



First
Presbyterian
CHURCH SALINA

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026



Christ Blessing Saint John the Baptist

Moretto, da Brescia, 1520

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Stephanie Sorge for Presbyterian Outlook, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

Young

WELCOME

*please sign the act of friendship pad

Pastor Phil Price

BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: "God, guide my dreaming."

Exhale: "Show me the path to liberation."

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

All: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

One: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

All: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

One: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

All: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

*OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Psalm 40)

Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings, rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on Psalm 40)

One: God inclines to us, rescues us and sets us again on solid ground. God has not withheld mercy from us. Trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end.
Amen.*

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

Heidi Paquin

***This, this is where children belong. Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.***

PROCLAMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 49:1-7 Page 895 OT
One: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:29-42 Page 125 NT
One: This is God's word to us.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Who Is Jesus?* Phil Price

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith

All: We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Jesus Loves Me!

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

To give online, visit <https://www.fpcsalina.org/give>. To give over the phone, text FPCSalina and your dollar amount to 73256 or download our Realm Connect App.



CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Were You There* Young

*DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN *A Mighty Fortress* #275

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in G Minor* Walczynski

Chancel Flowers are in honor of Linda Salem and all the abundant ways she offers herself to church and community.



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Will Exline*

Hospitality Host: *Jo Buchanan*

Ushers: *Cathy & Jeff Hayes*

Guest Organist: *Ruth Ascher*

Weekly Glance

SUNDAY, January 18: 10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

MONDAY, January 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
5:15pm – Session

TUESDAY, January 20: 4:30pm - Deacons

WEDNESDAY, January 21: Salina Grace meal prep & serve
4:00pm – FBI
6:30pm – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, January 22: 7:00am – HeBrews

SATURDAY, January 24: 9:00am - Exploring Membership, Conf
Room

SUNDAY, January 25: Scout Sunday
10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

Looking Forward

**INTERESTED IN
BECOMING A MEMBER?**
JOIN US
**Saturday
January 24th
9:00 am
FOR MORE INFO**



**Saturday
January 24
2:00 – 4:00PM
Kitchen**
Also on
February 22 & March 24



Celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 18-19, 2026

“FREEDOM REBORN”

Sunday – January 18, 2026

3:00 p.m. – Citywide Celebration, Theatre Salina, 303 E. Iron Avenue:

This year's event will be a musical presentation featuring the Salina Symphony Youth Choir, Coro Juvenil Sagrado Corazón, and the Xcel Ensemble! The theme and program symbolize a “*passing of the torch*,” to the next generation of civil leaders, as we commemorate the resilience and principles for which Dr. King lived and died.

Monday – January 19, 2026

12:00 noon – St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, 215 S. Chicago Street: Annual Youth – Centered Celebration. Music will include Salina South and Salina Central choirs. Guest Speakers are, Minister Rodney Garrett, Jr., and Miss Tamia Cheeks, who serves as the State Youth and College President for NAACP Kansas. She is also the KWU NAACP College Chapter President.



*A limited number of 2026 Commemorative Buttons
are available from MLK Ad Hoc Committee
Members for a donation.*

*Trent Davis * Stephanie Holt-Burse * Ramona
Malone * Ora Miller* Gloria Richardson *
Diana Tarver*



You are invited to sign up, using the form below, as a Sunday Chancel flower donor for any Sunday in 2026. Perhaps there is a particular date that is important to you to honor or memorialize someone. All donors (whether there is one or ten) and those memorialized or honored will be listed in the bulletin on the date desired.

The cost is \$30.00.

Please contact the office with any questions at
communications@fpcsalina.org or 785-825-0226.

Please list date desired: _____

Please list the way you want your name(s) listed as donor:

Given in **Memory** of **Honor** of _____

Do you wish to **Donate** or **Keep** the flowers?

If donated, the bouquet will be delivered to a member of the congregation as pre-determined by the Deacons.

Return the form with your payment of \$30 to:
First Presbyterian Church 308 S 8th St, Salina, KS 67401





For Your Information:

- FPC's Nursery, located on the second floor, is available for any child under the age of 6. We also have a playground in the parlor – a space for parents and younger children to be close to the sanctuary during worship.
- **Worship bags** for children of all ages are located in the lobby. When you are finished with the bag, please put it in the basket so that it can be replenished and straightened.
- Extra hymnals, including large print, and Bibles are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- The sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop. Please switch your hearing aid to t-coil to use. *Please see your audiologist to activate your t-coil if you haven't done so yet.* Headsets are also available. **Please sit in center section of Sanctuary.**



Faith Formation Programs:

- **FBI-In-Training** is our Faith Formation program for children age 2 through Pre-K.
- **FBI** (Faithful Bible Investigators) is our Faith Formation program for children in grades K-5.
 - FBI & FBI-In-Training meet every Wednesday during the school year at 3:45 pm.
- **God Squad** is our 6th-8th grade Youth Bible Study that meets every other Wednesday during the school year from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Youth Room or a restaurant.
- **HeBrews** is our 9th-12th grade Youth Bible Study that meets every Thursday during the school year at 7:00 am at Mokas on Crawford. The name is derived from *Hebrews 10:25*.

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: *Every Member of Congregation*

Pastor/ Head of Staff: *Rev. Phil Price*

Administrative Coordinator: *Nicole Olson*

Bookkeeper: *Kathleen Pierson*

Building & Grounds Coordinator: *Steve Fowler*

Week Day Custodian: *Dennis Augustine*

Sunday Custodian: *Kirsten Lilak*

Children's Ministry Director: *Heidi Paquin*

CE Assistant: *Meghan Hessman*

Nursery Caregivers: *Kirsten Lilak & Haley Lindenmuth*

Youth Volunteer Leaders: *Makenzi & Trey Cullins*,

Music Director: *Dr. Richard Koshgarian*

Musician: *Parker Freeland*

Worship A/V Tech: *Jesse Smith*

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