

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Basílica de la Sagrada Família*

**September 7, 2025**

\*for those who wish to stand

**Bold** print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Julia Burkley from the Presbyterian Outlook

### **GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Phil Price

\*please sign the act of friendship pad

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 139 and Jeremiah 18)

One: Like clay on a wheel

**All: God forms us: shaping us, molding us, creating us.**

One: And like moldable clay,

**All: God continues to shape us.**

One: Let us worship God.

\*OPENING HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

#213

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Creator God, you know us better than anyone else. You formed us in your own image. And yet, we sometimes stray from the gift you've given us. We keep people at a distance, letting systemic and personal barriers get in the way of relationships. Forgive us, Lord. Let us hear your call to change and do better. Empower us to ask for forgiveness from those whom we have wronged. Help us to think of you and those around us.**

*TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Friends, the good news is this: God is not done with us. Our Creator is still forming and shaping us, forgiving us, and allowing us to grow.

Hear 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                      Jeremiah 18:1-11                      Page 948 OT

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM                                      *Prayer of the Children*                                      Bestor

SCRIPTURE READING                      Luke 14:25-33                      Page 106 NT

One: This is God's word to us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                                      *Towers of Discipleship*                                      Pastor Phil Price

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION                      *I Come with Joy*                                      #515

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (written by Rev. Thom M. Shuman)

One: The Potter of life be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Love of God, lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the One who reshapes them into grace.**

One: People of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: We praise the One who has shaped us for love and service.**

One: With joy we praise you, Creating God.... singing to your glory:

**All: Holy, holy, holy are you, God who shapes us with hands of grace and hope. Your wonderful works of creation praise your name. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes, appealing to us on the basis of love. Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Holy are you, Redeeming God... we remember that mystery we call faith:

**All: Christ died, having counted the cost.**

**Christ was raised, laying the foundation of resurrection.**

**Christ will come, refreshing our hearts for all eternity.**

One: Spirit of the Living God, renew us... were taught to pray, saying:

## 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.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today's communion is served by intinction. After the choir is served, please come forward using the center aisle. Please take a piece of bread and then dip it into the cup and commune. Then, please return to your seat.

## 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

*A Gaelic Blessing*

Rutter

\*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

*Jesus Calls Us*

#720

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

### **TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:**

Communion Preparation: *Margaret & Bruce Wyatt*

Communion Servers: *Margaret & Bruce Wyatt*

Worship Assistant: *Ruth Ascher*

Hospitality Hosts: *Becky & Tim Maguffee*

Ushers: *The Payne Family*

## **Weekly Glance**

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

9:00 & 11:15 – Gun Violence Discussion:

Gun Culture and the end of American Christianity

**MONDAY, September 8:** Coffee & Card Making, 9:30 a.m. Conf Room

Personnel Committee, 3:30p.m. Conf Room



**WEDNESDAY, September 10:** Salina Grace meal prep and lunch serving  
Stewardship Committee, 3:30 p.m.  
FBI, 4:00pm  
Choir Practice, 6:30pm

**THURSDAY, September 11:** HeBrews, 7:00am

**SATURDAY, September 13:** Parlor Pack-up, 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY, September 14:** 10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary  
9:00 & 11:15 – Gun Violence Discussion:  
Enough Already

## Looking Forward



**PARLOR PACK UP!**

**September 13**  
**10:00 - 12:00 pm**

- **Light Lifting**
- **Boxing Books**

*Coffee & Donuts*



**SJM**  
SOCIAL JUSTICE MISSION

Assemble  
Weekend Food Bags  
After Worship  
September 21

**MATTHEW 25**

**Salina GRACE**



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

**FPC PUMPKIN PATCH POTLUCK**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28**

11:00-1:00 FPC Potluck in the Barn  
11:00-7:30p Enjoy the Patch!

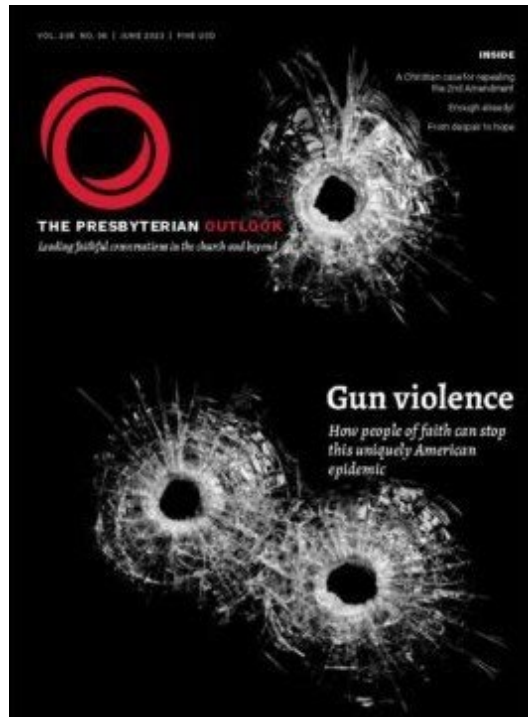
Potluck Style, Please bring to share a:  
Main Dish: Last Names A-I  
Side Dish: Last Names J-R  
Dessert: Last Names S-Z

Sunnyside Pumpkin Patch, 11500 S Hopkins Road  
Assaria, KS 67416

# **Adult Education**

**Sunday's, 9:00 & 11:15**

*Pick up the articles on the table by Pastor Phil's study.*



## ***September 7th “Gun Culture and the End of American Christianity”***

Christopher Hays ponders where we can find hope in a worsening situation.

## ***September 14th “Enough Already”***

Otis Moss III wonders when we will love enough to recognize everyone's right to live.

## ***September 21st “Do Not Destroy the One for Whom Christ Died”***

David Lincicum makes a Christian case for repealing the Second Amendment.

## ***October 5th “Presbyterian Gun Owners Address the Complexities”***

For gun-owning Presbyterians, control is—and isn't—a cut-and-dried issue.

***October 12th “From Despair to Hope: Mobilizing Your Church to End Gun Violence”*** Gun violence prevention minister Deanna Hollas unmask the powers behind the gun violence epidemic in the United States and provides proven actions we can take to help save lives.



### **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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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*.

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Ministers: *Every Member of Congregation*  
Pastor/ Head of Staff: *Rev. Phil Price*  
Administrative Coordinator: *Nicole Olson*  
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