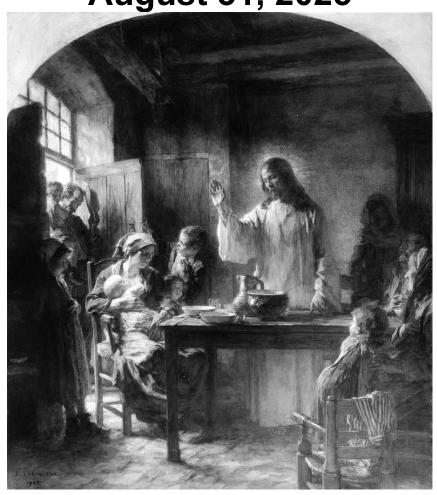
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Led by Christ, Together in Faith and Love, We Joyfully Think, Question, Grow & Serve!

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2025



Among the Humble
Léon Augustin Lhermitte, 1905
*for those who wish to stand
Bold print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Virginia Bairby from the Presbyterian Outlook

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME Pastor Phil Price

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 80)

One: Gathered to worship God,

All: we are all right where we belong.

One: Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

All: we approach God with joy in our hearts.

One: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

All: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

*OPENING HYMN Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength

#56

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God alone has the authority to judge, and by the grace of Jesus Christ, God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin. Believe and live the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and freed.

*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

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Page 725 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 First Song of Isaiah White

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:1, 7-14 Page 105 NT

One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Table Manners Pastor Phil Price

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Amen.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

When Morning Gilds the Skies

#667

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 Glorify Calloway

*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 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak #722

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: Randy Hardy
Hospitality Host: Betsy Scholten
Ushers: Speer Family

"Another School Shooting"

A prayer written by Bruce Reyes-Chow, August 27, 2025 from his online newsletter "The Amalgamation"

Let us pray,

Another school shooting, God, your will is not being done.

Today, we lift up those who have lost their lives to another act of gun violence in a place where minds, spirits, and bodies are meant to thrive, not cease to be. For those whose lives have been lost, we lift them to you, oh God. We lift up their families, friends, and communities as they grieve and mourn this day and for the days, months, years, and lifetime ahead.

We cannot imagine the terror that teachers, administrators, staff, and children must have felt, so we also lift up those who will live with the memories of the sounds, the smells, the images, and the trauma of the day. May they find hope and healing in the ways and in the time they need.

Give us the courage not to choose again to repay these acts of violence with more acts of violence, but repay them with acts of peace. Give us wisdom not to choose a future of active shooter drills, bulletproof backpacks, and armed educators over a future of cultivating educational spaces where young people can thrive, flourish, and grow in body, mind, and spirit, as you hope and intend.

And may school shootings cease to be the norm.

Amen.

Weekly Glance

SUNDAY, August 31: 10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary MONDAY, September 1: Labor Day Holiday – FPC Closed TUESDAY, September 2: 4:00pm – Nominating Committee

5:15pm – Faith Formation Committee

WEDNESDAY, 4:00pm - FBI

September 3: 4:30pm – Worship Committee

6:30pm - GodSquad at Church

6:30pm - Choir Practice

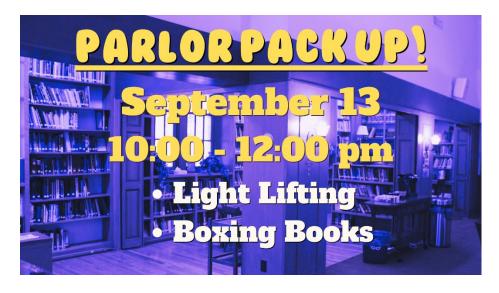
THURSDAY, September 7:00am - Hebrews, Mokas

4: 3:30pm – Building & Grounds Committee

SUNDAY, September 7: 10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

Looking Forward









You are invited to sign up, using the form below, as a Sunday Chancel flower donor for any Sunday in 2025. 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 Ceep 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 prayground 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.
 - o 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: Regina Miller

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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