



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024



Wandering Heart: "Teach Me"

Seventy-seven Times | Artist Statement | @sanctifiedart.org

by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman; Inspired by Matthew 18:15-22; *Digital painting*

This piece contains seventy-seven people and flowers to represent the abundance of grace that Jesus calls us into. The gold represents the divine presence of empathy, compassion, grace, and love throughout this dance from isolation toward community, from brokenness toward wholeness, and from guilt and shame toward freedom.—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Phil Price

*please sign the act of friendship pad

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Why are you here?

All: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

One: I see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.

All: Why are you here?

One: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

All: We see that in you! You're in the right place. This is God's house. The door is open to you.

One: Let us worship God.

All: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

*OPENING HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you "Rabbi, Teacher." Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, "How many times should we forgive?"—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray...

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, when Peter asked Jesus, "How many ... God's love will never run out. So believe and live this good news:

All: We are forgiven. We are loved. We are invited to serve. Thanks be to God! 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 worshipping 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 119:9-16

Page 755 OT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Look at the World

Rutter

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-22

Page 30 NT

One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seventy-seven Times

Pastor Phil

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

One: We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

All: "How many times should I forgive?" "Jesus, where are you going?" "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

One: We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

All: "Where does it hurt?" "What do you need?" "How can I help?"

One: We believe that God is a teacher.

All: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." "Here I am." "Send me."

One: We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

All: with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.

One: We believe. Help our unbelief.

All: In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

#444

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hakes

*DOXOLOGY

#609

***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

Be Thou My Vision

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chancel flowers given by Margaret & Bruce Wyatt
in memory of Evelyn & Floyd Palm.



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Becky Cram*

Usher: *Amanda Littell*

Hospitality Hosts: *Cheri Parr, Toni Renfro and Laura Skidmore*

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...

Who or what, such as an object, song, or words, helps you feel brave?

(Colored heart: **Blue**)

**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**

Weekly Glance

SUNDAY, March 17

Video/Discussion – Conf Room 11:15am

MONDAY, March 18

Session, 5:15 pm Conference Room

TUESDAY, March 19

Primary Voting – Conf Room All Day

Deacons, 4:30pm Hope Room

WEDNESDAY, March 20

Salina Grace Meal Prep, 9:00am

Salina Grace Lunch Service, 10:30am

FBI, 3:30 pm

Midweek Manna, 5:15 pm Blair Hall

God Squad, 6:30 pm Youth Room

THURSDAY, March 21

Hebrews, 7 am Mokas

Match Madness at Salina Fieldhouse

SUNDAY, March 24

Palm Sunday

Video/Discussion – Conf Room 9:00am

Choral Cantata – Sanctuary, 10:00am

Video/Discussion – Conf Room 11:15am

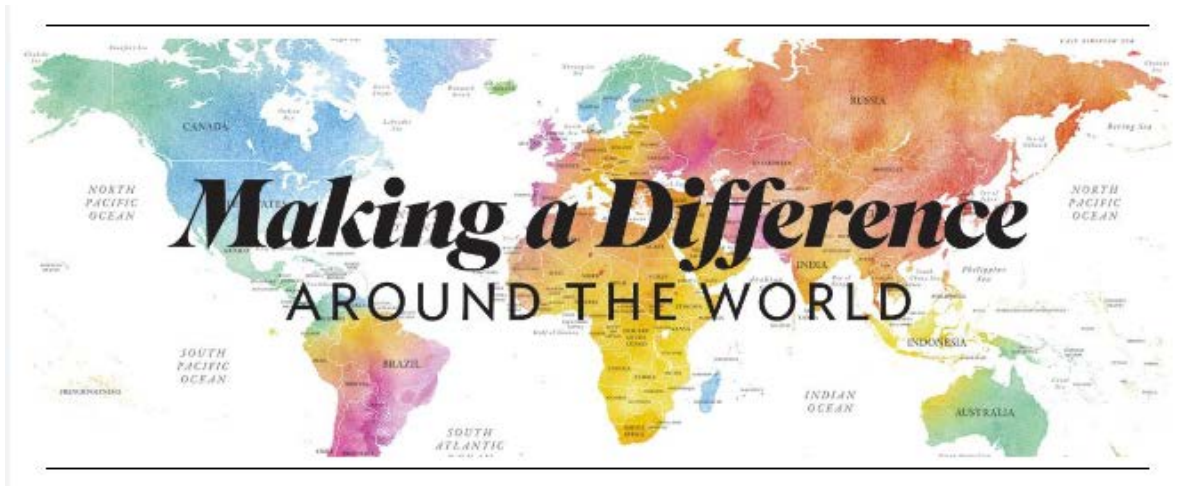
Looking Forward

- ❖ 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



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For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing
has connected us in God's healing, tending and growing
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Each day at or after a meal time, gather around this map activity. Consider the reflection and questions, place a coin or a bill (a "gift") in your fish coin bank or a jar, and end by saying the prayer of the week or one of your own.

For more locations and ministries, go to pcusa.org/oghsmap.

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Use the envelope on the Sanctuary back wall to insert your check *made out to First Presbyterian Church* or cash and put in the offering plate. FPC will send all money collected to One Great Hour of Sharing for you.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.



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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