

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: Lois Newcomer

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

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

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent
Kept Waiting by Fear

Song *Just a Closer Walk* Sing the Journey 106

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Candle Lighting *Lighting Candles of Joy*

Song *As a Pauper Waits for Plenty, v3* Sing the Story 9

Call to Worship

Leader: Oh God, my God, I cry out to you.

People: Asking, when will I start rejoicing that you are coming?
Will I trust your faithfulness to creation?

Leader: Can I be patient enough to trust in your time,
instead of my own?

All: *God, what am I waiting for?*

Opening Prayer

Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* Hymnal 366

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Hymn *I'm Pressing On* Sing the Journey 96

Scripture *Isaiah 35:1-10* Pew Bible 578
 Matthew 11:2-10 Pew Bible 792

Sermon *The Four Ds*

Time of Remembrance and Anointing

- ❖ Remember loved ones from whom you are separated by death, distance, or estrangement.
- ❖ Wonder about questions or concerns you have for God.
- ❖ Write names and responses on the paper provided.
- ❖ Place the papers in the box on the worship table.
- ❖ Receive anointing, a symbolic act reminding us of God working in us to bring wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships.

Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* Hymnal 377

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Benediction

**A congregational meeting follows worship in the sanctuary.
Third Sunday Potluck follows the meeting in the fellowship room.**

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for the generosity of WDC congregations and donors, and pray for financial contributions to support this year's budget goals and ministry priorities.

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for DOOR's leadership development program, Discern, that works with local youth of color to help them expand their leadership skills through mentorship and workshops engaging justice issues. Pray for resources to broaden the current 3-month program to 9 months.

Instituto Biblico Anabautista: Pray that the IBA program continues to be a blessing through the training of new leaders for the Hispanic congregations in MCUSA. Pray for the 37 volunteer tutors who meet weekly with the students in 35 study centers. May God fill them with wisdom and may they continue to be important instruments for this ministry in their respective congregations.

Mennonite Church USA: Give thanks for the two MCUSA conferences who voted unanimously to unite, ending a 172-year split. Read about this historic event at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/two-conferences-unite-healing-split/>

NEXT SUNDAY, December 22, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Adult Book Study

- *Every Day Worship* by Carol Penner – A Blessing Service

Downstairs – Adult Bible Study

- David Honors God – *The Lord Is with You*

Downstairs – Children's Sunday school

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: Leadell Ediger

Worship Leader: Pete Smucker

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Storyteller: Sherry Krehbiel

Piano: Lori Schmidt

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

Handel's Messiah: First Mennonite Church, 429 E 1st, Newton KS, will present Handel's Messiah *tonight*, 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.

Our Christmas Eve Service is at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 24. Please bring a song, instrumental offering, or reading to share. Bring Christmas treats to share after the service.

Need a change of scenery? Join SOOP and use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. Flexibility designed for retirees, families, and adults over 25. Explore opportunities at www.MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Menno Snapshots: This year, Mennonite Church USA Archives launched an oral history project to collect interviews of young people between the ages of 24-40 within MC USA. Participants answered questions about their religious background, racial/ethnic identity and hopes for the future of MC USA. Excerpts from these interviews will be regularly featured in the Menno Snapshots blog: <http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/oral-history-project/>

2019	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
12/8	27		Rent \$750.00 \$880.50	Western District Conf. \$100.00	\$1630.50