

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: Leadell Ediger

Worship Leader: Pete Smucker

Storyteller: Sherry Krehbiel

Speaker: Christina Litwiller

Piano: Lori Schmidt

December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worth the Wait

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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting *Lighting Candles of Love*

Song *As a Pauper Waits for Plenty, v4* Sing the Story 9

Prelude *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* arr. Curt Oliver

Call to Worship

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

People: Asking, when will I be saved to your goodness,
forgiven of the brokenness I have made,
certain that I am called to you?

Leader: Will I follow the child you sent to lead me?
Will I not longer be afraid, but be restored?

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

Opening Prayer

Hymn *O Come, O Come, Immanuel, vv. 1,3,5,6* Hymnal 172

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Hymn *Hark! The Glad Sound!* Hymnal 184

Scripture *Isaiah 7:10-16* Pew Bible 554
Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible 783

Sermon *Restore Us, O God!*

Confession

Leader: God, we tire of waiting.

People: We tire of scandal. We tire of bad news.
We tire of requests for time, money, and soul.

Leader: We tire of these because we frequently consider ourselves more righteous than we ought.

People: Forgive us our stingy impatience,
and grant us your generous Spirit.
(silence)

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts.
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Hymn *Have Thine Own Way* Hymnal 504

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 *Carols of the Angels* arr. Don Wyrzten

Offering Prayer

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Hymnal 201

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: As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, give thanks for the many ways WDC congregations embody the presence of Christ through ministries of hospitality, worship, compassion and justice.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for peace in Burkina Faso. When armed protest groups ambush symbols of Western opulence and colonialism, like hotels and gold mines, civilians get caught in the crossfire. May the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso live the way of the Prince of Peace through word and deed.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Let us join Hesston College in giving thanks for host families who welcome international students into their homes for Christmas break.

Mennonite Church USA: The Mennonite Church USA staff wishes you joy this Christmas. Pray for all of us as we work together to continue sharing the good news of Jesus every day.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 29, 2019

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Adult Book Study

➤ *Every Day Worship* by Carol Penner

Downstairs – Adult Bible Study

➤ David Honors God – *David's Prayer*

Downstairs – Children's Sunday school

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

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Storyteller: Barb Kathrineberg

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Upcoming Events

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
Jan. 14	Church Board	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

Five Times Harder Concert: The family band will present a Christmas concert at 4 pm *today*, December 22, at First Mennonite Church, 302 S Ash, Hillsboro KS. There is no admission fee; a freewill offering will benefit the ongoing work of MCC.

Night in the Barn: Everyone is invited to come to Night in the Barn at Papa's Pumpkin Patch (372 70th, Newton KS 67114) *tonight*, December 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.

Happy Birthday: Lidia Pagan's 92nd birthday is December 27. Her address is 2825 Resort Dr. Rm. 110, Salina, Ks 67401

Thank you for your generous giving to Mennonite Central Committee in 2019. Your gifts help MCC continue work in 53 countries working on 648 projects and impacting countless people. If you're looking for a last minute Christmas gift keep MCC Christmas giving projects in mind or collect school kit supplies with your family (mcc.org/kits)! Check out mcc.org/christmas for online giving options. Contact our office in North Newton, KS for giving in-person, 316.283.2720.

Menno Snapshots: What does it mean to be a “community church?” Pastor Danilo Sanchez distinguishes between churches that go into the community and those that invite the community to come in. Read his inspiring blog about how the Ripple congregation embraces its neighbors at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/community-shows-up-at-your-door/>

2019	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
12/15	25		\$960.00	Voices Together Fund \$100.00	\$1060.00