

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

*please sign the act of friendship pad

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 worshipping 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


A graphic for an annual coat drive. It features a dark background with a zipper on the left. The word "ANNUAL" is written in white, "salina" in green, "coat" in pink, and "drive" in blue. To the right, the word "COLLECTING" is in blue, followed by "for all ages" in white. Below this, there are two bullet points in green: "• New and gently used coats" and "• Hats" and "• Gloves". At the bottom right, "Thru October 5!" is written in pink, and "Questions? Contact Jan Denning" is in white.

ANNUAL **COLLECTING** for all ages

- New and gently used coats
- Hats
- Gloves

salina coat drive **Thru October 5!**

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A graphic for a book packing event. It features a background image of a library with bookshelves. The text "PARLOR PACK UP!" is in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below it, "September 13" is in yellow, and "10:00 - 12:00 pm" is in yellow. At the bottom, there are two bullet points in white: "• Light Lifting" and "• Boxing Books".

PARLOR PACK UP!

September 13
10:00 - 12:00 pm

- Light Lifting
- Boxing Books

A graphic for an all-church potluck. It features a dark green background. The text "ALL CHURCH POTLUCK" is in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, "September 28" is in orange, and "11:00am" is in orange. At the bottom, there is a wooden sign that says "Sunnyside Pumpkin Patch" in black. To the right of the sign are three pumpkins: one large orange one, one medium green one, and one small orange one.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

September 28
11:00am

**Sunnyside
Pumpkin Patch**



Chancel Flowers

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 ☐ **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: *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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