

Stewardship 2018

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 8, 2017

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

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Brigid Hall

CALL TO WORSHIP: A STEWARDSHIP LITANY

One: People of God, celebrate the gifts that enrich our lives! Breath and food, caring people and gentle words, music and colors.

All: Celebrate God who is the giver.

One: We praise God for knowing what we need and for giving even before we ask.

All: Many of God's gifts surprise us.

One: Like the hug of a child, words of encouragement, bright-colored blooms from gray buds.

All: Many of God's gifts fulfill us.

One: New vocational opportunities, courage to stand up for justice, words that say, "I love you."

All: Many of God's gifts change us.

One: Hope when despair rules, forgiveness when sin burdens, "Yes" when we expected "No." Now let our common words thank God.

All: O God, giver of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for reaching out to us, touching and caring, loving and giving. Let our lives thank God. Help us, O God, more and more to become giving people, reaching out to those who lack, touching the lonely ones, caring for those who are troubled, living with all in joy and hope and peace, giving gifts of time and self and wealth.

One: In our giving we grow in God's image. For God is a giver. We become more like the people God made us to be. For God created us for good.

All: In our giving, we become caring stewards for God. Today, O God, consecrate our living and our giving. Amen. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

#354

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of blessings and abundance, we confess that we often fail to be thankful for everyday blessings and miracles. We forget to show gratitude for having a roof over our heads, knowing where our next meal is coming from, and having a change of clothes. We compare ourselves to others who we perceive to have more, forgetting that many parts of the world would consider us rich. God, help us to be more mindful of the blessings we take for granted. Help us seek ways to share what you have abundantly blessed us with. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (pg. 94, OT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46 (pg. 35, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Blessed: More Than Enough

Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day, he rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

We Give Thee but Thine Own

#708

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

Invitation to Give

Minute for Mission: Stewardship, Randy Graham

(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.*

#606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

All: You have entrusted us with gifts — time, talent, energy, money — and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

One: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

All: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

#625

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Go forth with love and compassion in our hearts. Give praise to God by seeking mercy and justice for all.

All: Praise be to God who is merciful and love. We honor God by being merciful and loving.

One: Go forth thanking God for the blessings of clear waters. Give praise to the creator of the universe.

All: We praise God by ensuring clear water for everyone. We praise God by seeking the higher good for all.

One: God's presence will be with us wherever we go. God inspires us to live with open hearts and open minds.

All: God's presence enables us to live life generously. We know God inspires us to be just and merciful.

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: Brigid Hall

Greeters: Claudia, Nathaniel & Juliet Anderson

Coffee Hostess: Linda Johnson

Ushers: Abbey & Chris Rupe, Katelyn & Colin

Candle Lighter: Katelyn Rupe

Deacons Flower Deliverer: Cathy Hayes

Manor Bus Driver: Sunrise Presbyterian

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS TODAY!

All Things Bright and Beautiful, All Creatures Great and Small, All Things Wise and Wonderful, The Lord God Made Them All! *Today at 3 p.m. we'll celebrate all of God's creatures with a Blessing of the Animals service in the courtyard.* October 4th is the feast of Francis of Assisi, who was born in the 12th century and is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

Bring your pets, live or stuffed, and we'll thank God for all they mean to us.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected today. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. It is one of four special collections by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Please give generously.



SUNRISE COAT CLOSET: OCTOBER 21

Sunrise Presbyterian Church is once again hosting a Coat Closet. **Please donate new or gently used child/youth/teen-sized coats** to the drive which occurs on Saturday, October 21st, from 9 am to 2 pm at 825 E. Beloit, Salina. Donations will be accepted from now until October 17th and can be taken to the Pit Stop, 674 W. Cloud or 1805 S 9th or to Sunrise Church. During the collection period, donors can take a snap (with Snapchat app) of themselves donating at one of the drop locations with the hashtag #coatcloset and use the snap to redeem 50% off their meal at *Gourmet to Go/Loft Catering* located at 1402 E. Iron Ave.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH: OCTOBER 22



Every one of the children here at FPC are filled with talents and personalities that we are so blessed to have within the walls of this church. On Sunday, October 22nd, during worship, you'll be able to see a small glimpse of those talents and personalities. We will celebrate the joys that our FPC children bring to us throughout the Children's Sabbath. The children will lead us in worship, help with greeting, ushering, and the liturgy. We hope that you will join us and celebrate the gifts and love that our children bring!

