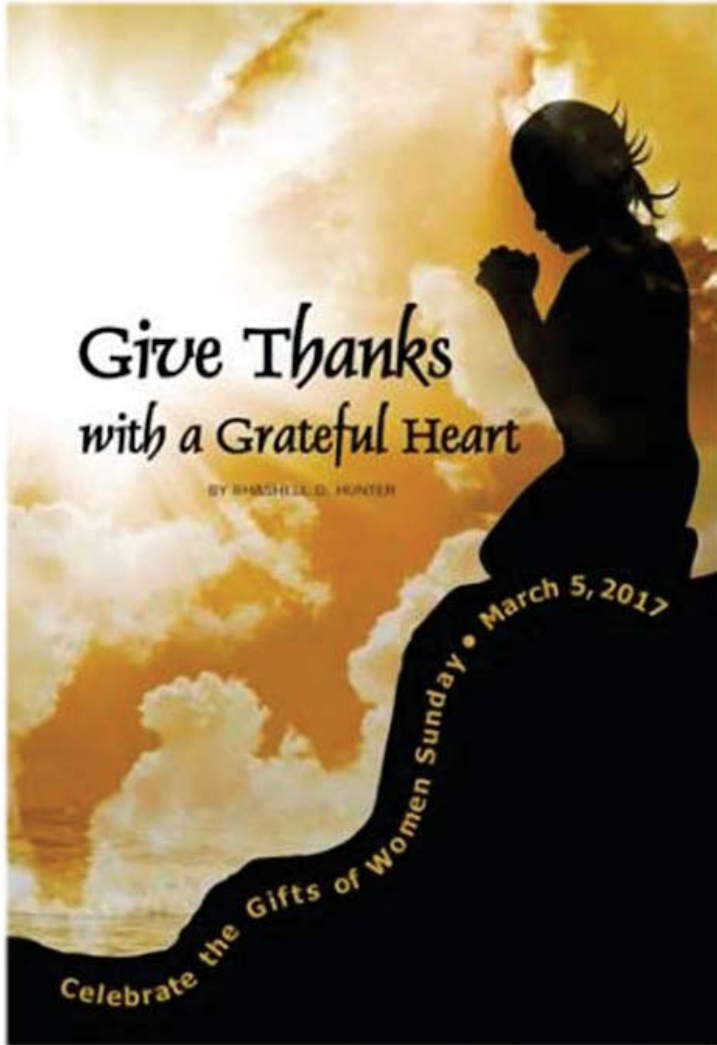




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



GIFTS OF WOMEN CELEBRATION

March 5, 2017

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Dillen Lidgett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission – Lenten Prayer Stations

Tricia Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dillen Lidgett

One: Grateful to God, we worship. We worship the God of Grace.

All: In God, we are ever thankful; In God we will rejoice!

One: Look to God. Do not be afraid.

All: Lift up your voices. God is near. Lift up your voices. God is near.

One: Grateful to God, we worship.

All: We worship the gifts of God this day.

*OPENING HYMN

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

#666

CALL TO CONFESSION

Annie Hayes, Cathy Hayes

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Annie Hayes, Cathy Hayes

O God, we confess that we have not always spoken up for justice. We have not stood with the oppressed. We have walked the other way, sometimes immobilized by fear and sometimes not knowing what else to do. Rekindle the gift of God within us and remind us of our faith, a faith that first lived in our grandmothers and our mothers, in our Sunday school teachers and our choirs, in our elders and our deacons. God of Grace, forgive us and transform us into whom you would have us to be, so that we delight in your will and walk away.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Annie Hayes, Cathy Hayes

One: God acts with justice and mercy. In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

All: God forgives us, frees us and gives us peace. To God, we are ever thankful. Amen

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, 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

Melissa Lidgett

1ST SCRIPTURE READING

2nd Timothy 1:3-10 (pg. 287, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Mercy

Courtney

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-34 (pg. 12, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Choice for Lent

Diana Smith

GIFTS OF WOMEN LITANY

Becky Cram

One: God of Grace, thank you for tranquil, reflective moments when we are able to recognize you in the world. For all your beauty and your wonder, we give you thanks.

All: For the breath in our bodies, for our hearts and souls, for our connection with one another, we give you thanks and praise.

One: God of reconciliation, be present with us when conflicts arise. Remind us that we have a higher calling: to forgive those who wrong us, to pray for those who persecute us, and to seek peace in the midst of strife.

All: For women with grateful hearts, who have shared their faith with us and responded in kindness and service, we give you thanks and praise.

