



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.

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Second Sunday of Advent

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Welcome

Prelude *Come and See*

Lighting a Candle of Faith

Leader: By faith the people passed through the Red Sea.

ALL: *By faith we come with open hearts.*

Leader: By faith the walls of Jericho fell.

ALL: *By faith we offer praise and prayers.*

Leader: By faith Rahab received the spies in peace.

ALL: *By faith we gather together for worship.*

(Lighting a Candle of Faith)

Leader: As we light this candle of faith, we proclaim our faith in God:
who brings us together, who lights our way, who comes to us in Jesus.

Hymn *How Firm a Foundation*

Voices Together 592

Storytelling *Ancestor Story*

Hymn *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

Voices Together 212

Scripture *Joshua 2:1-21; 6:21-25*

Sermon *Rahab: On the Margins*

Community Focus *Salina Shares*

Debbie Rivers

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of shadows and light, our thoughts are not your thoughts. Our ways are not your ways.

ALL: *Hear our confession. Heal our hearts. Forgive our sins.*

(silence)

Leader: In Jesus you call us to faith

ALL: *in the mystery of your Presence in the world,
and the truth that nothing will be impossible with you.*

(silence)

Leader: In the light of the Christ child, in the shadow of the Most High,
we make our confession and receive your forgiveness.

ALL: *Amen.*

Hymn *We Come*

Voices Together 225

Show and Tell/Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Hymn *Bless'd Be the God of Israel*

Voices Together 223

Offertory Prayer

Leader: Holy One, Emmanuel: as you have given yourself to us
through the coming of the Christ child, we also give ourselves to you.

ALL: *Receive our offerings, given in faith, that they may be part of your life in this world.*

Announcements

Hymn
Benediction

Prepare the Way! the Prophet Called

Voices Together 220

When you are pushed aside and on the edge, may you know God as your constant center, your deepest identity, your true home. In the knowledge of God’s eternal love, may you walk this Advent road in faith.

We welcome Debbie Rivers of Salina Shares to our worship this morning. Find out more about their services at: [Acts of Kindness](#) | [SalinaShares](#) | [United States](#)

A congregational meeting in the sanctuary follows worship. Agenda includes: (1) Activity reports; (2) Financial updates; (3) Confirmation of 2023 committees; (4) Approval of 2023 budget; (5) Vote on constitutional amendments. Ballots for the constitutional amendments will be sent to members who are unable to attend the meeting.

Christian Education

For Children – *The Upside-Down Kingdom: Advent and Christmas*

- Activities to do at home

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God’s Plan for Freedom and Justice* – In the basement
- Book Study – *Expecting Emmanuel* by Joanna Harader – In the fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Sunday	Dec. 11	Worship – Remembrance Sunday	10:00 am
Wednesday	Dec. 14	Worship Committee @ Newcomers’	7:00 pm
Sunday	Dec. 18	Third Sunday Potluck	11:30 am
Wednesday	Dec. 21	Church Board @ Kristin Van Tassel’s Home	6:30 pm
Saturday	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm

Pastor Christina’s Office Hours

9:00-12:00 Tuesday – Friday

Available most of the time by text, phone, or email

Worship Totals

2022	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
11/27	Zoom 9 In-Person 18 Total 27	\$150.00		\$150.00

Local Announcements

Remembrance Sunday: During worship on Sunday, December 11, we will take time to acknowledge the losses and situations in our lives that make it hard to celebrate during the holiday season.

New Address: Mark & Sherry Krehbiel, 25809 Foxwoods Circle, Shell Knob, MO 65747

Note from Mollie Weathers: Thank you for everything everyone has done for Miles and our family. Wanted to give back what I can to help the church continue to serve its people.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: In this Advent season, give thanks for God’s gifts of wisdom, vision and hope for WDC congregations navigating transitions and other discernment processes.

