2019 MCC South Texas Borderlands Learning Tour. Go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/learning-tour-south-texas-borderlands> to register. Cost: \$650. For more information, please contact Kathy at 316-283-6300.

**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](http://mennoniteusa.org/give).

**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](http://mcc.org/christmas) or call our office for details, 316.283.2720.

**Looking for a gift for a coffee lover?** Give two-gifts-in-one this season with **Menno's Best fair trade, organic coffee**. A portion of the proceeds from every bag go to youth groups and the peace and justice work of MC USA: [mennoniteusa.org/MennosBest](http://mennoniteusa.org/MennosBest).

**From the MC USA Archives:** Listen to interviews with Louise Fisher and Priscilla Wero, two Native American Mennonite women interviewed as part of the 2002 Mennonite Women of Color Oral History Project at [mennoniteusa.org/oralhistoryproject](http://mennoniteusa.org/oralhistoryproject).

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