One: God of Love, we offer our gratitude to you for those women and men who have comforted us and carried us in their hearts in prayer. For the grace that they have given us day after day, thank you for guiding the way for lives filled with gratitude.

All: For women, young and old, who do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you, O god, we give you thanks and praise.

One: Creator God, be present with us as we sing and serve, remember and celebrate, your daughters who, with your help, have lived lives of gratitude, reflecting your love and grace.

All: Give us your peace, which surpasses our understanding and watch over our hearts and our minds, as we rest in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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.

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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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...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.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty...and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion today is by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). There will be four 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 two cups contain grape juice. Gluten-free bread is available in the center 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

My Life Flows On

#821

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

#654

*POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistants: Women of FPC

Greeters: Tina Ralston, Seara Weir

Ushers: Stephanie Ames, Jo Buchanan, Bette Timmel, Flo Van Meter

Communion Preparer: Sydney Soderberg

Communion Servers: Liz Carroll, Becky Cram, Ann Knowles, Tina Ralston, Sydney Soderberg, Seara Weir, Bev Zizumbo

Coffee Hosts: Tina Ralston, Bev Zizumbo

Deacons Flower Deliverer: Sarah Morris

Manor Bus Driver: Pat Putzier

"VERSE-ATILITY" BEGINS TODAY!

We have included a bracket listing of verses in the bulletin insert this week. Your challenge is to determine winners in each match-up, and if your favorite verses are not listed, you have the option to list two at the bottom of the bracket for each round. Results from each week will be compiled and the next round will be included in the following week's bulletin, until a champion is selected on April 16th. We'll use the top 16 winners as our readings during the summer. Fill out a form each week and drop it in the baskets around the church or submit them via email to the church office (office@fpcsalina.org). Forms will be available around the church and in the Friday email.



LENTEN SERMON SERIES – "FREEDOM FROM FEAR"

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells his followers or those around him, "Do not be afraid." Yet today fear plays an enormous part in our lives. As part of a sermon series this Lent, we'll be looking at those times where Jesus says, "Do not be afraid," and discovering -- through some other well-known Bible characters -- what fears Jesus is releasing us from today, including inadequacy, circumstances, death, the unexplainable, hell, conquest, and the unknown.

MUSIC AND MERCY – PART OF THE LENTEN JOURNEY

During Lent, the Chancel Choir will explore the topic of mercy as expressed in various musical genres and styles. This six-week series will conclude with Faure's Requiem on Palm Sunday. Make sure you're present each and every Sunday to complete the cycle!



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, March 5 – Communion

1st Sunday of Lent

Gifts of Women Celebration

Adult Ed Class – Hope Room, 9 am

Nursery Open – 9:45 am

Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

CIA/SWAT Youth Groups – Youth Room, 11:15 am

Blood Pressure Checks – Parlor, 11:30 am

MONDAY, March 6

Staff Meeting – Hope Room, 10:30 am

Session Meeting – Conference Room, 5:30 pm

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

TUESDAY, March 7

Social Justice & Mission – Hope Room, 5:30 pm



WEDNESDAY, March 8

FBI – Downstairs Classroom, 3:45 pm

FBI-In-Training – Nursery, 3:45 pm

Yoga – Youth Annex, 5 pm

Midweek Manna Worship – Blair Hall, 5:30 pm

Choir Practice – Choir Room, 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, March 9

Sr High Hebrews – Mokas, 6:45 am

Coffee Group – Parlor Conference Room, 10 am

Children & Families Committee – Conf Room,
5:30 pm

SUNDAY, March 12

Adult Ed Class – Hope Room, 9 am

Nursery Open – 9:45 am

Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

CIA/SWAT Youth Group – Youth Room, 11:15 am

New Member Meeting – Hope Room, 11:15 am

LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS & CHAPEL



For the next 6 weeks during Lent there will be Prayer Stations available. Some of these Prayer Stations will go along with the Midweek Manna message, others will just be fun or enlightening! There will be three Prayer Stations in the Chapel and the other Prayer Stations will be set up in Blair Hall for the duration of Lent. Two new stations will be added each week! We hope you will visit the Chapel and Blair Hall and enjoy the Lenten Prayer Stations!

WALK TO JERUSALEM BY EASTER: APRIL 16

Walk to Jerusalem (W2J) is off to a great start! We covered more than 700 miles in the first week! That's a great pace. With our devotions in hand, let's keep it going! We always have room for more to join in. Check with Brigid Hall or Diana Smith **OR** just stop by the yellow W2J display in the foyer to sign up and pick up Walk materials for tracking an array of miles. You'll find devotions there, too.