Everence® to hold December 6 Medicare webinar: Everence will hold an informative Medicare webinar on Tuesday, Dec. 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. Topics will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear, understandable language plus budgeting for health care costs in retirement. There will also be time for your questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com. Attendance recommended for those approaching retirement or those ready to sign up for Medicare.

Bethel College Christmas Traditions: The annual Messiah Sing will take place Wednesday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church. College soloists perform excerpts and attendees are invited to sing along with the choruses. The Lighting of the Green will take place on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. Students, staff, faculty, and community members gather around the Green to create a "wreath" of candlelight, then converge to form a "Christ candle." All are invited to attend.

Brass Christmas Concert: Everyone is invited to enjoy the McPherson Community Brass Choir at Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (1304 K-15 Hwy, Goessel, KS) on Sunday, December 11 at 7pm. A free will offering will support local ministries.

Join the Advent journey by using Joanna Harader's Advent Devotional--*Expecting Emmanuel: Eight Women who Prepared the Way*. The WDC Resource Library will host a discussion over the first part of the book on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00pm via Zoom. Register for the conversation by emailing crlib@mennowdc.org or at <https://forms.gle/YfpckrftDiuJmk7A>

WDC Volunteer building manager transition: WDC extends thanks to John Good, who is stepping down from his volunteer role as building manager at the 2500 Place in North Newton, KS, which houses WDC's offices, conference rooms, Resource Library and other tenants. John's skillful, cheerful and generous service to WDC over these past 10 years has been deeply appreciated, and we wish him well in the future! WDC seeks a new volunteer to offer several hours per week to manage maintenance and repairs at the 2500 Place. If you know of someone who is interested in supporting WDC in this way, please contact the office at 316-283-6300 or wdc@mennowd.org.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Cassidy Bush, Anna Lubbers, Rachel Miller and Eli Reimer make up MMN's San Francisco (California) Mennonite Voluntary Service unit. Pray for them as they join First Mennonite Church of San Francisco in ministries that work toward reducing poverty and homelessness and promoting social justice, education, and health.

Mennonite Education Agency: Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with MC USA. MEA's monthly prayer newsletter, with requests from the schools, is found at [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#).

Mennonite Church USA: The denominational Advent at Home worship guide is now available. The guide is designed for families and people of all ages, offering weekly Scriptures, background information, prayers, activities and rituals around this year's theme from Leader magazine, "Restoration is Near." Look for it here: mennoniteusa.org/lentathome

Mennonite Church USA: MC USA Executive Board staff has posted the new "Guidelines for Developing Organizational Resolutions and Church Statements in Mennonite Church USA" on the MC USA website. The guidelines are effective immediately and apply to proposed organizational resolutions or church statements submitted for consideration by the 2023 Delegate Assembly (Kansas City, Missouri, July 7-8, 2023). Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/resolutions-process

Mennonite Church USA: As members of MC USA, let us look ahead to the new year and to focus on living into our Renewed Commitments to follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and help our communities experience transformation. Your financial gifts to MC USA help to equip and empower our conferences, congregations and our diverse body of believers to tell the transformative story of the birth, life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. MennoniteUSA.org/give

Learn, Pray, Join: Read a prayer of lamentation about mass incarceration by writer Kayla Berkley. The prayer is part of Mennonite Church USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration" initiative, which examines the injustices in our criminal legal system through an Anabaptist lens. Read the prayer here: mennoniteusa.org/complacency-prayer-incarceration

Mennonite World Conference: A delegation from CEFMC Goma who visited the church in Munigi in eastern DRC in November 2022 report finding many displaced persons (older people; pregnant and nursing women; children younger than 5, school-aged children, some of whom are separated from their parents) who lack sanitation facilities, food, potable water, clothing. *We pray* for needed supplies to reach the area and be equitably distributed. *We praise* the Lord for the nongovernmental organizations and for Église du Christ au Congo (association of churches) who are responding. *We pray* that the ceasefire regarding the M23 which Kenyan and Rwanda leaders are negotiating would be respected and sustained.