

Advent to Epiphany

WHAT
ARE YOU
WAITING
FOR?



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

Greeter: Lori Schmidt

Worship Leader: Kristin Van Tassel **Speaker:** Christina Litwiller

Storyteller: Barb Kathrineberg **Piano:** Donna Burnett

December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent
Our Wait Begins

Song *Peace Before Us* Sing the Story 16

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Candle Lighting *Lighting Candles of Hope*
Song *As a Pauper Waits for Plenty, v1* Sing the Story 9

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.
People: Asking, will your kingdom of peace be established on this broken earth?
Leader: Are you coming to intervene,
to make whole your divided creation?
All: God, what are you waiting for?

Opening Prayer

Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* Hymnal 13

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Scripture *Isaiah 2:1-5* Pew Bible 550
 Matthew 24:36-44 Pew Bible 806

Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymnal 178

Sermon *Frustration and Hope*

Confession

Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for not expecting you,
People: even when you have told me that you are coming.
Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for being asleep,
People: even when you have asked me to wait for you.
Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for my carelessness,
People: when all you have asked of me is to care.
Leader: Forgive me, Lord, for failing to see you,
People: when your face is so obvious.
 (silence)
Leader: Blessed be our God, who invites us to walk
in the light of the Lord!

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

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

Offering Prayer

Hymn *Christ Is the World's True Light* Hymnal 334

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for God's care and strength for members of WDC congregations and communities who struggle with grief, trauma or mental health concerns, especially during the winter and holiday season.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for the Argentina Mennonite Church as it enters its second century. May its vibrant ministries of preaching, teaching, planting churches, and running businesses to support missions flourish. Pray specifically for a brick-making enterprise in Villa Mercedes, San Luis, that combines income-generating work with church planting.

All Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN) schools: Join MECN in prayer that God will help adults engage children in the joy, hope, peace and wonder of God's extravagant love, as together they share with others the gift of music, freshly baked cookies, a warm hug, a carefully selected book, game, original story or more this Christmas season.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for the Conference Ministers Gathering, a meeting of conference ministers from Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, on Dec. 4-7 in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 8, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Adult Book Study

- *Every Day Worship* by Carol Penner – An Offering to God

Downstairs – Adult Bible Study

- David Honors God – *A Heart Filled with Gratitude*

Downstairs – Children's Sunday school

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Gary Weathers

Worship Leader: Kristin Van Tassel **Storyteller:** Sherry Krehbiel

Speaker: Dr. Bill Brown **Piano:** Lori Schmidt

Upcoming Events

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

Game Night: Bring yourself and some friends to a game night at church on Friday, December 6, beginning at 7:00 pm. (Pastor Christina will not be present so the first person to arrive with a key can host the event.)

Annual German Dinner & Bake Sale at First Mennonite Church McPherson, KS (1161 E. Ave. A) is Saturday, December 7, 5-7 pm.

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

Giving Tuesday is December 3: Share a gift with WDC during this season, to help our congregations Witness & invite others to faith in Jesus Christ, Dwell in just & loving relationships, and Connect to God's mission in the world. Current projections suggest that WDC income will fall short of expenses for the current year, so your generous gifts are invited to help close the gap. You may make a contribution at www.mennowdc.org or send a check to Western District Conference, PO Box 306, North Newton KS 67117.

Did you know that giving is good for your health? More than that, your financial support and engagement are directly proportional to the health and strength of our denomination. To learn more about the 2020 goals of Mennonite Church USA, read "Generosity impacts our lives," by Executive Director Glen Guyton at

<http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/generosity-impacts-our-lives/>

2019	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
11/26	31		\$101.10		\$101.10