



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LED BY CHRIST, TOGETHER IN FAITH AND  
LOVE, WE JOYFULLY THINK, QUESTION,  
GROW AND SERVE!

### FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 30, 2018

\*for those who wish to stand

**Bold print indicates congregational participation**

#### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are brought together by the call of God,

**All: The One who has loved us from the beginning.**

One: We are bound together by the presence of the Spirit,

**All: The One who has challenged us to love more deeply.**

One: We worship together in the name of Christ,

**All: The One who was Love made flesh.**

One: Let us worship God together!

\*OPENING HYMN

*Let All Things Now Living*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Keith Phillips

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we have seen the Christ child in the manger, and we know that you are a light to all people. Forgive us when our lives are not shaped by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open to the leading of your spirit, when our hands are not open to help a neighbor in need. Speak your good news to us once more, forgive us, and bring us peace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON

*Gloria Patri*

#581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.*

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

Shelby Dickson

*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.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children may now be seated with their parents or those 5 and younger may leave for the nursery)

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

*Colossians 3:12-17* (pg. 272, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Noël*

L.C. Daquin

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 2:41-52* (pg. 81, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Once Upon a Time...*

Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE 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

*Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple*

#148

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## 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

Opportunities to serve this week

Invitation to Give

(Please sign the Act of Friendship sheet and pass it down the pew)

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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### \*OFFERING PRAYER

## SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

### \*SENDING HYMN

*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

#159

### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God Welcomes All*

#399 (sing twice)

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. It also consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## POSTLUDE

## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

**Coffee Hostess:** Cheri Parr

**Ushers:** Stephanie Ames, Margaret Wyatt

**Deacons Flower Deliverer:** Ann Knowles

**Greeters:** Ruth & Steve Ascher

**Manor Bus Driver:** Sunrise Presbyterian

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## NO MIDWEEK MANNA

There will be NO MidWeek Manna on January 2. We will resume on January 9 with an FBI Bible skit and Martinelli's soup and sandwiches!

## COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE: JANUARY 2

The deadline for committee reports for the FPC Annual Report is fast approaching: **Wednesday, Jan. 2nd.** We're going to try something different this year and make the annual report more like the monthly FPC newsletter and a cause for celebration! That means that for each committee report, the need is simple: submit three (3) things that your committee accomplished and celebrated in 2018, and, looking ahead, three (3) goals for your committee in 2019. Please send to Beth in the church office ([beth@fpcsalina.org](mailto:beth@fpcsalina.org)) and include photographs with your submissions.

## EPIPHANY AND BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Things don't slow down as the new year begins and the holidays end. They just seem to speed up. Still, the calendar is (relatively) kind to churches in 2019. Instead of bunching together both Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord on one Sunday, the two important events in the life of the church can be celebrated separately this year. Epiphany, which will be marked on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, is the celebration of God's manifestation, or self-revelation, to the world in Jesus Christ. The Lord's Baptism, on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, helps us to remember not only Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River, but also to reaffirm our own baptismal covenant. (On that day, we'll also install our new church officers.)

## NEW OFFICER TRAINING AND INSTALLATION: JANUARY 12-13

Are you ready for some PIE? PIE stands for "Partners in Education," but also means lots and lots of yummy slices of your favorite kind of pie, served up warm and with ice cream. That's the treat promised to new officers who attend the mandatory training session on Saturday, January 12th in Blair Hall. (Installation of new officers will be Sunday, January 13th, during worship.) Joining us for the new officer training will be our friends from Sunrise Presbyterian Church, and other churches from the presbytery may also participate, too. This is always a fun way to learn -- and make new friends. Join us!

## VISIONING FOR ALL FPC OFFICERS

The FPC Session has done good, hard work in studying "Sailboat Church" by Joan S. Gray over the past few months. It has helped put us in a frame of vision to look toward the future and the next steps that God is calling our church to take. As a next step, all FPC church officers -- new and old -- are asked to take part in the kickoff to a 2019 Visioning Project, using the book "Canoeing the Mountains" by Tod Bolsinger. The gathering will take place from noon until 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> in Blair Hall, following New Officers' training.

