

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025



*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

Rev. Dr. Martha Murchison

*please sign the act of friendship pad

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Luke 18:1-4)*

One: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

All: We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God's truth.

*OPENING HYMN *I Greet Thee, Who my Sure Redeemer Art*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Amen

*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

Isaiah 43:1-5

Page 886 OT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Who But the Lord?

Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

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One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Grace and Gratitude

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.

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

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Be Kind

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***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**

How Firm a Foundation

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers were given by Alice Herrman in memory of Frank Herrman and in honor of Jay Wagner; and also given by The Family of A. Jay Andersen in memory of A. Jay.



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Cyndy Knutson*

Hospitality Host: *Liz Carroll*

Ushers: *Boyd & Heather Smith*



What I have, what I do, what I believe come from God, with a spirit of hopeful joy, with a posture of abundant generosity, with trust in God that the world would deny. Bruce Reyes-Chow

Weekly Glance

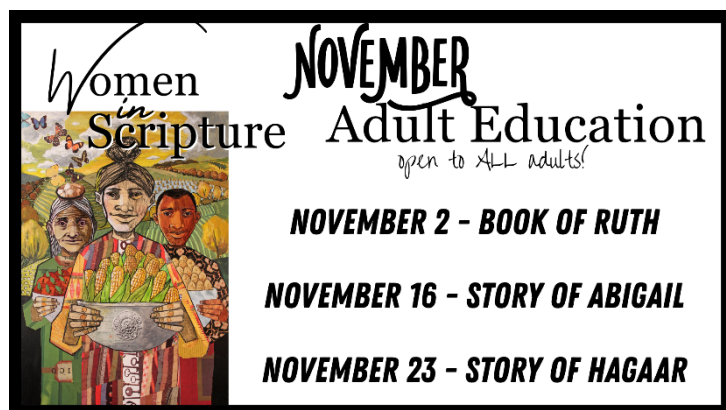
SUNDAY, October 26: 10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am – Pop-Up Mission, Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, October 29: Salina Grace meal prep & serve
4:00pm – FBI
6:30pm – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, October 30: 7:00am – HeBrews

October 31 - November 10: Mirna & Gerber from Juntos Guatemala visit

SUNDAY, November 2: 9:00am – Adult Ed
10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary
Pack Weekend Food Bags
11:15am – Adult Ed



During November, in the conference room at 9:00 and 11:15 am, respectively, Martha Murchison will offer Bible stories which delve into the lives of women in the Hebrew scriptures. Many times, we have read these stories and have not thought deeply about the issues involved in the lives of the characters. It also may be that we've never heard the stories. If you can read the scripture before class, great, but come even if you haven't had time to read.

- **November 2:** We will read and discuss the book of Ruth, which is about grief, depression, migration, and navigating patriarchal systems.
- **November 16:** We tell the story of Abigail found in I Samuel 25:2-43. It's about a brave and courageous woman who saves her household from the mistakes of her husband, Nabal. (His name literally means the fool)
- **November 23:** We tell the story of Hagar found in Genesis 16 and 21:1:1-20. It's about divorce, spousal abandonment, child abandonment and angels coming to help.

All adults welcome, not just women!

Looking Forward





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

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