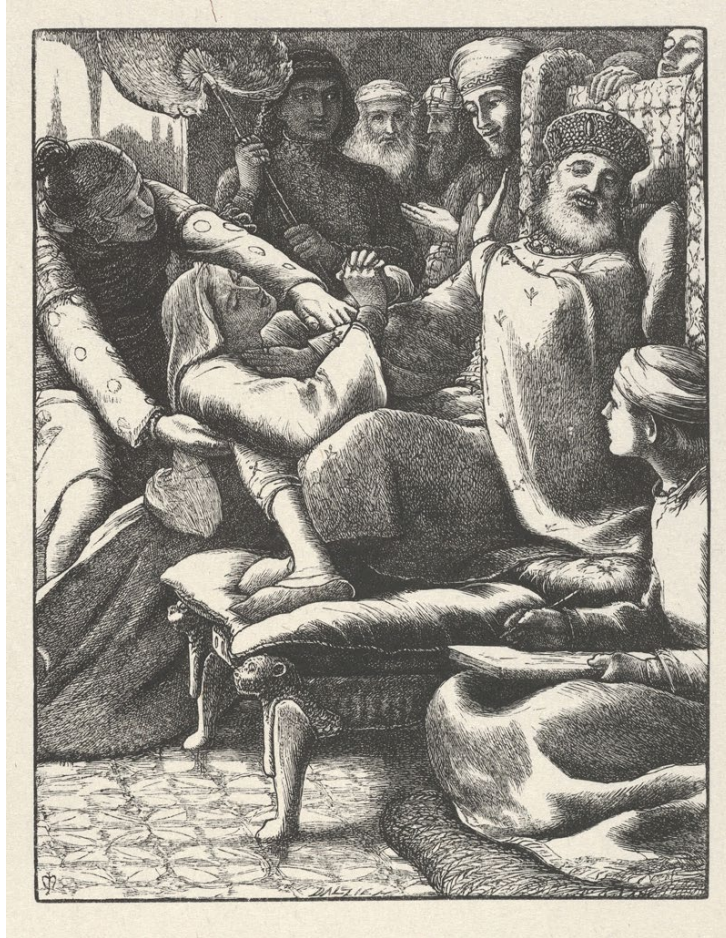


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025



Unjust Judge and the Importunate Widow

John Everett Millais, 1864

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Matthew A. Rich for Presbyterian Outlook, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*please sign the act of friendship pad

Rev. Dr. Martha Murchison

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 121 & 2 Timothy 4*)

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

All: Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

One: With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

*OPENING HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more. Friends, believe and live the good news:

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

Isaiah 65:17-25

Page 917 OT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Is He Worthy?

Sorenson

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

Page 110 NT

One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

On Not Losing Heart

Rev. Dr. Martha Murchison

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

Let Us Build a House

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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

A Gaelic Blessing

Rutter

***DOXOLOGY**

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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**

God of Grace and God of Glory

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The chancel flowers were given by Jan & Gary Denning in
memory of Jack Howard.*



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Craig Renfro*

Hospitality Host: *Liz Carroll*

Ushers: *Speer Family*

*With a posture of plenty, wisdom, and faith I
offer back to God. What I have is not mine
to store up and hoard. What I do is not
meant for acknowledgment and affirmation.
What I believe is not meant to remain
stagnant and stale..* Bruce Reyes-Chow

*we give with
grateful hearts
and generous
spirit*



Weekly Glance

SUNDAY, October 19: 10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

MONDAY, October 20: 4:00pm – Stewardship Committee
5:15pm – Session

TUESDAY, October 21: 4:30 pm – Deacons

WEDNESDAY, October 22: Salina Grace meal prep & serve
4:00pm – FBI at Presbyterian Manor
6:30pm – God Squad
6:30pm – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, October 23: 7:00am – HeBrews

SUNDAY, October 26: 10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

Looking Forward

Pastor Appreciation Month
OCTOBER 2025

FBI BAKE SALE

a fundraiser for Heartland Day Camp
Don't Miss It

**SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER
RIGHT AFTER WORSHIP**

For a Donation.....take home a
sweet treat an support FPC
Summer Camp 2026!

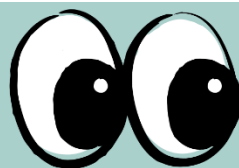
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE
BAKED GOODS CONTACT HEIDI
HEIDI@FPCSALINA.ORG

Any unsold baked goods
will be donated to
Salina Grace!



Fill the
FREEZER

Sunday
November 23
11:00 - 1:00PM
Kitchen



Watch Out for

Social Justice &
Mission will be
hosting
informational talks
for our community!



SOUNDBITES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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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