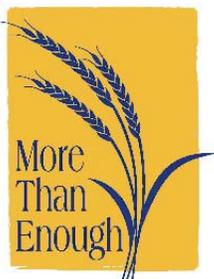


WALK TO BETHLEHEM BEGINS OCTOBER 28

Let the journey begin.... again. Diana Smith and Brigid Hall are back to coordinate our 2017 Walk to Bethlehem (W2B). We will begin on Saturday, October 28th. We will end nine weeks later on Friday, December 22nd. That gives us NINE weeks to get there. We think everyone can find a way to participate AND we will need every mile we can get to cover the thousands of land and sea miles we have in front of us. Be on the lookout for the W2B Display coming in October. Feel free to start registering now by email to bdhall@swbell.net or by text to 785-571-8097. (Always provide your name & email address.)

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2018 – PLEDGE CARD RETURN OCTOBER 23

Route boxes and mailed pledge cards were distributed last week. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2018, and if possible, consider a 5%, 10%, or 15% increase, to help us reach our goal of \$525,000 to fulfill our budget needs for 2018. There are many options in paying your pledge:



- You may pre-pay your 2018 pledge in 2017! We must receive your pre-paid pledge on or before Dec. 31, 2017, to receive tax credit for 2017.
- You may pay your 2018 pledge online at <http://fpcsalina.org/#/online-giving>.
- FPC can automatically withdrawal your pledge from your bank account.

Pledge cards are due to the church by **October 23**. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact Melanie in the Business Office at (785) 825-0226, or via email at melanie@fpcsalina.org.

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, October 8 –Blessing of the Animals

Nursery Open – 9:45 am
Worship - Sanctuary, 10 am
B90 Class – Hope Room, 11 am
Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am
Blessing of the Animals – Courtyard, 3 pm
B90 Class – Hope Room, 5 pm

MONDAY, October 9

B90 Class – Hope Room, 10 am
Staff Meeting – Conference Room, 10:30 am
Session Meeting – Conference Room, 5:30 pm

TUESDAY, October 10

B90 Class – Hope Room, 12 pm
Endowment Trustees – Conference Room, 12 pm
Mid-High Youth Group – Jalisco's, 6 pm



WEDNESDAY, October 11

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

THURSDAY, October 12

HeBrews Bible Study – Mokas, 6:45 am
Coffee Group – Parlor Conference Room, 10 am
Children, Youth & Young Adults – Hope Room,
5 pm
B90 Class – Hope Room, 5:30 pm

SUNDAY, October 15 – Stewardship Celebration

Nursery Open – 9:45 am
Worship - Sanctuary, 10 am
B90 Class – Hope Room, 11 am
Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am
B90 Class – Hope Room, 5 pm

THANK YOU FROM THE FAITHFUL BIBLE INVESTIGATORS!



Because of the generosity of the congregation, the Faithful Bible Investigators were able to create 44 Blessing Kits! We also had a LARGE number of snacks, toothbrushes, and toothpastes leftover that will be donated to The Ashby House. The children discussed the importance of giving to others and how there are people in our own communities who do not have important necessities such as food, toothbrushes/paste, first aid items, socks, gloves, etc. The children did a FABULOUS

job at sorting, organizing, and building these Blessing Kits! Each child took home 2 kits each to hand out upon parent approval, when the spirit calls them to do so. THANK YOU, to each of you for your donations and support!

ARE YOU A VETERAN?

Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor all those who served in the military -- in wartime or peacetime. Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service. FPC would like to compile a list of veterans in our midst, and to honor them in November. If you are a veteran, or have any family members who have served in the armed forces, please provide the information to Beth in the church office (beth@fpcsalina.org) so that we can compile a special commemorative tribute.



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:

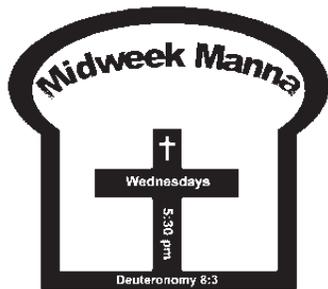
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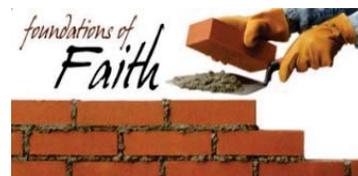
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Return the form, with your payment of \$20.00, to
First Presbyterian Church
308 South 8th
Salina, KS 67402-0585





MIDWEEK MANNA



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

JOIN US WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 P.M.
THIS WEEK'S CATERER IS BUFFALO WILD WINGS!

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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