



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

March 11, 2018

*for those who wish to stand
**Bold print indicates congregational
participation**

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Carolyn Wedel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship God, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: We gather to worship God, for God has called us, God's own people, and has given us gifts to be a faithful people.

All: We remember that God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let us now offer worthy worship to God,

All: Whose steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*OPENING HYMN

God Is Calling through the Whisper

#410

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love, but we are reluctant leaders or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you with the same love and mercy you give us. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

TAKING OUR SINS TO THE CROSS

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE TO PARDON

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

(#71, Refrain only)

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

Psalm 103:1-18 (pg. 740, OT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Courtney

Mike Dreier, trumpet

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-6 (pg. 260, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Can I Get a Witness?

Diana Smith

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

#33

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

God, Who Built This Wondrous Planet

Courtney
Mike Dreier, trumpet

*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

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Together We Serve

#767

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

#543

***Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.***

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: Carolyn Wedel

Coffee Hostesses: Adult Education Committee

Greeters: Sarah Morris, Dorothy Spellman

Deacons Flower Deliverer: Ed Zoch

Ushers: Margy Hogarty, Amanda Michaelis, Betsy Scholten, Sydney Soderberg

Candle Lighter: Katelyn Rupe

Manor Bus Driver: Jerry Exline



The flowers in the chancel are given:

- *by Nancy & Aubrey Linville in memory of Jack Howard.*

VERSE-ATILITY BEGINS TODAY!

Who is your favorite woman in the Bible? Is it Mary, the mother of Jesus? Mary Magdalene? Or a more feisty character, with a book named after her, like Ruth or Esther? In this year's version of our popular Bracket contest, you make the call as we winnow down from 32 names to a single champion! The bracket is based on the same format used by the NCAA in the college basketball playoffs. This week, pick a winner in each of the 16 matchups of 32 names. The Sweet Sixteen of remaining names will be unveiled in next Sunday's bulletin. Please return your completed Round 1 brackets to the church by Tuesday.

WAVING OF THE PALMS



The children of FPC encourage you to attend worship on March 25th, Palm Sunday! The procession of worship will include the children waving the palms. All children in worship are welcome to take part in the waving of the palms. We encourage children to arrive by 9:45 to prepare for the procession. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Palm Sunday worship!

PALM SUNDAY: THE ROAD TO CALVARY

On Palm Sunday, we will celebrate the Easter/Lenten season with a very special worship service consisting of scripture readings, meditations and a wide variety of music all designed to highlight, reflect on and celebrate the events of Holy Week. Opening with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (the dynamic Ride On, King Jesus!) to the Last Supper (seen through the eyes of God), scenes from his passion (the soulful Sorrow Like His) and death, as seen through the eyes of Mary (Silent Tears), and culminating in his resurrection, the events of Holy Week will be given a fresh, unique perspective. Visually, scripturally and musically this will be a service you will not want to miss! Bring your friends, neighbors, pets....bring everyone!!



SPEND TIME AT OUR LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS

Our Lenten Prayer Stations, *Tables with Jesus*, are available now through Easter! These tables feature ways to explore the different tables Jesus sat at with different people during his ministry. You will be able to take your place at these tables and interact with them. You will also see how God is speaking to you through them as you enter into a time of prayer. The stations are located in Blair Hall, the chapel, and in the library, and are available whenever the church is open. Special thanks to our table adopters who have set up the tables and will maintain them throughout Lent.

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 11– *Gifts of Women Celebration*

Adult Education Class – Hope Room, 9 am
Nursery Open – 9:45 am
Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am
Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

MONDAY, March 12

Wired Word – Hope Room, 9 am
Personnel Committee – Parlor Conference Room,
11:30 am
Staff Meeting – Hope Room, 4 pm
Session Meeting – Conference Room, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY, March 13

Social Justice & Mission – Hope Room, 5:30 pm
Mid-High Youth Group – Gary Home, 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, March 14

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

THURSDAY, March 15 – *Match Madness*

HeBrews Sr High Bible Study – Mokas, 6:45 am

SUNDAY, March 18

Adult Education Class – Hope Room, 9 am
Nursery Open – 9:45 am
Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am
Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

MATCH MADNESS THIS THURSDAY!



