



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

September 5, 2021

*for those who wish to stand

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*OPENING SENTENCES

One: The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

All: The lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

One: For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

All: The burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground spring water.

*OPENING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You love us with open arms, O Lord. Forgive us when we do not put our love into practice: when we do not challenge the injustice around us; when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share; when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment; when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole.

Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO PARDON

Gloria Patri

***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

*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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 146

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:31-37

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

People Jesus Loves

Rev. Dr. T. Ewen Holmes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith (11.3)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

EUCCHARIST HYMN

Together We Serve (vs 1 & 2)

#767

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: ...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

One: ...Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

***SENDING HYMN**

Take My Life

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS & STAFF:

Angie Koshgarian, Rev. Dr. Ewen Holmes, Jesse Smith, Steve Fowler, Dr. Richard Koshgarian, Flo Van Meter (Communion Preparation)

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: Randy Graham

Ushers: Lisa Anderson & Marcia Anderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark your calendars for a great church family event next Sunday. **The Stewardship Kickoff Ice Cream Social will be held in the Courtyard from 4 – 6 pm.**



Christian Education Kickoff set for September 15. FBI & FBI-in-Training will be held 3:45 – 5:15 pm. *Registration forms are available on the church webpage and in the church office.* **Midweek Manna** will begin 5:15 – 6:30 pm. Midweek Manna is a different way to have a welcoming, worshipful experience with food, music and conversation for all ages.

God Squad (middle school youth) will begin weekly gatherings on Tuesday, Sept 14, 6:15 – 7:15 pm. **Hebrews** (high school youth) will begin weekly gatherings at Mokas on Thurs, Sept 16, 7:00 – 7:30 am.

JOIN OUR TEAM! FPC is seeking a warm, welcoming presence to fill our full-time **Administrative & Communications Coordinator** position. In addition, FPC is seeking a **Part-time Custodian** who will be responsible for Sunday coverage and other weekly duties. Position details are available through links in our Weekly Word announcements, our website, or by contacting Melanie at the church office.

The FPC office will be closed on Fridays for several weeks until our staffing levels return to normal

In response to a steep rise in active COVID cases in Saline County and in recognition of CDC guidance, the Session encourages the wearing of masks when in the church until further notice.

COMING UP THIS WEEK AT FPC:

SUNDAY, September 5 - COMMUNION

Nursery – 9:45 am

Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11:15 am

MONDAY, September 6

Labor Day, Church Office closed today

TUESDAY, September 7

Personnel Committee, 4 pm

CYYA Committee, 5:30 pm

Coat Drive Planning w/Sunrise 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, September 8

Stewardship Packet Assembly, 8:30 am

FRIDAY, September 10

Church Office closed today

SUNDAY, September 12 - STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF

Nursery – 9:45 am

Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11:15 am

Stewardship Kickoff Ice Cream Social

4 – 6 pm, Courtyard



Sign Up for 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 and those memorialized or honored will be featured in the bulletin on the date desired, The cost is \$25.00. Please contact the office with any questions at office@fpcsalina.org or 785-825-0226.



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