



Prepare the way of the Lord

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.

***Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025***

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Welcome/Lighting the Peace Lamp

Mike Matson

Prelude

Advent Carol

arr. Glenda Austin

Call to Worship

Leader: A branch shall come forth from the stump of Jesse;
its root shall bear fruit.

**People: May we be ready, O Lord,
ready to be fruit bearers of your harvest,
bringing forth the fruit of dwelling,
longing, unity, and peace.**

Leader: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

**People: Renew our spirit, stand as a banner before us,
bright as morning glory.**

Leader: Prepare the way for new life that emerges in and
through you, life that ripples out to your people,
into all nations.

All: In you there is glorious rest.

Hymn

Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called

Voices Together 220

Greet those around you

Candlelighting

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

**People: Prepare the way of the Lord,
make God's paths straight.**

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Immanuel (Verses 1&2)

Voices Together 210

Leader: As we prepare, we light this candle as a sign of peace.

People: Bring your restoration to your people, we pray.

Storytelling

Annelle Claassen

Hymn	<i>Poor of the Earth (Verses 1&2)</i>	Voices Together 213
Scripture	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10 & Matthew 3:1-12</i>	
Sermon	<i>Prepare the Way of the Lord</i>	Tammy Duvanel Unruh
Hymn	<i>Build Your Kingdom Here</i>	Voices Together 393
Community Life – Sharing		
Community Life – Prayer		
Hymn	<i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace</i>	Voices Together 391
Community Life – Announcements		
Hymn	<i>Together</i>	Voices Together 389
The Lord’s Prayer	<i>Pray using the words “sins” and “those who sin against us.”</i>	
Benediction		

Please stay for the Congregational Meeting directly following the worship service.

Christian Education

For Adults – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

- Gathering in the Fellowship Room – *Rejoice* Devotional
- Scripture study in the basement

Upcoming Events

Sunday	December 14	Worship – 3rd Sunday of Advent	10am
Sunday	December 14	Caroling in the Neighborhood	5:30pm
Wednesday	December 17	Board Meeting	5:30pm
Sunday	December 21	Worship – 4th Sunday of Advent	10am
Sunday	December 21	Potluck	11:15am
Wednesday	December 24	Christmas Eve Service	7pm
Sunday	December 28	Worship – Christmas Hymn Sing	10am

Upcoming Worship Schedule

2025	Sermon	Worship Leader	Storytelling	Zoom PowerPoint	Greeter	Music
December 14	Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Carolyn Funk	Mandy Ediger	Aaron Howard	Mike Matson	Lori Schmidt

Worship Totals

2025	Attendance		Unified Budget	Other	Total
11/30	Zoom 0 Church 17 Total 17		\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00

Local Announcements

Pastor Tammy's Office Hours: Wednesday's 9:30am to 5:30pm and Thursday mornings after 9:30 am. You are welcome to reach out to her anytime for Pastoral Care, Prayer Requests or just to visit- by phone or text 316-207-3472, email pastorsalinamennonite@gmail.com

Carolyn's Hours this week are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from home; Wednesday afternoon and Friday Morning at Church.

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 November/December Worship Schedule on the back table and on the wall by the Worship Closet in the Fellowship Room.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting after church today. The meeting will include Pastor's report, 2026 committees and 2026 budget approval. Pete, Tom, Lori

Churchwide Announcements & Prayer Requests

Western District Conference: Give thanks for musicians, artists, poets, prophets, pastors and preachers whose gifts enrich WDC congregations' worship and witness during the Advent season.

Mennonite Church USA: Advent is underway, and MC USA invites you to deepen your worship at home with our 2025 Advent at Home guide. This year's theme, "Be Amazed," follows MennoMedia's Leader magazine and offers weekly reflections and practices for individuals, families and households of all ages. The guide is free to all MC USA congregations and is available now as a downloadable PDF. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/advent-at-home-2025/>

Mennonite Mission Network: Joseph and Rachel Givens and their two sons, who are serving with Mennonite Mission Network, are on the front lines of ministry to people fleeing persecution and death. Pray that the Givens will receive the spiritual and financial resources they need to continue sharing Christ's love through food and shelter at the Maria Skobtsova House, in Calais, France.

Mennonite World Conference: The MC USA Executive Board recently shared a letter to all MC USA constituents regarding a recent decision by Mennonite World Conference. The letter expresses the Executive Board's deep concern and reaffirms MC USA's ongoing commitment to unity and peacemaking within the global Anabaptist community. Please read it here in English <https://bit.ly/3JUKeGT>

MCC Christmas Giving - Choose gifts that honor your loved ones and change lives across the globe. MCC has 20 alternative gift options for you to choose from this Christmas season starting at just \$12. Cards and e-cards are available to accompany your gift. Start here mcc.org/christmas and if you have any questions please contact the MCC Central States office at centralstates@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.