Celebrate the first day of March Madness basketball by donating to First Presbyterian Church at Match Madness 2018! This Thursday, your dollar – and your impact – will stretch even further when you donate to FPC's endowed fund at the Greater Salina Community Foundation. Donations will be accepted in person from 7 am – 7 pm at the Salina Fieldhouse, 140 N 5th. The live event will feature nonprofit booths, a free throw contest, March Madness basketball on TV, food trucks, snacks and more! Or you can donate online at www.MatchMadnessGSCF.org any time between 12 am and 11:59 pm. Mark the memo of your check or donation with "First Presbyterian Church."

WALK TO JERUSALEM

As we begin week 6, I am happy to report that we have traveled 75% of our journey. We are right on target! Bravo. Keep charging ahead, people. Is there anyone reading this who would like to join in at this point? Get in touch with Brigid or Diana, because it is never too late to join. Never!



WIRED WORD HAS MOVED TO MONDAYS!

Pastor Charlie and others are leading the Wired Word Adult Bible Study Class now on **Mondays at 9 am** in the Hope Room. 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. If you would like the curriculum emailed to you ahead of time each Thursday, please contact the church office. Otherwise, just show up when you are able!



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: MARCH 29

All are invited to worship on Maundy Thursday, March 29th at 5:30 p.m. Worship will include the sacrament of communion.

FPC ONLINE DIRECTORY SUBMISSION DEADLINE THIS THURSDAY!

Thanks to those FPC Salina members who have submitted photos for the new online directory. If you'd still like to show off your pearly whites, we'd like to wrap up our efforts this Thursday, March 15th. It's really very simple! Send your photo to Beth via email at beth@fpcsalina.org. She will do the rest! We hope you have downloaded the app on your phone and find it helpful!

YOUR FISH BANKS ARE HUNGRY!



It's that time of year again! The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s One Great Hour of Sharing is underway, and our children (and any child-at-heart who is interested!) will be collecting money during Lent. A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. So take a look around your car's center console, on your dresser, between the couch cushions, and anywhere else change might be hiding and share it with our kids collecting money for OGHoS!

FPC YOUTH HEADED ON TWO SUMMER TRIPS!

This summer, FPC Salina is excited to offer two youth summer trip options! From June 10-15, we will be going to the Heartland Youth Encounter. From July 8-13, we will be going on a mission trip in Kansas City. Youth are invited to attend one or both of the trips. More information on registration and payment options is forthcoming. See Pastor Keith with any questions or concerns, or if you are an adult who is interested in chaperoning.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE GROUP



If you are in your "Golden years" and like to discuss things with your peers, this is the place. We are the "Coffee Group" and we meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room off the parlor. We sometimes have a subject, but we often get way off that subject, so we sometimes just "wing it;" it is more about sharing ideas and thoughts with fellow nicely-aged friends than sticking to a plan. We have a good time, and we are very informal. No one has to talk unless he/she wants to. And we really do have coffee available. For more information, call Joyce Pearson, 825-5601. Come join us!

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

The Adult Education Committee would like to invite you to participate in a study before worship, 9 am in the Hope Room. Led by members of the committee and Pastor Keith, the series will take place through March 25. In Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now, Walter Brueggemann writes that the Sabbath is not simply about keeping rules but rather about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society. Books are available, and a blog has been started (<https://revkeith.weebly.com/>) to allow those who cannot come each week to continue participating. Contact adulthoodeducation@fpcsalina.org for more information.

KASM KANSAS ACTIVE SHOOTER MITIGATION

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH
12:00 - 1:30 P.M.



BROWN BAG LUNCH
PUBLIC WELCOME

KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL

PRESENTED BY TROOPER BEN GARDNER

Hosted by First Presbyterian Church
308 S. 8th St., Salina
785-825-0226

It's something nobody likes to think about: A mass shooting. The danger, though probably remote, does exist. In Sutherland Springs, Texas, last November a gunman killed 25 people during a worship service.

In an effort to be prepared, First Presbyterian Church of Salina has scheduled an active-shooter training session by the Kansas Highway Patrol on Tuesday, March 20th at noon.

