

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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December 1, 2024

Advent 1

Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Annelle Claassen

Prelude

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

arr. Curt Oliver

Call to Worship

Leader: Responding to the call of the living God,

People: our rescuer and Savior,

Leader: we welcome the Holy Spirit's presence,

People: among and within us.

Leader: In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord,

All: we offer ourselves in worship.

Hymn

How Great is our God

Voices Together 116

Greet those around you

Candlelighting

Reader 1: When we find ourselves between a rock and a hard place, we may ask how to continue on.

Reader 2: When Daniel's persistent prayers brought him between opposing laws of the land and the mouths of hungry lions in a stone-covered den, despite the risk, he chose to trust God.

Reader 1: When Jesus found himself faced with persecution and false accusations, he chose forgiveness over self-defense.

Candlelighting (first Advent candle is lit)

All: Our path may meander through rocky situations, but we will hold Christ as our center as we journey together.

Hymn

How Many Times We Start Again (verse 1 - 2X)

Handout

Storytelling		Annelle Claassen
Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	Voices Together 218
Scripture	<i>Daniel 6:6–27; Luke 23:1–5</i>	
Sermon	<i>Say Yes to God!</i>	Michelle Armster
Hymn	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	Voices Together 601
Community Life – Sharing		
Community Life – Prayer		
Interlude	<i>The Father’s Rose</i>	arr. Mark Hayes
Community Life – Announcements		
Hymn	<i>We Will Walk with God</i>	Voices Together 815
The Lord’s Prayer	<i>Pray using the words “sins” and “those who sin against us.”</i>	
Benediction		

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Bible Study – *Salt and Light Study* – In the basement
- Gathering in the Fellowship Room – *Rejoice* Devotional

Upcoming Events

Sunday	December 8	Sunday Worship – Advent 2	10am
Wednesday	December 11	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	December 15	Sunday Worship – Advent 3 – Nick Ladd	10am
Sunday	December 15	Third Sunday Potluck	11:20am
Wednesday	December 18	Church Board	5:30pm
Sunday	December 22	Sunday Worship – Advent 4 – Christmas Play	10am
Tuesday	December 24	Christmas Eve Service	7pm

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2024	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
December 8	Luann Yutzy	Carolyn Funk	Annelle Claassen	Miles Weathers	Lee Walker	Donna Burnett

Worship Totals

2024	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
11/24	Zoom 3 Church 31 Total 34		\$2,100.00		\$2,100.00

Local Announcements

Pastor Luann will be away 11/26-12/3 visiting family in Virginia. For any crisis care needs, contact Vera Zerger during this time.

Pastor Luann's Office Hours will resume Wednesday, December 4th, from 1pm to 5pm. You are welcome to reach out to her anytime for Pastoral Care, Prayer Requests or just to visit – by phone or text 316-288-8897 or email.

2025 Worship Schedule: Volunteers are needed to fill next year's Worship Schedule. Please let us know in what areas you are willing to serve. All areas are needed. Sign-up sheets are available. The Worship Committee Thanks You!

Pastor Search Committee: The Congregational Information Form (CIF) is now available for review. Print outs are on the back table and in the fellowship room on the desk. The Search Committee will have sticky notes available to write suggestions for any changes to make to the CIF.

The Offering Plate is located on the back table. Offerings can be left there or mailed to the church.

Worship Schedule: There is a copy of the 4th Quarter Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Mennonite Education Agency | 2024 Advent at Home worship guide | The theme for the 2024 Advent at Home worship guide, *"Together on the Journey,"* is taken from Leader magazine. | Available in English and Spanish | Download at <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/advent-at-home>

Save the Date! The 2025 Western District Conference Annual Assembly will be Aug 8-9, 2025, at Hesston Mennonite Church, Hesston, KS. Along with others around the globe, next year at Assembly we plan to celebrate 500 years of Anabaptism. Please add this to your calendar and plan to join us!

Western District Conference: Pray for pastors, musicians, artists, teachers and worship leaders in WDC congregations, as they shape worship and other special activities during the special seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Mennonite Church USA: Mennonite Church USA convention planners have released the tentative event schedule and learning track descriptions for next year's convention, Follow Jesus '25, which will take place July 8-12, 2025, at Koury Convention Center, in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/schedule-seminar-followjesus25

Mennonite Church USA: Join the Global Anabaptist Bible Read-a-thon! This is your opportunity to take part in a once-every-500-year moment of unity and faith! MennoMedia's Anabaptism at 500 is collaborating with Mennonite World Conference in this extraordinary event as 500 voices will join together to read through the entire Bible – from Genesis to Revelation – in multiple languages. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/global-anabaptist-bible-read-a-thon

Mennonite Mission Network: Today, Mennonite Mission Network's Anchorage (Alaska) Service Adventure unit is participating in a community performance of Handel's *Messiah*. Pray for leader Samir Knego and participants Samuel Landis, Briana Nyveldt, Armando Perez and Aviva Setiawan as they worship and share the good news of Jesus' birth, ministry and salvation offered to all people.

MCC Open House, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 2pm-4pm all are welcome to come see the updated space at MCC Central States in North Newton. Bring your Christmas shopping list to get your alternative Christmas gifts purchased from our tree! Visit with MCC staff, get a tour while you enjoy some snacks. We can't wait to see you at the Open House, 121 E. 30th St, North Newton! mcc.org/open-house

Giving Tuesday at MCC, Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 6:30pm-8pm we're excited to host this annual evening of service to kick off your holiday season! This all-ages event is focused on service and fellowship. *Please bring new dark colored hand towels with you* – the more you bring, the more hygiene kits we can pack! There will be Christmas cards to write in and comforters to tie AND snacks to enjoy. What a great way to give back on Giving Tuesday! mcc.org/giving-tuesday

Yule love this! Join us for a live, online event on December 3, at 11:00 AM CST/10:00 AM MST as we take you behind the scenes of MCC's Christmas Giving Guide. Discover the impact behind each gift and how your generosity makes a difference. Learn more and register to join this event at mcc.org/yule-love-this.

Mennonite World Conference: Dramatic weather events have affected many parts of the world in the past months: hurricanes, floods, droughts, fires. Pray that we would respond as Christians: both in tending to those affected and in changing our lifestyles. Pray that governments, industries and other producers would move decisively toward changes that are sustainable and mitigate environmental situations.