JOIN PASTOR CHARLIE FOR A WALK!

Join Pastor Charlie at 8 a.m. every Saturday at the church for a 1-mile walk! (In case of inclement weather, the walk will be held indoors.) Take this opportunity to chat with Charlie and to stay in shape by walking with the pastor. It's also a great way to add those miles to your Walk to Jerusalem! Please RSVP to Charlie each week at charlie@fpcsalina.org.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Fish banks and Sharing Calendars were passed out to our children on Ash Wednesday; many more are available in the Parlor if you would like to collect money for One Great Hour of Sharing! We will collect the special offering, supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People, on Palm/Passion Sunday April 9th and Easter Sunday April 16th. If you would like to "give now," you may text OGHs at 20222 to donate \$10. Thank you!

HAPPY HOUR - DRINKS & APPETIZERS FOR 8!

Mark your calendars for drinks, appetizers and fellowship tentatively set to begin in May! These are small groups of approximately 8 people, who casually gather for fellowship at church member's houses from 4-6 p.m. More information to come! A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the main office in early March.

ASHBY HOUSE WORKDAYS: MARCH 25 & JUNE 3

Sign-up to be part of a local FPC mission team helping at the renovated transitional housing owned by Ashby House. The Social Justice & Mission Committee is hosting mission teams for two Saturdays: March 25 and June 3, both beginning at 9:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer of the church, or you can call/email the church office to sign-up for one of the Saturdays.



SOUPERBOWL OF HOPE EXCEEDS GOAL AGAIN!

The 2017 Salina Souperbowl of Hope results are in. There were over 30 Salina churches involved and several business. We met and exceeded our goal of 51,000 cans of soup to be distributed between the Emergency Food Bank of Salina, Salina Salvation Army, Salina Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and DVAK! This year's collection was the fifth time we have exceeded our goal. We thank everyone for their donations and volunteer labors and look forward to next year. Dean Atteberry, Chairman

MATCH MADNESS AT BLUE SKYE BREWERY: MARCH 14



Greater Salina Community Foundation's 6th Annual Match Madness is Tuesday, March 14th at Blue Skye Brewery & Eats in downtown Salina, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Donors can make a gift to First Presbyterian Church for our endowment fund at the GSCF. Gifts may be matched up to 50% from a

\$75,000 match pool. In-person donations will be accepted at Blue Skye from 7am-7pm, while online donations will be accepted from 12:00 midnight until 11:59 p.m. at www.matchmadnessgscf.org. Mark the memo of your check or donation with "First Presbyterian Church!"

ADULT ED CLASS MARCH 5 - APRIL 9

Katie Lidgett will be leading a six-week class over the book "A Year of Biblical Womanhood" on Sunday mornings before church in the Hope Room, March 5th to April 9th. The book is divided into months, so two months will be covered each Sunday. Both men and women will want to read and discuss this humorous, eye-opening book. You can pick up a copy online or buy it for your Kindle. If you have questions, please contact Katie.

NEW MEMBER MEETING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, there is a New Members Inquiry Meeting in the Hope Room following worship. Come join us if you would like more information about First Presbyterian Church and our ministries, or if you are ready to join our congregation as a member. You may also talk to Charlie any time.



WORSHIP IN RADIOLAND

We are delighted to broadcast our service on Sunday mornings! Just tune in to KINA 910 AM or 94.5 FM by 10 a.m. to hear our service. Services can also be streamed live at radio.securenetsystems.net/v5/KINA. If you would like to help offset the cost of having our worship service broadcasted on the radio, call Melanie in the Business Office today, or you may also email her at melanie@fpcsalina.org. Download each week's bulletin from our website at <http://fpcsalina.org/#/resources/bulletins>.

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 Senior-High Youth Bible Study that meets every Thursday during the school year at 6:45 am at Moka's on Crawford. The name is derived from *Hebrews 10:25*.
- **CIA** (Christians In Action) is our Mid-High (6th-8th grades) Youth Group that meets Sunday mornings after worship. They study the Bible in a way that allows them to use energy and creativity to learn God's word.
- **SWAT** (Senior-high Worshipping All the Time) is our Senior-High (9th-12th grades) Youth Group that meets Sunday mornings after worship. This group focuses on mission and fellowship during this time.
- **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. For more information on t-coil & Hearing Loop, you can find information packets on the credenza in the narthex. 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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Nursery Coordinator: *Debb Homman*

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Director of Children's CE: *Shelby Dickson*

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