

# 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 29, 2024**  
**Sunday after Christmas**  
**Keeping Promises**

## Welcome

## Prelude

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

arr. Mark Hayes

## Call to Worship

based on Psalm 131:1-3

Leader: As we worship today, God, we ask this of you:

**People: Wipe pride from our hearts, that we might truly love one another.**

**Rinse conceit from our eyes That we might see one another as you see.**

Leader: We rest in your promises and wait for you.

**People: Calm and quiet, we trust in you.**

Leader: Open our hearts,

**All: That we might let go of all that separates us from you and one another.**

## Hymn

How Many Times We Start Again Vs 1-4

Handout

## Greet those around you.

## Candlelighting

Reader 1: Have you heard the news? Jesus, the promised Messiah has come!

Reader 2: I have heard the Good News! God is with us; Jesus is here!

*Candlelighting (the Christ candle is lit)*

**All: Let us shout it aloud for everyone to hear! Come join us on this journey,  
as we live out the Good News of Christ!**

## Storytelling

Annelle Claassen

## Worship in Scripture and Songs

## Lesson 1: The Light of the First Morning

Genesis 1:1-5 Creation Is a Song / Ho'è enemoehoe

Voices Together 181

<b>Lesson 2: The Light Shines in the Darkness</b> Isaiah 9:2-7	<b>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, vs.1&amp;3</b>	<b>Voices Together 218</b>
<b>Lesson 3: The Light of Peace</b> Isaiah 11:1-9	<b>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</b>	<b>Voices Together 216</b>
<b>Lesson 4: The Light of the Word</b> John 1:1-14	<b>Wisdom from on High Is Dawning</b>	<b>Voices Together 238</b>
<b>Lesson 5: The Light of Gabriel</b> Luke 1:26-38	<b>To Us a Child of Hope Is Born vs, 1&amp;2</b>	<b>Voices Together 259</b>
<b>Lesson 6: The Light of New Life</b> Luke 2:1-7	<b>O Little Town of Bethlehem, vs. 1-3</b>	<b>Voices Together 245</b>
<b>Lesson 7: The Light of the Good Shepherd</b> Luke 2:8-20	<b>Angels We Have Heard on High vs. 1&amp;2</b>	<b>Voices Together 249</b>
<b>Lesson 8: The Light of Promise</b> Luke 2:21-40	<b>Here I Am to Worship</b>	<b>Voices Together 227</b>
<b>Lesson 9: The Light of the Star</b> Matthew 2:1-12	<b>As with Gladness Men of Old vs. 1-3</b>	<b>Voices Together 277</b>
<b>Lesson 10: The Light of a New Heaven and a New Earth</b> Revelation 21:1-7	<b>Break Forth, O Beauteous Light,</b>	<b>Voices Together 269</b>

**Community Life – Sharing**  
A Time of Remembrance

**Community Life – Prayer**  
**Community Life – Announcements**

**The Lord's Prayer** *Pray using the words "sins" and "those who sin against us."*

**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**

Tuesday	December 31	New Year's Eve Game Night	7-10pm
Sunday	January 5	Sunday Worship – Epiphany - Communion	10am
Wednesday	January 8	Worship Committee	5pm
Sunday	January 12	Sunday Worship – Sermon Reflection	10am
Wednesday	January 15	Church Board	5:30pm
Sunday	January 19	Sunday Worship - Kayt Keough	10am

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Speaker	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
January 5	Luann Yutzzy	Vera Zerger	Annelle Claassen	Miles Weathers	Lori Schmidt	Donna Burnett

## Worship Totals

2024	Attendance	Unified Budget	Other	Offering Total
12/22	Church 35 Total 35	2150.00		\$2,150.00

## Local Announcements

**Pastor Luann’s Office Hours will be limited the next week:** 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.

**New Year’s Eve Game Night:** Everyone is invited to come to a New Year's Eve party. Tuesday December 31, at the church, from 7:00 -10:00 p.m. Bring your favorite games and snacks to share. Lori

**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 Jan/Feb Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

## Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

**Western District Conference:** As we enter the New Year, we pray for peace and joy for our loved ones and neighbors. May Christ’s presence guide their lives with love and hope. We also remember our brothers and sisters around the world, trusting in God’s love to unite us as we step into a new season of grace and renewal. -WDC Church Planting Commission

**Mennonite Church USA:** Save the Date for Follow Jesus 25! See you July 8-12, 2025 in North Carolina. Watch the video here: [mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-25-video](http://mennoniteusa.org/follow-jesus-25-video)

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, who are engaged in multiple ministries, including teaching and accompanying Toba-Qom communities in Argentina’s Chaco region. Pray that the Oyangurens will continue to be God’s agents for transformation and that our Toba-Qom brothers and sisters will be able to live ever more fully into God’s abundant life.