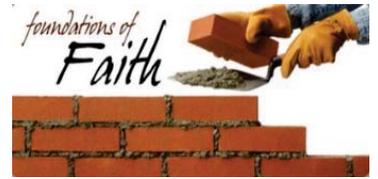
The Kansas Active Shooter Mitigation course, to be held in Blair Hall, lasts about an hour and a half. It teaches active-shooter awareness and training, providing critical information in a timely manner on what to expect in the event of an active shooter, as well as potential options and considerations to mitigate the threat.

Churches that have held similar programs have cited a need for ways to better secure the congregation, develop emergency and security plans, build relationships with local law-enforcement agencies, and to foster a culture of readiness and awareness.

FPC Salina members are encouraged to attend this program. Also invited are members of Northern Kansas Presbytery, other Salina area churches and the general public.



MIDWEEK MANNA



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

**JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.
THIS WEEK'S CATERER IS PARAMOUNT!**

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 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 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*

Associate Pastor: *Rev. Keith Phillips*
Director of Children's CE: *Shelby Dickson*
Nursery Coordinator: *Debb Homman*
Nursery Caregivers: *Danielle Hix, Anita Thompson*

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Round 1

VERSE-ATILITY "Women of the Bible"

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| Mary (Luke 10:38-42) | | | Esther (own book) |
| Priscilla (Acts 18:2-3) | | | Eunice (2Timothy 1:5) |
| Martha (Luke 10:38-42) | | | Rahab (Joshua 2) |
| Phoebe (Romans 16:1-2) | | | Rebecca (Genesis 24) |
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| Mary Magdalene (John 20:16-18) | | | Woman @ well (John 4) |
| Pharaoh's daughter (Exodus 2) | | | Elizabeth (Luke 1) |
| Mary (Jesus' mom) (Luke 2:16-19) | | | Woman w/bleeding (Matthew 9:20-22) |
| Simon's mother in law (Matthew 8:14-15) | | | Dinah (Genesis 30:21-34;46:15) |
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| Dorcas (Acts 9:36-42) | | | Syro-Phoenecian Woman (dogs) (Matthew 15:21-28) |
| Miriam (Exodus 15:20-21) | | | Leah (Genesis 29) |
| Tamar (Genesis 38) | | | Rachel (Genesis 22) |
| Hannah (1st Samuel 1) | | | Delilah (Judges 16) |
| Eve (Genesis 2) | | | Sarah (Genesis 17) |
| Hagar (Genesis 16, 21) | | | Deborah (Judges 4,5) |
| Ruth (own book) | | | Bathsheba (2nd Samuel 11) |
| Euodia/Syntyche (Phillippians 4:2-3) | | | Chloe (1st Corinthians 1:10,11) |

IT'S TIME TO ORDER EASTER PLANTS!

You are invited to purchase Easter plants as gifts to nursing home and homebound members of the church. These plants will decorate the Chancel on Easter Sunday.



You may pick up your plant(s) for your own use following the Easter service if you designate on the form below that you wish to do so. If you do not want to pick it up, the plant will be assigned for delivery to a member or friend of the congregation.

Please complete the form below and return it, with payment, to the church office no later than **March 14**. Please note on your payment that it is for an Easter plant.

I would like to purchase _____ Easter plant(s) at a cost of **\$16.00 each**.

I want to donate my plant for delivery to a member or friend of the congregation:

YES _____ NO _____

I want to pick up my plant on **April 1, 2018**:

YES _____ NO _____

Name of Donor(s) _____

Given in Memory of _____

Or

Given in Honor of _____

Return the form, with your payment of \$16.00 per plant, to First Presbyterian Church, 308 S. 8th, Salina, KS 67401 no later than **Wednesday, March 14**.

greater salina community foundation

2018 MATCH MADNESS



Thursday, March 15

donate online

MatchMadnessGSCF.org

12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

donate in person

Salina Fieldhouse

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**You can help us continue our work
in this community—forever.**

Your Match Madness gift will be **permanently invested** in our endowed fund at the community foundation. This fund produces steady, annual income that we can rely on in the future, ensuring **long-term financial support & stability**.

On March 15, every donation to our endowment will be **matched** proportionally up to **50%** with a cash grant to help us meet our **immediate needs**.

Find out more at MatchMadnessGSCF.org!