



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

November 24, 2019

Greeter: Tracie Smucker **Worship Leader:** Kathy Neufeld Dunn
Storyteller: Pete Smucker **Music:** Michael Nansel
Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

Gathering *As the Pauper Waits for Plenty* Sing the Story 9

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

*We light this lamp as a reminder of our calling to be peacemakers—
in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our world.*

Prelude *Look at the World* --Rutter

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, who called all life into being,
ALL: THE EARTH, SEA, AND SKY ARE YOURS.
 Leader: Your presence is all around us.
ALL: EVERY ATOM IS FULL OF YOUR ENERGY.
 Leader: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,
**ALL: WITH YOUR SPIRIT,
 WE YEARN FOR JUSTICE TO BE DONE,**

Leader: for creation to be freed from bondage,
ALL: FOR THE HUNGRY TO BE FED,
 Leader: for captives to be released,
ALL: FOR YOUR KINGDOM TO COME ON EARTH
 Leader: with justice, peace, wholeness, and saving love.
ALL: MAY IT BE SO! (adapted from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations* Hymnal 367

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Music *The River*

Scripture *Joel* www.thebibleproject.com

Sermon *Tell the Children*

Hymn *O Healing River* Hymnal 372

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

*You are invited to share joys and concerns, reflections on today's
service, as well as stories of your faith journey.*

Offering *Give Thanks* arr. Fred Bock

Offering Response *Praise God from whom* Hymnal 119B

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
in heav'n above and earth below;
one God three persons we adore.
To God be praise for evermore. Amen*

Hymn *Let Justice Roll Like a River* Sing the Story 33
vv. 1, 2, 5

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

A budget information meeting follows worship.

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray that we as WDC congregations and leaders will sense God's peace and presence as we prepare for the season of Advent and enter the fullness of the holiday season.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Marvin Lorenzana and his leadership of the Missional Discipleship Initiative. More than 45 leaders in eight "huddles" (learning groups) began training last month. Praise God for their willingness to reach out into their communities to share the good news about Jesus' love.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for Hesston College students who serve their peers in leadership positions. Ask God to give them the courage and wisdom to respond to their fellow students with love, compassion and understanding in all circumstances.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for the ministry of MCUSA.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 1, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Adult Book Study

- *Every Day Worship* by Carol Penner – Come to the Lord's Table

Downstairs – Adult Bible Study

- David Honors God – *Worshipping God in Jerusalem*

Downstairs – Children's Sunday school

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Lori Schmidt

Worship Leader: Kristin Van Tassel

Storyteller: Barb or Sherry

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Donna Burnett

Upcoming Events

Nov. 26	Church Board	3:45 pm
Dec. 4	Worship Committee @ Zergers'	6:00 pm
Dec. 6	First Friday Game Night	7:00 pm
Dec. 15	Congregational Meeting & Potluck	11:30 am
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm

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

Announcements

Sunday, December 1, is the beginning of Advent. "Waiting and Wondering," this year's Advent At Home booklet for people of all ages, is available now at mennoniteusa.org/resource/advent-at-home.

Annual German Dinner & Bake Sale at First Mennonite Church McPherson, KS (1161 E. Ave. A) is Saturday, December 7 from 5-7 pm. The menu will be verenika with ham gravy, sausage, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, zwieback, & cherry moos for a free will donation. Baked goods will be priced.

The final quarterly congregational meeting of the year has been postponed one week to December 15. Third Sunday Potluck will follow the meeting. Agenda includes:

- Committee/activity reports
- Approval of 2020 budget
- Review of committees & other assignments for 2020
- Update on weapons policy

Western District Women in Mission will host the event "Let's Talk...Women, Money & Faith" on January 24 and 25 at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS, featuring speakers from Everence who will address money and faith topics for women of all ages and stages of life.. Look for more information soon on Facebook or at the web page <https://communicationswdwm.wixsite.com/wdwm>.

Mennonite Church 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 on or before #GivingTuesday, December 3, to support the ministries of MC USA at mennoniteusa.org/give.

MennoCon21 and Mennonite World Conference Assembly: MennoCon21, the upcoming Mennonite Church USA convention, will take place July 6-10, 2021, at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. This schedule overlaps with the Mennonite World Conference (MWC) assembly in Semarang, Indonesia, on July 6-11. Read more:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon21-and-mwc-schedule/>

2019	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
11/17	29	Rent \$600.00 \$1050.65	Voices Together Fund \$250.00	\$1900.65