

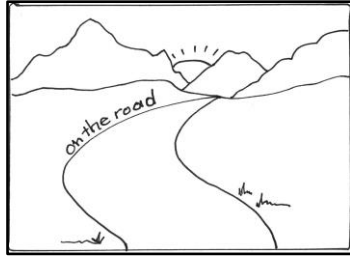
Salina Mennonite Church

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 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent



...to restoration

At Home Worship

Prelude *Joy to the World* Hymnal 318
Brass Quintet https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_FG_g4qAOo
Take 6 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPfy2NOQ1_w

Call to Worship Adapted from Psalm 126:2-6
Leader: The Lord has done great things for us,
and so we rejoice!
All: *Our mouths are filled with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy.*
Leader: Those who go out weeping will come home
with shouts of joy.
All: *The Lord has done great things for us – we rejoice!*

Lighting a Candle for Joy

Leader: We light a candle for joy: joy in our hearts,
joy in our homes, joy in our world.
All: *May the light of joy shine through our lives.*

Hymn *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* Sing the Story 1
Men's Ensemble <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCZoCBQIXFw>

Storytelling *Christmas Lights*
What happens when Christmas lights don't work?
Where do the stars go during the daytime?
Who is the light of the world?
How does God's light restore us?

Monologue *John the Baptist Denies Being the Messiah* John 1:19-28

Hymn *Helpless and Hungry with
What Child Is This?* Sing the Story 26
Hymnal 215
With Words <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7ef2ULvr-c>
Duet <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IetPAANnhzQ>

Reflection *What does restoration look like?*
Isaiah 41: Restoration requires justice.
Psalms 126: Restoration involves reversal.
John 1: Restoration requires effort.
1 Thess. 5: Restoration brings joy and wholeness.

Time of Remembrance

*Who are you remembering today?
What losses are causing you pain?
Where are you finding joy?*

Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* Hymnal 377
Instrumental https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6VfpbbtS_E
With lyrics <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wahfJMz7aYQ>

Name your Joys and Concerns The Lord's Prayer

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

Hymn *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* Hymnal 172
Virtual Choir <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3F719QHnx0>

Benediction

*People of God, people on the road:
May the God of peace sanctify you entirely;
and may your spirit and body be kept sound and blameless
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful and will do this.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Go in peace.*

Postlude *Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)*
Amy Grant https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8_475FKJWQ

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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 – On hiatus until further notice
- 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 20	Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship	10:00 am
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
12/6	Zoom 20 Church 11 Total 31	Rent \$150.00 \$2470.00		\$2620.00

Local Announcements

Christmas Eve: Gather in the backyard on December 24 at 7:00 pm. We will enjoy carols & share readings while wearing masks and maintaining distance around portable firepits. Bundle up.

COVID Restrictions: We are following Saline County's Public Health Order issued November 20. The number of people inside the church building is limited to 15 people. Masks are required unless you are in the building by yourself. People gathered outside will maintain social distancing and wear masks.

Third Sunday Fellowship: With the increase in COVID cases and the colder weather, Third Sunday Fellowship is on hiatus until further notice. Stay home and stay well.

Conferencewide Announcements

Western District Conference: Pray for God's guidance for WDC congregations in pastoral transition, as they navigate endings and discern new beginnings in the midst of the pandemic.

Churchwide Announcements

2021 Climate Ride: The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions is seeking participants from Mennonite Church USA congregations and universities to participate in its cross-country bike ride to raise awareness of critical issues related to climate change. Read more:

mennoniteusa.org/news/climate-ride-seeking-riders/

BringThePeace: Mennonite Church USA Women in Leadership and Mennonite Women USA called on the church to respond to the death of Breonna Taylor, who was killed by police officers in her home in Louisville, Kentucky, on March 13, 2020. Read the statement here:

mennoniteusa.org/news/breonna-taylor/

Menno Snapshots: “My understanding and experience of the Triune God has broadened and deepened considerably by working with the *Voices Together* team over the last three years,” said AMBS Professor Allan Rudy-Froese in his blog, “Gender and God language in *Voices Together*.” Read his reflections here:

mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/gender-god/

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Joe Sawatzky, who recently became an international education liaison for MMN and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Pray for Joe and global church leaders, as they seek to strengthen the body of Christ through Anabaptist education initiatives around the world.

Recordings of the Mennonite Church USA Women in Leadership “What We Need Is Here” webinar series and worship service are now available. View the videos here:

mennoniteusa.org/wil