## **COMING UP THIS WEEK AT FPC:**

*Did we make a mistake? We want to correct it!*

*Email [office@fpcsalina.org](mailto:office@fpcsalina.org) and we'll fix it.*

### **SUNDAY, December 30**

Adult Ed Class – Hope Room, 9 am

Nursery Open – 9:45 am

Worship - Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

### **MONDAY, December 31 – *New Year's Eve***

Mail January *News* – Hope Room, 10:30 am

### **TUESDAY, January 1 – *New Year's Day***

FPC CLOSED

### **WEDNESDAY, January 2**

NO FBI

NO MIDWEEK MANNA

Staff Meeting – Hope Room, 10:30 am

### **SUNDAY, January 6**

Adult Ed Class – Hope Room, 9 am

Nursery Open – 9:45 am

Worship - Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

Blood Pressure Checks – Parlor, 11:30 am



### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: JANUARY 27**

On Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, First Presbyterian Church of Salina will gather in Blair Hall to celebrate and worship at the annual Congregational Meeting. As part of the worship service that day, we'll celebrate what took place in 2018 and prayerfully deliberate our goals – where God may be leading us in 2019 and into the future. Join us for the fun and excitement!

### **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE NEEDS TOILETRY ITEMS**

Thank you to all who have contributed toiletry items. The Worship & Music Committee will be distributing these items during February to help children and youth who must make sudden changes in their living arrangements. You may drop off the items in the collection basket in the church lobby any time you are at the church.

### **BRING YOUR QUARTERS TO SUPPORT LAUNDRY LOVE!**

A project of Salina Shares, Laundry Love is the FPC Deacons' Bee the Church project for this year. What happens at Laundry Love? Laundry Love helps low-income individuals and families throughout our community wash their clothes and bedding. Volunteers feed the machines and provide a few snacks and drinks, too, to create a fun atmosphere. The Deacons are asking the congregation to support this effort with donations of quarters (or whatever denomination of cash you have!) into our Laundry Love Jug. It will be located every Sunday somewhere outside the south doors of the Sanctuary. A date and laundromat location for our event will be announced in early 2019. So, let's collect quarters for the Love of clean Laundry for all our less-fortunate neighbors!

### **COME TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOGA AT FPC**

Anytime is a perfect time to join Yoga at FPC! Yoga classes take place at FPC on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. in the youth annex. Stop by any Wednesday to stretch those muscles, slow down and listen to your inner self, too. All levels of ability are welcome for an integration of body, mind and the spirit. If you have any questions, email [yoga@fpcsalina.org](mailto:yoga@fpcsalina.org).

## FPC CLOSED AT NOON JANUARY 4

The FPC office will be closing at noon on Friday, January 4, so that staff may attend staff training.

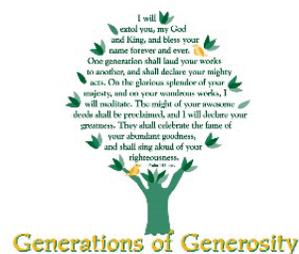
## BOY SCOUT CHILI SUPPER: JANUARY 25



Boy Scouts Troop 2 will host their 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Supper on Friday, January 25, in Blair Hall from 5-8 p.m. Scouts will be selling tickets at FPC on January 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> before and after worship. Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$6 for Children (12 & under). The price of the ticket includes chili (with 2<sup>nd</sup> serving), relish, crackers, drink, and dessert. Carryout is available. Donations from the chili supper are used for summer camp and other adventures, including camping equipment and the upkeep of the Scouts' trailer.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2019 GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY

THANK YOU!! to all who have returned pledge cards, and to all route leaders who have kept track and diligently returned the boxes to the church. The campaign is officially over, but we are still accepting pledges so that we can reach our challenge goal of \$530,000. As of December 26, \$480,005.40 has been pledged for the coming year, with 60% of pledges received increased from 2018. If you have not sent in your pledge, please prayerfully consider your level of giving and send your pledge in as soon as possible.

