

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: Gary Weathers

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

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

December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent
Getting Ready While We Wait

Song *I Will Come to You in the Silence* Sing the Story 49

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting *Lighting Candles of Peace*

Song *As a Pauper Waits for Plenty, v2* Sing the Story 9

Prelude *Hark, the Glad Sound!* arr. Curt Oliver

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh God, our God, we cry out to you.

People: Asking, when will you bring righteousness,
defend the poor, deliver the needy?
When will you crush the oppressor?

Leader: When will your love, mercy, and justice rule us?

All: *God, what are you waiting for?*

Opening Prayer

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

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Hymn *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* Hymnal 183

Scripture *Isaiah 11:1-10* Pew Bible 558
John 1:1-5, 9-14 Pew Bible 862

Sermon *As He Came*

Confession

Leader: John the Baptist did not fit the religious structures of any time. He wore funny clothes, he ate distasteful food, and he preached costly peace.

His solo voice carried your beautiful song.

People: Forgive us when our voices create disharmony with your people and your creation.
(silence)

Leader: Restore our voices to join in your holy song.

All: *Thanks and glory be to God!*

Hymn *Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee* Hymnal 182

Sharing Our Lives/Congregational Prayer

Offering *The Father's Rose* arr. Mark Hayes

Offering Prayer

Hymn *Go, My Friends, in Grace* Sing the Story 57

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

We extend welcome and gratitude to our guest speaker. Dr. Bill Brown is the pastor of the Rolling Hills United Church of Christ. He taught English at Kansas Wesleyan University for 30 years.

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for pastors, musicians, teachers, and others who coordinate and lead special activities in WDC congregations during the Christmas season.

Mennonite Mission Network: David and Sophie Lapp Jost of MMN have moved from their ministry in the Middle East to Germany. Pray for them as they engage in language learning and a cross-cultural transition period. David serves with the German Mennonite Peace Committee. Sophie's work is with the Bammental Mennonite community.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Pray for the students, faculty and community members who are coming together this Sunday to perform Handel's Messiah. May those in attendance witness the love of God through the beautiful scripture, lyrics and music.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for the work of the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group as they develop a process for continuing the church's conversation on its Membership Guidelines.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 15, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Adult Book Study

- *Every Day Worship* by Carol Penner – Serve the Lord with Gladness

Downstairs – Adult Bible Study

- David Honors God – *Building God's House*

Downstairs – Children's Sunday school

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Lois Newcomer

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

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

A congregational meeting follows worship December 15.

Third Sunday Potluck follows the meeting.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 16	Church Board at Martinelli's	6:00 pm
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
Dec. 31	New Years Eve Game Night	8:00 pm
Jan. 5	Communion	10:00 am
Jan. 8	Worship Committee @ Zergers'	6:00 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

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

Handel's Messiah: First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1st, Newton KS, will present Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm with a community chorus, orchestra and soloists.

Night in the Barn: Everyone is invited to come to Night in the Barn at Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 70th, Newton KS 67114) on December 21 and 22 from 5-7pm (come/go). Interact with the characters, sounds, lights, and animals of this timeless tale and enjoy this walking tour with family and friends. Donation of \$5 includes a hot drink and a snack. Presented by Tabor Mennonite Church Youth. Call 620-367-2721 with questions.

Christmas Wish List: Give the gift of a resource this Christmas. Check out the library wish list through Faith and Life Bookstore (in store or at <https://faithandlifebookstore.net/wdc-resource-library-wish-list/>). All items will be added to the collection with a bookplate saying who the item was given in honor of. Celebrate the season with this unique gift idea.

#BringThePeace: A group from Mennonite Church USA traveled to Tucson, Arizona in October to visit and learn from organizations that serve migrants at the United States-Mexico border state. Read reflections from their trip in a series of blogs at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/migrant-learning-tour/>

2019	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
12/1	30		\$2767.36	Western District Conf. \$100.00	\$2867.36