August 9, 2015

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

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP
Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls us into being.
In the name of Christ we answer God’s call and assemble as the community of faith.

PRELUDE

WELCOME THE CHILDREN
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God’s Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN’S TIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP
One: Have you heard? God heals the broken and blesses the wounded.
   All: Sing praise to God!
One: Have you heard? God forgives, and the past is over and done.
   All: Sing praise to God!
One: Have you heard? God lifts up the downcast and gives peace to the troubled.
   All: Sing praise to God!
One: Have you heard? God smooths out rough paths and makes a way for us.
   All: Sing praise to God!
One: Have you heard? God gives power to the weak and renews our strength.
   All: Sing praise to God!
We come to worship the Eternal God.

*OPENING HYMN
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
CALL TO CONFESSION
Rev. Charlie Smith

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy One, whose love and justice condemn us, whose mercy and kindness feed us, we confess our sins and pray for your forgiveness. What terrible suffering we have unleashed. We have used other persons without regard for their dignity; we have abused the earth without care for its beauty or concern for future life; we have sought to bargain with you to smooth our way to heaven.
God, change us.
Put the Spirit of Christ within us and cause us to grow into mature, faithful disciples of the one who came from you to save us from our sin. Free us from captivity to our selfishness, bind us to the whole body of Christ, and let us bear witness to the truth that your love holds everything together in perfect unity. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

SUNG RESPONSE
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (v.1)
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

ATTENDING TO SCRIPTURE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1ST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 100 (pg 738, OT)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
(Children five and younger may leave for the nursery, as parents desire.)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 51:1-12 (pg 699, OT)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.
BEGINNING TODAY!! A SERIES ON JESUS AND THE GOSPELS!

The Adult Education Committee invites you to a series focused on:
“Jesus and the Gospels.” We will compare and contrast the four gospels that tell
the story of Jesus from different perspectives: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
Join us in the Hope Room at 9 am, led by Rebecca Chancellor.
August 9 – Matthew; August 16 – Mark; August 23 – Luke; August 30 – John

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR TWO INSTALLATION SERVICES!

Sunday, Aug 16 – Sanctuary, 4 pm for Rev. Charlie Smith
Sunday, Sept 20 – Sanctuary, 4 pm for Rev. Rebecca Chancellor
*Dinner will follow both installation services. To RSVP, please call the church office, or
sign-up on one of the posted sheets outside the Sanctuary or Main Office.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: NEXT SUNDAY, AUG 16

There are many milestones we celebrate with our children and youth, including starting a new school
year. Salina schools begin on August 11th and 12th, and we will recognize the new school year
with a “Blessing of the Backpacks” in worship on August 16. We will pray for and with our students,
teachers, and parents. ALL students—children, youth, college students, and adults— who are
beginning a new school year are invited to bring their backpacks, bags, and/or briefcases
to worship next Sunday, Aug. 16.

RALLY SUNDAY IS COMING…09.13.15
FPC’s FBI IS THE NEW NAME for our Children’s Christian Education Program. FBI = Faithful Bible Investigators! All children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, are invited to participate, and friends are always welcome. FBI registration will begin on Sunday, August 30th from 9:00-9:45 am in Blair Hall. We’ll have donuts and juice for kids and parents!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY - STARLITE SKATING! The start of our weekly programming begins Wednesday, September 9th at Starlite Skating Rink. We will kick-off an exciting year with skating from 3:45 - 5:15 pm for all children through 5th grade and their families. Invite your friends!

YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES are invited to a picnic on Sunday, August 23, 11:30-1:00 to hear plans for the new school year! Join the youth leaders and Youth and Young Adults Committee for a picnic in Blair Hall! The main dish will be provided, and families can bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will also split into groups with parents, younger siblings, High School Youth and Mid-High Youth for information and planning. Following the picnic, all youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to stay until 3:00 p.m. for Amazing Race: Salina!

OMAHA YOUTH MISSION STOCKHOLDERS’ DESSERT will be Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 pm in the Chapel. Invitations will follow to all of our Stockholders who purchased stock in support of the mission trip. If you are not a stockholder, but would like to attend, you may purchase a dessert ticket at the door for $10. All proceeds will go toward future youth mission events and trips. Contact Tricia with any questions. Thank you for supporting youth mission!

IS GOD CALLING YOU to be a friend and serve as an Ally for Circles of the Heartland? New Allies are needed to support Circle Leaders and are integral to the program, helping people move out of poverty. An Ally receives training and commits to supporting a Circle Leader for a few hours each month for 18 months. Circles Ally Applications are available in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. If you want more information, you may talk to Ann Knowles and/or Martha Rhea.

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
*From A Brief Statement of Faith, 10.3*

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.

**HYMN**  
*God of the Sparrow*  

**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  
Minute for Mission: Circles Allies  
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.
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN  
**Help Us Accept Each Other**  
*#754

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
**O Christ, Surround Me (v.5)**  
*#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:**
**Coffee Hosts:** Katie, J.R., Melissa & Dillen Lidgett  
**Greeters:** Rosemary & Richard Gibson
**Ushers:** Margaret & Bruce Wyatt, and Jo & Shannon Buchanan  
**Nursery Helper:** Harrison Jett
**Manor Bus Driver:** Sunrise Church  
**Worship Recorder:** JR Lidgett

**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.
- 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. Headsets are also available. An usher will be happy to help if you need assistance.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**
- Tan “Prayer Request” Cards are used for prayer requests or concerns. As requests are received, the Board of Deacons will offer prayers.
- 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.

Switch hearing aid to t-coil. 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.

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**SUNDAY STAFF:**
**Lead Pastor/Head of Staff:** Rev. Charlie Smith  
**Designated Associate Pastor:** Rev. Rebecca Chancellor
**Director of Music:** Richard Koshgarian  
**Organist:** Angie Koshgarian
**Director of Youth Ministry:** Tricia Cobb  
**Director of Children’s CE:** Shelby Dickson
**Volunteer Coordinator:** Mary Andersen  
**Head Custodian:** Ed Zoch
**Custodian:** Tony Griggs