

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 8, 2024

Advent 2

Opening Hearts

Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Carolyn Funk

Prelude

Advent Carol: Traditional French Carol

arr. Glenda Austin

Call to Worship

based on Joel 2:12-13

Leader: Let us return to the Lord with all our hearts.

People: With our whole heart?

Leader: The hurting and hurtful part?

The bleeding and empty part?

People: The sewn-up-tight-don't-come-in heart part?

**All: *With our whole heart, with all our hearts
we come to worship the Lord God,***

Leader: whose merciful compassion,
abundant patience, and faithful forgiving love
meet us in our need.

Hymn

O Come, O Come Immanuel (verses 1-3-4-7)

Voices Together 210

Greet those around you

Candlelighting

Reader 1: We know God to be merciful and compassionate,

Reader 2: patient and full of faithful love,

Reader 1: ready to forgive.

Reader 2: Created in God's image, we yearn to reflect these same attributes in our hearts and lives.

Candlelighting (first two Advent candles are lit)

All: *We open our hearts to receive the Spirit, to become more like our loving God.*

Hymn	<i>How Many Times We Start Again</i> (verses 1 & 2)	Handout
Storytelling		Annelle Claassen
Hymn	<i>My Soul Proclaims with Wonder</i>	Voices Together 222
Scripture	<i>Joel 2:12–13, 28–29; Luke 11:13</i>	
Sermon	<i>Opening Hearts: What Do We Ask For?</i>	Luann Yutzzy
Hymn	<i>Comfort, Comfort, O My People</i>	Voices Together 212
Community Life – Sharing		
Community Life – Prayer		
Hymn	<i>God Who Touches Earth with Beauty</i>	Voices Together 550
Community Life – Announcements		
Hymn	<i>The Peace of the Earth Be with You</i>	Voices Together 838
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 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
Sunday	December 29	Christmastide Hymn Sing	10am

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2024	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
December 15	Nick Ladd	Lori Schmidt	Annelle Claassen	Miles Weathers	Lynn/Lois Newcomer	Donna Burnett

Worship Totals

2024	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
12/1	Zoom 3 Church 18 Total 21	\$9,450.00	Special Needs Fund \$233.48	\$9,683.48

Local Announcements

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.

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: Give thanks for those who serve on WDC Commissions, and pray for them as they guide ministries that sustain pastors and other ministers, provide resources for congregations, and support church planting partnerships in our conference.

Mennonite Church USA: Rev. Dr. Jacob Cook, assistant professor of Christian ethics at Eastern Mennonite Seminary and co-director for the Shalom Collaboratory, challenges church communities to accept conflict as an everyday part of living in community with other imperfect people and use it as a constructive force. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/navigating-everyday-conflicts

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: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine. Professors are adapting curricula to the changing needs of a society traumatized by prolonged war. Pray for the students, who are immediately putting into practice what they learn in their courses about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and crisis counseling and as they share the healing love of Christ.

Mennonite World Conference: We pray for Kikubya Mennonite Church in Uganda. A vibrant congregation with some 60 adult members, many of whom migrated to Uganda from Rwanda in the 1950s, they have been affected by the pounding rains that have buffeted Uganda over several months. Some 15 families lost crops or houses in floodwaters, and the church building was severely damaged in September. In addition to hosting Sunday services, the building also hosts midweek fellowships that have been key to the congregation's growth. Please uphold people throughout East Africa who are suffering from the ongoing disaster of excess rains.