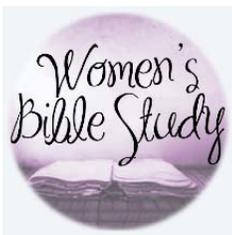


There are many options in paying your pledge:

- You may pre-pay your 2019 pledge in 2018. We must receive your pre-paid pledge on or before December 31, 2018, to receive contribution credit for 2018.
- You may pay your 2019 pledge online at <http://www.fpcsalina.org/stewardship/donate>
- FPC can automatically withdraw your pledge from your bank account.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Melanie in the Business Office at (785) 825-0226, or via email at [melanie@fpcsalina.org](mailto:melanie@fpcsalina.org).

## NEXT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY JANUARY 7



This group meets the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Hope Room. The new Horizons Women's Bible study program, "God's Promise: I Am with You" 2018-2019 by Amy Poling Sutherlun is a fantastic program and a chance for us to learn and grow together on our faith journeys. Books are available in the office for \$10. For more information, please contact the Adult Education committee at [adulthoodeducation@fpcsalina.org](mailto:adulthoodeducation@fpcsalina.org).

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASS EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

We are excited to present an Adam Hamilton program, "Christianity and World Religions." This program has a video component to start each class in Hamilton's own words. No book is required. Classes are held before church services at 9 a.m. in the Hope Room through January 13. In the thoughtful, informative video presentations, Adam Hamilton deals openly and honestly with questions people ask about other religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism). Please contact the Adult Education Committee at our email address [adulthoodeducation@fpcsalina.org](mailto:adulthoodeducation@fpcsalina.org).

# ***Sign Up for Sunday Chancel Flowers!***

You are invited to sign up, using the form below, as a Sunday Chancel flower donor for any Sunday this year. 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 \$20.00. *Please contact the office with any questions at [office@fpcsalina.org](mailto:office@fpcsalina.org) or 785-825-0226.*

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Please list date desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list EXACTLY the way you want your name(s) listed as donor:

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Given in Memory of

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OR

Given in Honor of

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Return the form, with your payment of \$20.00, to  
First Presbyterian Church  
308 South 8<sup>th</sup>  
Salina, KS 67402-0585



1. Once upon a time there was a King...

2. And every day...

3. Until one day...

4. And because of that...

5. And because of that...

6. Until finally...

7. And from that day on...



# MIDWEEK MANNA



A contemporary service with weekly  
Dinner, Communion & Praise Band  
(free-will offering)

**JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 5:15 P.M.  
NO MIDWEEK MANNA ON JANUARY 2!**

- FPC's Nursery, located on the second floor, is available for infants and children ages 5 and younger.
- FPC encourages children ages 6 and older to remain in 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. Pew Art cards are also available in the pew racks.
- **FBI** (Faithful Bible Investigators) is our Christian Education program for children in grades K-5.
- **FBI-In-Training** is our Christian Education program for children age 2 through Pre-K.
- **HeBrews** is our 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Bible Study that meets every Thursday during the school year at 6:45 am at Mokas on Crawford. The name is derived from *Hebrews 10:25*.
- **God Squad** is our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Bible Study that meets every Tuesday during the school year from 6:30-7:30 pm at different Salina dining locations.
- **Adult Education Class** meets Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Hope Room.
- 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. An usher will be happy to help if you need assistance.



## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**

- Tan "Prayer Request" Cards are for prayer requests or concerns. These go to the Board of Deacons.
- Blue "We Care" Cards are for messages of care to persons of the congregation; these cards are mailed the next week. Cards are available in the back of the room. Please place the cards in the offering plate.
- Your "Prayer Concerns" can now be submitted online. Please visit [www.fpcsalina.org/ministries/prayer-concerns](http://www.fpcsalina.org/ministries/prayer-concerns) and they will be forwarded to a pastor.

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## **SUNDAY STAFF**

Lead Pastor/Head of Staff: *Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith*  
Director of Music: *Richard Koshgarian*  
Organist: *Angie Koshgarian*  
Head Custodian: *Ed Zoch*

Associate Pastor: *Rev. Keith Phillips*  
Director of Children's CE: *Shelby Dickson*  
Nursery Caregivers: *Briana Dundas, Gina Lamb*  
Custodian: *Tony Griggs*



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