



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LED BY CHRIST, TOGETHER IN FAITH AND LOVE, WE JOYFULLY THINK, QUESTION, GROW AND SERVE!

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 10, 2024



Wandering Heart: *"I'm fixed upon it"*

Beseeching | Artist Statement | [@sanctifiedart.org](https://sanctifiedart.org)

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 16:21-23; *Ink on paper*

"God forbid it!" says Peter to Jesus. In this image, Peter beseeches Jesus to avoid the cross, to not let the prophecies become reality.—[Hannah Garrity](#)

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Phil Price

*please sign the act of friendship pad

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On our worst days,

All: God is good.

One: On our best days,

All: God is good.

One: When life is consistent,

All: God is good.

One: And when life turns on its head,

All: God is good.

One: Day and night, Monday through Sunday,

All: God is good. God is here. God is love.

One: Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

God Is Here!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!" We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts we pray.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Nothing can separate us from God's love, not even a stubborn attitude or a tense heart. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: God's love for us will always be deeper than we can imagine.

All: We are seen. We are loved. And we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory to God

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!***

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

***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.***

CHILDREN'S TIME

Heidi Paquin

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Page 746 OT

One: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Fettke

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-23

Page 28 NT

One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I'm Fixed Upon It

Pastor Phil

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

One: I believe in a God of second chances,

All: a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.

One: I believe that this God of people like Peter to do good in the world.

All: Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.

One: I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible. I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.

All: This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.

One: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

All: Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Behold the Lamb

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*DOXOLOGY

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



The white carnation on the chancel is in memory of Ian Harris, Bev Zizumbo's grandson.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Ann Knowles*

Usher: *Jan Denning*

Hospitality Hosts: *Tom & Eva Winkler*

Words of Love

During Lent, Faithful Bible Investigators (FBI) are asking for your help in creating the bulletin board in the lobby near the sanctuary entrance. Each week a new question will be posted on a different colored heart. The children's answers will be displayed with the question heart. We are asking that you provide a response for each question on the appropriately colored heart so that your heart can be added to our display. Hearts and sharpies will be set out in the sanctuary. Please answer the question on a construction paper heart and leave in the sanctuary near the back ledge or on the table in the lobby. Additional colored hearts will be left on the table in case you miss a particular question on any given Sunday. Please help us by telling us what you think!

This week's question is...

What is something kind that has been done for you when you were not feeling your best? (Colored heart: Green)

Weekly Glance

SUNDAY, March 10

Video/Discussion – Conf Room 11:15am

TUESDAY, March 12

Personnel Cmte, 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY, March 13

Salina Grace Meal Prep, 9:00am

Salina Grace Lunch Service, 10:30am

SATURDAY, March 16

Easter Card Making Class, 10:00am

SUNDAY, March 17

Video/Discussion – Conf Room 9:00am

Worship – Sanctuary, 10:00am

Video/Discussion – Conf Room 11:15am

Looking Forward

- ❖ March 21 is Greater Salina Community Foundation **Match Madness** at Salina Fieldhouse.
- ❖ Easter Choral Cantata is March 24 on Palm Sunday
- ❖ Maundy Thursday Service is at 6:00pm on March 28 in the chapel.
- ❖ Easter is March 31

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YEARS

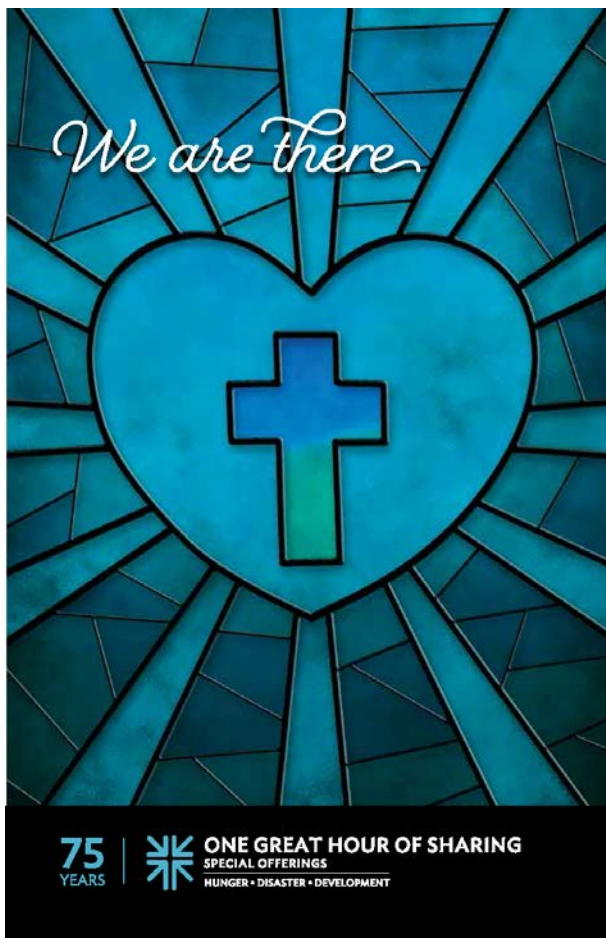


ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) has been the single, largest way Presbyterians come together to make a difference in the world. How does this offering impact local, national and international communities?

- \$3.1 million was granted by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in 27 states in the U.S. and 35 countries around the globe.
- \$1.2 million in the form of 90 grants from the Presbyterian Hunger Program helped to address hunger in 22 countries, including the U.S.
- 56 partners were supported by the Self-Development of People: 19 national partners, 26 mid council partners and 11 international partners all partnered with communities to overcome oppression and injustice.

This Lent, you can provide safety, sustenance and hope to our most vulnerable siblings in Christ. Remember, when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Please give generously to **One Great Hour of Sharing** today.



*Every time we set a table where all hungry hearts can eat;
every time we welcome neighbors and we add an extra seat;
and every time we live as servants,
free to wash each other's feet,
IN OUR LIVING, IN OUR GIVING, WE ARE THERE.*

WE ARE THERE, with the Middle East Council of Churches, repairing damage to alleviate the suffering of the Syrian people following a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake.



HOUSE RESTORATION - VILLAT

WE ARE THERE, with Caridad Gardens, a Las Vegas-based nonprofit dedicated to "humanizing the homeless, and repairing what's broken due to trauma and destitution."



CARIDAD GARDENS

WE ARE THERE, with Kasupe Ministries in Malawi, helping women who are repairing their world to overcome challenges made worse by a cyclone that destroyed crops and the ongoing impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic that has decimated their community.



AMINA



Order Easter Flowers!

You are invited to purchase Easter plants by March 26th. These plants will decorate the Chancel on Easter Sunday. All donors and those memorialized or honored will be featured in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

The cost is \$14.00.

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

I would like to purchase _____ Easter Plant(s)

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

Given in Memory of:

OR

Given in Honor of:

Do you wish to donate the plant(s)? ☐Yes ☐No

Plants may be picked up after the Easter Sunday Service. If you would prefer, you may donate the plant and it will be distributed as gifts to the homebound.

Return this form with your payment of \$14 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*.
- **Midweek Manna** is our Wednesday evening worship of fellowship, communion, praise and dinner during the school year for all ages.

CHURCH STAFF

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