# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

# World Communion Sunday October 5, 2025



\*for those who wish to stand **Bold** print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Rev. Sarah Speed/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org

# **GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME Pastor Phil Price

\*please sign the act of friendship pad

BREATH PRAYER Inhale: "God, what I have," Exhale: "Is yours, not mine."

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: If you are hungry,

All: there is room at God's table.

One: If you are weary,

All: there is a seat saved for you.

One: If you dream of belonging, then we will practice belonging here. From

north, south, east, and west, God invites us home.

All: Let us worship our nourishing God.

\*OPENING HYMN

For Everyone Born

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**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Creator God, we hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves, to live like we belong to one another. And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind. Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us. Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation. Forgive us for assuming that you being with us means you cannot be with others too. Our gaze has been too narrow. Open our hearts. Expand our understanding. Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world. Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation. With hope in our hearts we pray.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

# ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Family of faith, I don't know what this past week has looked like for you, .... Trusting in this good news, join me in the words of forgiveness:

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 Lamentations 3:19-26 Page 1009 OT

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

for ever.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM In The Garden Larson

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:5-10 Page 109 NT

One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Choosing Faith Pastor Phil Price

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Generosity, Bruce Reyes-Chow

One: We believe in the Generous spirit of God. God has been generous to us, so we give back to God all that we have the courage and faith to offer. When the fear of scarcity causes us to forsake abundance,

All: We choose generosity.

One: When the insidiousness of convenience causes us to avoid discomfort,

All: We choose generosity.

One: When capitalism makes us want to commodify what we offer,

All: We choose generosity.

One: When arrogance causes us to tie strings to our gifts,

All: We choose generosity.

One: When despair causes us to ask, "Why bother?"

All: We choose generosity.

One: When we forget that we have chosen to believe that, in life and in

death, we belong to God,

All: We choose generosity. We choose generosity because God has been generous to us.

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION Come to the Table of Grace

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God ... we weave our voices together in prayer, saying together the words your son taught us 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 remember to bring your "I choose generosity" care with you as you come forward for communion.* 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 <a href="https://www.fpcsalina.org/give">https://www.fpcsalina.org/give</a>. To give over the phone, text FPCSalina and your dollar amount to 73256 or download our Realm Connect App.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** 

The Peace of God

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

O God of Every Nation

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

# **TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:**

Communion Preparation: Flo Van Meter & Marcia Anderson

Communion Server: Marcia Anderson

Worship Assistant: Ruth Ascher Hospitality Host: Liz Carroll

Usher: Cheri Parr



Jesus's life, death, and resurrection were acts of generosity that push us to reimagine abundance, scarcity, and what is enough. I choose to believe that God is a generous God. And I believe we can become generous too.

Bruce Reyes-Chow

# Weekly Glance

SUNDAY, October 5: 9:00am -- Adult Class

10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary

11:15am - Adult Class

MONDAY, October 6: 9:30pm - Coffee & Card Making

3:30pm – Personnel Committee

**TUESDAY**, **October 7**: 5:15pm – Faith Formation Committee

WEDNESDAY, October 8: Salina Grace meal prep & serve

4:00pm - FBI

6:30pm - GodSquad

6:30pm - Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, October 9:** 6:00pm – Women's Painting Party

SUNDAY, October 12: 9:00am - Adult Class

10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary

11:15am - Adult Class

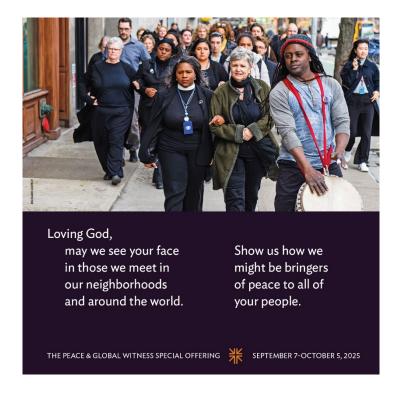
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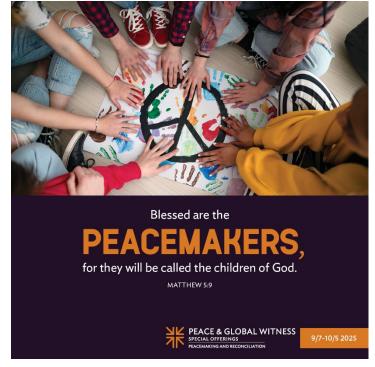
















# For Your Information:

- 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 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*.

# **CHURCH STAFF**

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Pastor/ Head of Staff: Rev. Phil Price
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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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