

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: Amanda Ediger
Storyteller: Barb Kathrineberg

Worship Leader: Pete Smucker
Piano: Lori Schmidt

December 29, 2019
First Sunday after Christmas
Time to Follow the Light

Song *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, vv. 1,4 Hymnal 212

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Joy to the World* arr. John Ness Beck

Candle Lighting *Lighting the Christ Candles*

Song *Sing a Different Song* Sing the Story 27

Call to Worship

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

People: Asking, when will you see that I love you,
that I have shown you abundance,
saved you with my presence,
freed you from the powers of brokenness?

Leader: When will we see that when bad things happen,
you remain?

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

Opening Prayer

Hymn *Joy to the World*, vv. 1,2,4 Hymnal 318

Passing the Peace/Greeting Each Other

Storytelling

Break Forth, O Beauteous Light!

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Lesson 1: The Light of the First Morning

Genesis 1:1-5

Pew Bible 1

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Hymnal 46

Lesson 2: The Light Shines in the Darkness

Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible 555

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymnal 178

Lesson 3: The Light of Peace

Isaiah 11:1-9

Pew Bible 558

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hymnal 211

Lesson 4: The Light of the Word

John 1:1-14

Pew Bible 862

When Long before Time, vv. 1,2,5,6

Sing the Journey 25

Lesson 5: The Light of Gabriel

Luke 1:26-38

Pew Bible 831

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

Hymnal 189

Lesson 6: The Light of New Life

Luke 2:1-7

Pew Bible 832

O Little Town of Bethlehem, vv. 1,2,3

Hymnal 191

Lesson 7: The Light of the Good Shepherd

Luke 2:8-16

Pew Bible 833

Angels We Have Heard on High, vv 1,2,3

Hymnal 197

Lesson 8: The Light of the Star

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible 783

As with Gladness Men of Old, vv. 1,3,5

Hymnal 218

Lesson 9: The Light of a New Heaven and a New Earth

Revelation 21:1-7

Pew Bible 1007

Break Forth, O Beauteous Light

Hymnal 203

Christmas Prayer In your mercy, *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Offering *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Mark Hayes

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

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Churchwide Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for God's joy and vision for WDC congregations, leaders, and staff as the New Year begins.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God that the government in Mongolia has renewed JCS International's registration for another two years. JCS is the consortium of mission agencies through which MMN ministers in this country. Pray for God's light to brighten people's lives in this season of extreme cold and short days.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for !Explore, a summer program of AMBS in which high school students explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and develop their leadership skills. Pray that leaders would encourage youth to apply for 2020.

Mennonite Church USA: Pray for all of us as we work together to continue sharing the good news of Jesus every day.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 5, 2020

9:00 a.m. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Upstairs – Adult Book Study

➤ *Faith Travels* by Marlene Kropf – It All Begins in Blessing

Downstairs – Adult Bible Study

➤ *Dedicating the Temple of God* – A Place for the Ark

Downstairs – Children's Sunday school

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Greeter: TBA

Worship Leader: Pete Smucker **Storyteller:** Sherry Krehbiel

Speaker: Christina Litwiller **Piano:** Donna Burnett

Communion will be served during worship January 5.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 31	New Years Eve Game Night	8:00 pm
Jan. 8	Worship Committee @ Zergers'	6:00 pm
Jan. 14	Church Board	7:00 pm
Jan. 19	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am

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

New Year's Eve Gathering: Join a come and go (or come and stay) party at the church beginning at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31. Bring guests, games and activity ideas. Treats are welcomed but not required. (This serves as our January First Friday Game Night.)

The Great Winter Warm Up: MCC is celebrating their 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6500 comforters to break the record for most blankets donated to a charity in 24 hours. Volunteers have organized events in Kansas on January 11 and 18. Check out the schedule listed on the poster in the entryway. Everyone is invited to stop in at these events to help break this record.

Menno Snapshots: Political tensions are rising, argumentation has replaced conversation, and divisions widen. How should pastors and congregational leaders engage? Watch the three-part webinar series, entitled "Putting Jesus on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics with Scott Peterson," at:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/the-gathering-place/>.

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.

2020 is your year to go on an MCC Learning Tour! Travel to Haiti March 21-28 to learn about root causes of Haiti's reality and see MCC projects in person. Join MCC Bolivia in celebrating 60 years with two learning tours, May 2-9 will focus on Eastern Bolivia and Oct. 10-17 will focus on Western Bolivia. Finally, you're welcome to travel to Nicaragua, July 20-30, to celebrate the centennial of MCC, focusing on past and present MCC work in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Contact jordanpenner@mcc.org and check mcc.org/events for more details.

2019	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
12/22	30				
12/24	34		\$456.25	Voices Together Fund \$44.00	\$500.25