



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.

We hold that every person is created in God's image. We embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, ability or status.

December 26, 2021
Christmas

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Break Forth, O Beauteous Light!

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Welcome

Call to worship (adapted from Psalm 148)

One: Alleluia! Praise Yahweh from the heavens! Praise God in the heights. Praise God, sun and moon.

ALL: Praise God all you shining stars!

One: Praise God from the earth, sea creatures and ocean depths, lightning and hail,

ALL: snow and mist.

One: Sing praise to God, mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars,

ALL: small animals and flying birds.

One: Let them praise God's name. Let all creation praise the name of Yahweh, whose name alone is exalted.

ALL: Praise God's name! Alleluia!

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light the Christ candle and we welcome new life.

Hurry, hurry, sing the glory! Imagine that ... we are God's wonders, blessed wonders.

Hymn *O du fröhliche (Oh, How Joyfully)* Voices Together 254

Lesson 1: The Light of the First Morning
Genesis 1:1-5 *Creation Is a Song / Ho'è enemoehoe* Voices Together 181

Lesson 2: The Light Shines in the Darkness
Isaiah 9:2-7 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, vv. 1&3* Voices Together 218

Lesson 3: The Light of Peace
Isaiah 11:1-9 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Voices Together 216

Lesson 4: The Light of the Word
John 1:1-14 *Wisdom from on High Is Dawning* Voices Together 238

Lesson 5: The Light of Gabriel
Luke 1:26-38 *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born* Voices Together 259

Lesson 6: The Light of New Life
Luke 2:1-7 *O Little Town of Bethlehem, vv. 1-3* Voices Together 245

Lesson 7: The Light of the Good Shepherd
Luke 2:8-20 *Angels We Have Heard on High* Voices Together 249

Lesson 8: The Light of Promise
Luke 2:21-40 *Here I Am to Worship* Voices Together 227

Lesson 9: The Light of the Star
Matthew 2:1-12 *As with Gladness Men of Old* Voices Together 277

Lesson 10: The Light of a New Heaven and a New Earth
Revelation 21:1-7 *Break Forth, O Beauteous Light, vv. 1&3* Voices Together 269

Show and Tell/Sharing
Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer
Announcements

Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Voices Together 261

Benediction (adapted from Luke 2:29-31)
Now go in peace, according to God's word. Rejoice, for you have seen God's salvation.
Walk in the light of God's glory revealed to all people. Amen.

Christian Education

For Children – *Meet Jesus, the Messiah – Advent and Christmas*

- Stories during Sunday morning worship; Activities to do at home

For Adults

- Bible Study – *Participating in God's Reality* – 7:00 pm Wednesday at Zergers'
- The discussion on lectionary scriptures will resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022

Pastor Christina's Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Upcoming Events

Friday	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Party	7:30-10:30 pm
Sunday	Jan. 2	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday	Jan. 5	Worship Committee @ Lois Newcomer's Home	7:00 pm
Sunday	Jan. 9	Communion during Worship	10:00 am
Tuesday	Jan. 18	Church Board @ Vera Zerger's Home	7:00 pm

Worship Totals

2021	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
12/19	Zoom 16 In-Person 18 Total 34	\$360.00	Afghani Refugee Fund \$275.00	\$635.00

Local Announcements

Afghani Refugee Project: This is the last Sunday we are collecting money to support the work of Catholic Charities in Dodge City as they assist several refugee families. Write checks to Salina Mennonite Church and designate Afghani Refugee Project as the recipient. Donate a minimum of \$50 and receive a pen made by John Zerger from wood from our old pews.

New Year's Eve Party: Friday, December 31, 7:30-10:30 pm at the church. Bring games, food, and/or drink. Do your part to keep this a festive, healthy event.

COVID Precautions: We encourage you to continue to care for your own health and the health of others by taking reasonable precautions.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Pray for pastors, chaplains and other ministers in WDC, that they would experience God's renewed strength and hope for ministry in the New Year.

Western District Conference: Access announcements, news, resources and prayer requests at [Western District Conference - An area conference of Mennonite Church USA \(mennowdc.org\)](http://www.mennowdc.org)

Camp Mennoscah: Access news and announcements at [Camp Mennoscah](#).

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: MMN requests prayer for Linda Beachy, who is in the middle of her year-long SOOP assignment at the Navajo Brethren in Christ Mission in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Mennonite Mission Network: Access news and information at [Mennonite Mission Network Home](#)

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with Mennonite Church USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter can be found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

Mennonite Church USA: As members of Mennonite Church USA, let us Journey Forward together to provide relevant ministry in the 21st century and live into our Renewed Commitments to follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and help our communities experience transformation. Join the journey by donating to Mennonite Church USA to the area that you feel led to support. [MennoniteUSA.org/give/](#)

Menno Snapshots: Dean Preheim-Bartel of Goshen, Indiana, faithfully volunteered with Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Archives for nine years, uploading Archives photographs to the MC USA Archives Flickr page. Earlier this year, Preheim-Bartel retired from his volunteer post, and Archives Director Jason Kauffman wrote "A tribute to Archives volunteers" to honor him and the other Archives volunteers. Read his blog here: [mennoniteusa.org/tribute-archives-volunteers](#).

Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty: Sometimes, the people we least want to interact with are the ones who have the opportunity to most impact our lives. For Danilo Sanchez, co-pastor of Ripple Mennonite Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Wendy was this person. Read his blog, "Practicing the presence-ministry of Jesus," to learn about how he was able to build a relationship with Wendy, through his church and community center, that changed both of their lives forever. [mennoniteusa.org/presence-ministry](#)

Mennonite Church USA: Access news and information at [Home | Mennonite Church USA \(mennoniteusa.org\)](#)

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for Brazil where the political situation is not good; radicalism, churches getting involved in politics that bring lots of conflicts, environment problems and inflation.

—*Hans Gerhard Peters, Aliança Evangélica Menonita, Brazil*

Mennonite World Conference: Thank God for sustaining the churches in spite of the crisis and the pandemic. Pray that God continues to keep away so many plagues, hepatitis, COVID, dengue and malaria.

—*a pastor from Red de Iglesias Menonita de Venezuela*

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