



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 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent
Remembrance Sunday

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How Will We Know . . . What Now?

Lighting a Candle of 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.*

Voices Together 916

Prelude

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Glenda Austin

Call to Worship

Based on 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Leader: Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with God one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one day.

High voices: God is not slow, as some think of slowness,

Low voices: but is patient with us,

People: not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Leader: The word of our God will stand forever.

People: How shall we live while we wait for salvation?

(pause)

All: *Together we wait.*

Hymn

Bless'd Be the God of Israel

Voices Together 223

Storytelling

Drama

Based on Psalm 85; Isaiah 40:1-11

Hymn

Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called

Voices Together 220

Sermon

What Now?

Hymn

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Voices Together 212

Time of Remembrance

Hymn

We Come

Voices Together 225

Community Life – Sharing & Prayer

Community Life – Announcements

Hymn

Poor of the Earth

Voices Together 213

The Lord’s Prayer

Lighting Candles of Hope and Peace (on back table)

Leader: Together we wait.

Candlelighter: God is patient with us, but how do we prepare while we’re waiting?

Leader: Go, beloved, and while you wait for these things, strive to be found by God at peace.
Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Christian Education

For Children – *Jesus Brings Good News*

- Activities to do at home.

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *God Connections* – In the basement
- Bible Study – Reading the worship scripture – In the fellowship room

Upcoming Events

Thursday	December 14	Church Board @Zerger’s	6pm
Sunday	December 17	Christina’s Farewell Sunday	10am
Sunday	December 17	Sunday Worship – Third Sunday of Advent	10am
Sunday	December 17	Third Sunday Potluck & Sharing Time	11:30am
Sunday	December 24	Sunday Worship – Fourth Sunday of Advent	10am
Sunday	December 24	Christmas Eve Service & Fellowship	7:00pm
Sunday	December 31	Sunday Worship – Sunday after Christmas	10am
Wednesday	January 10	Worship Committee	7pm

Pastor Christina’s Last Week of Office Hours

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

Worship Totals

2023	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Total
12/3	Zoom 7 Church 32 Total 39	Rent \$150.00 \$10,100.00		\$10,250.00

Local Announcements

Farewell Sunday: Christina’s last Sunday is next Sunday, December 17. Plan to come for worship, potluck, and a time of sharing stories after the meal.

FREE Books & Supplies – LAST chance: Christina has sorted the books on the shelves in the fellowship room and in her office. Books, music, and supplies are on the tables at the west end of the fellowship room. The last chance to take anything you can use is this Sunday, December 10.

Pictures Needed: For the transitional Pastor's digital pictorial directory. Please text or email Carolyn your picture.

Conferencewide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Pray for our sister church, Iglesia Camino de Santidad (Path of Holiness Church) in Liberal KS, Pastor Moises Romero and his wife Teresa.

Western District Conference: – Pray for WDC's Ministerial Leadership Commission as they meet this week, and as they provide support and resources for credentialed ministers in our conference.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Education Agency is pleased to announce the 2023 Advent at Home worship guide, "How will we know?" is now available for free download in English and Spanish at <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/advent-at-home/>. The guide accompanies individuals and families through the days and weeks of Advent through Epiphany with scriptures, prayers, worship rituals, suggested activities, and contextual information. It is intended for all ages and life stages to deepen the experience of the season. MEA is grateful to writer Talashia Keim Yoder, artist and designer Erin Ramer, and translator Ubaldo Rodriguez.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who have walked alongside Toba-Qom churches and communities in the Argentine Chaco since 2004. Pray for them as they provide continuity in long-term relationships and encourage the preservation of Indigenous languages and cultures.

Mennonite Church USA: The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board strengthened key relationships and discussed creative strategies for convention and revitalization at the first Executive Board meeting of the biennium Oct. 18-20, 2023, in Cleveland, Ohio. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/eb-strengthens

Mennonite World Conference: Pray for the young leaders participating in YAMEN (Mennonite Central Committee and MWC's joint exchange program). Several months into their program, the barrage of new experiences may become exhausting instead of exciting. Pray that they would cultivate friendships – in their placement location, back at home and with other program participants – to manage their homesickness. Pray that they would have the energy and curiosity to continue to make connections in their placement location: at church, in the neighborhood and in their work.