



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 7, 2018

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Keith Phillips

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing, and bless God's name;

All: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

One: Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

All: God's marvelous deeds to all peoples.

*OPENING HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are

#151

LITANY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

One: O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

All: Lord, have mercy.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promised forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

SUNG 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

***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

Shelby Dickson

(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

1ST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 6, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

What Strangers Are These?

Forrest

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-11 (pg. 49, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Star Words

Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Opportunities to serve this week

Invitation to Give

Minute for Mission: Souper Bowl of Hope – FPC Youth

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

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606
*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.*

HYMN *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice* #163

SEALING GOD'S WORD: THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise ...with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.**

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

Communion today is by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). There will be three serving stations at the front of the sanctuary. After the choir is served, please come forward using the center aisle. The two outside cups, farthest from the center aisle, contain wine. The center cup contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is available on the right side. Go to the serving station of your choice, and return to your pew by the side aisles. Those in the balcony or side pews are asked to make their way to the center aisle as well. If you are unable to come forward, remain seated and you may be served in the pew.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *We Fall Down* Choplin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

#192

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Baptized in Water

#482, v.1

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.*

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Coffee Hostess: Sydney Soderberg

Candle Lighter: Marshall Zuccarelli

Greeters: Sara & Peter Johnston, Hadley and Harper

Ushers: Stephanie Ames, Randy Graham, Linda Johnson, John Knutson

Communion Preparers: Marcia Anderson, Flo Van Meter

Communion Servers: Marcia Anderson, Randy Graham, Ron Green, Betsy Scholten,
Deb Shetlar, Diana Smith, Flo Van Meter

Deacons Flower Deliverer: Betty Norman

Manor Bus Driver: Jerry Exline



The flowers in the chancel are given:

- by Margaret & Bruce Wyatt in honor of the birth of their new granddaughter, Mary Margaret Bocian

THANK YOU FROM KEITH



The word welcome gets used a lot in churches nowadays - and rightfully so. Hospitality is one of the key themes of scripture and one of our chief calls as disciples of Jesus Christ. You all out-did yourselves in "pounding" me upon my arrival Dec. 29th. I was overwhelmed with your welcome through an abundance of food, cooking and cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products. More than anything else, I was overwhelmed by the abundance of love and care that is already making Salina feel like home for me. I am very grateful to everyone involved, and am very excited to continue partnering with each of you and with God as we seek to extend God's welcome and love at FPC.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The next Women's Bible Study meeting will be held this Monday, January 8, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hope Room. "Cloud of Witnesses, the Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier, invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. Books are available in the church office during regular office hours. The cost is \$10.

BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING: JANUARY 16

Board of Deacons will meet on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 5 p.m. We will meet 30 minutes early to accommodate induction of new officers, 2018 plan of action, and church member assignments.

ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

It's a new year, and time for resolutions. We hope that you'll resolve to strike from your "to-do" list submitting a picture for the new First Presbyterian Church, Salina, online directory. Please let the church office know if you still need your picture taken. Or check your email for specific instructions on how to upload one yourself, or just simply email it to the church office (beth@fpcsalina.org). Every picture that is submitted means less time and effort we'll have to undertake to fill in the gaps by contacting members who still lack photos with their basic information online. If you are contacted after the first of the year, we hope that there will be an easy solution to secure a photo. Thanks!

WIRED WORD BEGINS JANUARY 16



The new year will also usher in a revival of the popular Wired Word current-event class here at FPC Salina. The Wired Word curriculum focuses on a recent news item and applies a biblical perspective to it. Topics are always challenging and certain to

spur lively conversation. Pastor Charlie will be leading the Wired Word class on Tuesdays at noon, beginning January 16th. If you previously signed up for the Wired Word class, you will receive the curriculum by email on the Thursday previous to the Tuesday class. If you would like to join, please contact the church office. Bring a brown-bag lunch!

OFFICER TRAINING AND INSTALLATION: JANUARY 13-14

All new FPC elders & deacons are required to attend officer training on Saturday, January 13th, from 9 a.m. to noon in Blair Hall. Other elders & deacons are encouraged to attend as well. This gathering is designed after a similar annual event in Ohio known as Partners in Education, or PIE. So, naturally, pie will be served! New officers will be installed during the January 14th worship service.

COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE: JANUARY 15

It's that time of year again, to begin work on the Annual Report. FPC's Annual Congregational Meeting is set for February 4th. In order to have the Annual Report distributed to the congregation in a timely manner, we ask that all committees submit their reports to Beth (beth@fpcsalina.org) no later than **Monday, January 15th**. Last year's Annual Report is on our website at: fpcsalina.org/#/resources/annual-report for reference.

BOY SCOUT CHILI SUPPER: JANUARY 26

Boy Scouts Troop 2 will host their 48th Annual Chili Supper on Friday, January 26, in Blair Hall, 5-8 p.m. Scouts will be selling tickets at FPC on January 14th & 21st before worship. Tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$6 for Children (12 & under). The price of the ticket includes chili, relish, crackers, drink, and dessert. Carryout is available. There will be beef stew as an alternate to chili. Donations are used from the chili supper for summer camp and other adventures, including camping equipment and the upkeep of the Scouts' trailer.



COMING UP THIS WEEK AT FPC:

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

Email office@fpcsalina.org and we'll fix it.

SUNDAY, January 7 – Communion

Nursery Open
Worship - Sanctuary, 10 am
Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am
Blood Pressure Checks - Parlor, 11:30 am
Manor Service – Presbyterian Manor, 3 pm

MONDAY, January 8

Session Meeting – Conference Room, 5:30 pm
Women's Bible Study – Hope Room, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY, January 9

Staff Meeting – Hope Room, 10:30 am
Social Justice & Mission – Hope Room, 5:30 pm
Mid-High Youth Group – Martinelli's, 6:30 pm



WEDNESDAY, January 10

FBI/FBI-In-Training – Downstairs Classroom, 3:45 pm
Worship Meeting – Hope Room, 4 pm
MidWeek Manna – Blair Hall, 5:30 pm
Yoga – Youth Annex, 5 pm
Choir Practice – Choir Room, 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, January 11

HeBrews Sr High Bible Study – Mokas, 6:45 am
Coffee Group – Parlor Conference Room, 10 am

SATURDAY, January 13

Officer Training – Blair Hall, 9 am-12 pm

SUNDAY, January 14 – Installation of Officers

Nursery Open
Worship - Sanctuary, 10 am
Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am
Boy Scout Chili Ticket Sales – N. Lobby, 9:30 am

GOD SQUAD REQUEST: SOUPER BOWL OF HOPE



As done in years past, the youth would like to request your help in ending hunger in our community! The mid-high youth group, God Squad, will be collecting non-perishable food items now until the Super Bowl on February 4th. Food item suggestions include soup, canned goods, shelf-stable milk, pasta, etc. For the next few Sundays, look for youth waiting with soup kettles at the Sanctuary doors. Feel free to donate food items as suggested above, or if you prefer, monetary donations will be accepted in the kettles or at the church office

during the week. Our donations will support five Salina-area agencies: Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank, Salina Salvation Army, Salina Rescue Mission, Ashby House and Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK). Thank you for your support!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PC(USA) – MEET ME IN ST LOUIS!

Experience the 223rd General Assembly of the PC(USA) June 15-23. The last time GA was held in the Synod of Mid-America was in 1994! The Opening Worship is always inspiring and the election of new moderators (co-moderators) is a great lesson in how the Spirit moves. Whether you sit in on committee and plenary sessions, participate in worship, or just browse and talk to folks, you will be moved by the depth and breadth of the work of the PC(USA). For more information, there are forms on the church tables. Contact office@pnks.org by January 31st!

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 or 785-825-0226.*

Please list date desired: _____

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

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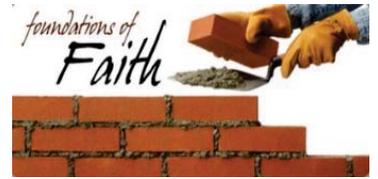
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Return the form, with your payment of \$20.00, to
First Presbyterian Church
308 South 8th
Salina, KS 67402-0585





MIDWEEK MANNA



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

**JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.
RESUMES JANUARY 10TH!**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- 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 9th-12th 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 6th-8th grade Youth Bible Study that meets every Tuesday during the school year from 6-7 pm at different Salina dining locations.
- **Adult Education Class** meets every Sunday 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 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*
Custodian: *Tony Griggs*

Director of Children's CE: *Shelby Dickson*
Nursery Coordinator: *Debb Homman*
Nursery Caregivers: *Danielle Hix, Anita Thompson*

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