

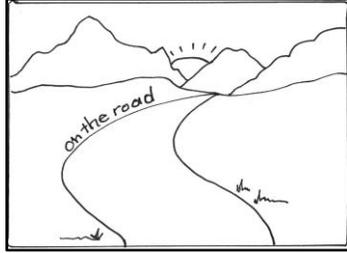
Salina Mennonite Church

A Congregation of Mennonite Church USA

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

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent



...to repentance

At Home Worship

Prelude *God Welcomes All* Voices Together 32
Congregation <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-Bwe5xzQAA>
Virtual Quartet <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c924u7K0ng>

Call to Worship Adapted from Isaiah 40:3-5

Leader: Listen! A voice cries out in the wilderness.

All: *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill made low.

All: *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

Leader: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together.

All: *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

Lighting a Candle for Peace

Leader: We light a candle for peace: peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes, peace in our world.

All: *May the light of peace shine through our lives.*

Hymn *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* Hymnal 176
Conrad Grebel Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTOeAl-Ph8I>
Virtual Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIIQkuLw0Gs>

Storytelling *Company Is Coming*

How do you get ready when company is coming?

How do you prepare yourself for the coming of Jesus?

Scripture Psalm 85
NIV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSfIPD4genM>
Sung https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gwor5BR1N_8

Monologue *John the Baptist Prepares the Way* based on Mark 1:1-8

Scripture 2 Peter 3:8-15a
2 Peter 3 NIV https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcYC9lyOk_A

Reflection *How do we embrace the "new"?*
Isaiah 40: Accept God's forgiveness and make a fresh start.
Psalms 85: Listen to God and receive what God offers.
2 Peter 3: Invite God to walk alongside us.
Mark 1: Use the power of God to make changes in our lives.

Hymn *Open My Ears, Open My Eyes* Sing the Story 5
Circle of Friends <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubw1OjyEvb4>

Name your Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering *Support our budget by mailing contributions to the church.*

Hymn *The Peace of the Earth Be with You* Sing the Journey 77
Piano w/lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVCcLGhZOls>
Wild Goose Worship <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYsTzXby4vU>

Benediction

*People of God, people on the road:
something greater is coming –
prepare the way of the Lord!
Go forth, attuned to the Holy Spirit,
making room for the light of the world.*

Postlude *Wait for the Lord* Voices Together 228
Taize <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7GexIvX8HU>

A congregational meeting follows worship.

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Pastor Christina's Schedule

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.

“Sunday School” Options

For Children – *Jesus Brings Good News*

- Advent stories during Sunday morning worship
- Story Bibles to read and activities to do at home

For Adults

- Fellowship – Third Sunday of the month at 4:00
 - Inside with masks; maintaining physical distance
- Bible Study – *In God's Image*
 - 7:00 pm Wednesdays at Zergers'
 - Contact Tom Claassen for information
- Book Study – On hiatus until January 2021

Upcoming Events

Dec 13	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
Dec 13	Voices Together Launch	4:00 pm
Dec 20	Third Sunday Fellowship	4:00 pm
Dec 22	Church Board	6:00 pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve in the Backyard	7:00 pm
Jan 3	Communion during Worship	10:00 am
Jan 6	Worship Committee via Zoom	5:30 pm

Worship Totals

2020	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
11/29	Zoom 20 Church 10 Total 30	\$200.00		\$200.00

Local Announcements

New COVID Restrictions: Saline County is limiting indoor gatherings to 15 people. We will honor this restriction even though religious groups are exempted. If it works for you to worship from home, the church board encourages you to do so. Masks are required unless you are in the building by yourself.

Christmas Eve: Mark your calendars for an outdoor service on December 24 at 7:00 pm. We will enjoy carols & share readings while wearing masks and maintaining distance around portable firepits.

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Pray for health and safety for healthcare providers and other essential workers, and for all WDC members working to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our local communities.

WDC Offices and Resource Library are closed to the public until further notice due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. All staff members are working from their homes. The best way to contact a staff member is by email.

Camp Mennoscah: You are invited to a socially distanced Christmas Gathering at Camp Mennoscah on Saturday, December 12, at 2:30pm. Camp will provide s'mores and a beautiful outdoor space. Registration required at office@campmennoscah.org or call 620-297-3290. Bring a mask for indoor spaces and those times when you cannot be 6 feet apart. Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather and don't forget to register!

Free resource from MCC: Learning about generosity! Help children learn about generosity with MCC printable worksheets including activities, a story, a craft to make and Christmas gift ideas that benefit global neighbors with colorable greeting cards, find it all at mcc.org/generosity. Explore the full list of Christmas giving options from MCC at mcc.org/christmas.

A memorable, meaningful and unique MCC gift to give this Christmas! Grab a piece of MCC history to use in a modern day Mennonite feeding station - your home! Get one for yourself and order more for family and friends. Hang it on the wall in your kitchen or dining room, display it on a shelf or use it as a serving tray! Remember the kitchen at your church, too. Each tray was uniquely handcrafted by an artisan in Siberia using Siberian hardwood. The tray is 16” in diameter and 2” deep. Suggested donation per tray is \$150. Full details and pictures are available at <https://mcc.org/feeding-station-tray>.

Churchwide Announcements

Voices Together Digital Launch Event: Sunday, December 13 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm (5-7 ET). Register to receive the Zoom link:

[Dedication Launch Registration - Voices Together Hymnal](#)

Everence to hold Social Security and retirement income planning

webinar: Everence will host a *Social Security and retirement income planning* webinar, on Monday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees will learn about Social Security strategies, risks that can impact retirement savings and strategies to help income last throughout retirement. This online workshop is free. Register soon by contacting our office at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294

or central.kansas@everence.com.

#BringThePeace: Mennonite Church USA has called for bold peacemaking during the election/post-election season, writing, “Peacemakers are most needed during times of uncertainty, fear and polarization.” Read the full statement here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/bold-peacemaking/>

#BringThePeace: In this season of giving, Mennonite Church USA invites you to support the peace initiatives of the church by donating to the #BringThePeace fund, a fund that supports work and projects where needed most in the denomination. [Mennoniteusa.org/give/](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/give/)

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN’s SOOP has developed COVID-19 protocols that permit serving in some locations. While the Navajo Nation has a high rate of infections, most of the cases are further west than the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission. Pray for volunteers to serve through tutoring and Christmas activities.

Mennonite Education Agency: This month we want to especially remember the guidance and campus counseling staff in our prayers. Students are managing much more than academics this year, and these key staff members have a critical role, offering support and resources. Also remember that teachers and other staff are supporting students informally every day.