



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 27, 2016

\*for those who wish to stand

**Bold print indicates congregational participation**

#### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

##### PRELUDE

##### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Diana & Charlie Smith

##### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Richard Koshgarian

One: Jesus says, "I am coming soon."

**All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

One: Awake from your sleep; salvation is at hand.

**All: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.**

One: Let us worship God!

##### \*OPENING HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

#88

##### SUNG CALL TO CONFESSION

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

#83, v. 1

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.*

##### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We hurt and destroy one another and neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

##### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE TO PARDON                      *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*                      #353, v. 4  
*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

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)

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 ANTHEM

*I Hear The Prophet Calling*

Choplin

\*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

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

1ST SCRIPTURE READING

*Isaiah 2:105* (pg. 835, OT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

*The People Who Walk in Darkness*

Choplin

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

*Luke 1:46-55* (pg. 79, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Bluesy Magnificat*

Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith

## DECORATING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

*During the singing of each hymn,  
members are invited to come forward  
to place ornaments on the Christmas tree.*

### THE MEANING OF THE COLORS OF CHRISTMAS

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#121 v. 1 & 4

### THE MEANING OF THE ANGELS

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

#123 v. 1 & 5

### THE LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

#129 v. 1 & 3

### THE MEANING OF THE STARS

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

#143 v. 1 & 4

### THE MEANING OF LIGHTS

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#133 v. 1 & 2

### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

### \*SENDING HYMN

*Soon and Very Soon*

#384

### \*POSTLUDE

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### **TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS/MUSICIANS:**

**Worship Assistant:** Richard Koshgarian

**Greeter:** Linda Johnson

**Ushers:** Mitzie & Jimmie Lewis, Becky & Tim Maguffee

**Advent Candle Lighter:** Diana Smith

**Deacons Flower Deliverer:** Ann Payne

**Coffee Hosts:** Ann & Harry Jett

**Manor Bus Driver:** John Landes

**Worship Recorder:** J.R. Lidgett

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### **I'M A STAR ORNAMENTS**

Everyone produced a treasure trove of selfie photos at the Nov. 20 Gather Around the Table worship service in Blair Hall. You all are truly stars! At today's Hanging of the Greens service, you will find those pictures, plus others that were taken of FBI kids and other members, as ornaments and available for you to place on the sanctuary Christmas tree. They are a reminder that you are a beloved star in God's galaxy, a light shining in the world's darkness and as a guide for others to Jesus Christ. If you didn't get your picture taken, it's not too late! Just let us know, and we'll produce an "I'm a Star" ornament that can still be placed on the tree before Christmas.



## SIGN UP FOR ALL CHURCH POTLUCK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 4

Don't miss out on Pot Luck Sunday on December 4<sup>th</sup> immediately after church in Blair Hall! If your last name starts with letters A-J, please bring a main dish; if your letter starts with K-R, please bring a side dish or salad; and if your last name starts with letters S-Z, please bring a dessert. Drinks, plates, utensils, and conversations will be provided. The sign-up sheet is in the lobby outside the sanctuary.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!

Join us on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for the annual Children's Christmas Program! The children will be providing the 'sermon' portion of worship as they bring to life what Christmas is all about. We hope that you'll join us and share the joy that our Faithful Bible Investigators will surely bring to each of you!



## JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

The Children & Families Committee would like to invite the congregation to join the children and their families for an evening of caroling at Presbyterian Manor on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Manor at 6:45pm for a brief practice and cookies, followed by caroling for the residents at 7pm. We hope that you'll consider joining us for a night of singing well-known Christmas songs, and enjoying an evening of fellowship.

## THANK YOU FROM THE FAITHFUL BIBLE INVESTIGATORS

The children would like to say a sincere "thank you" to the congregation to all of their support with the Faithful Bible Investigator's 2016 Bake & Craft Sale. The sale was very successful and raised \$894! All of this money will be used towards mission and community projects as determined by the children of the Faithful Bible Investigators. Again, we thank you sincerely for your constant love and support of our FPC children.

## NURSERY CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

The FPC nursery will be **CLOSED** for the 10 a.m. worship service on Christmas Day. It will be open for the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service.



## ADULT EDUCATION CLASS IS FOR EVERYONE!

November 20 through January 1, 2017, at 9 a.m. in the Hope Room, we will explore the themes of Advent using "Illuminating Advent" by Donald K. McKim. Chapters include Bible-focused light reading, with lessons on Advent Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, Christmas Savior, and Epiphany Light. The program includes Spiritual Practices and Questions for Reflection. Join fellow Sunday morning church-goers for a cup of coffee and conversation. Books are \$5 and available in the office.

## BECOME AN ALLY FOR CIRCLES OF THE HEARTLAND

Are you ready to make a difference in someone's life? Allies for Circles of the Heartland commit 4 to 10 hours a month to building a friendship with a Circle leader, some who are working diligently to get themselves out of poverty. Want to find out more? You are invited to a meeting on December 1 at First Presbyterian Church. Meal starts at 5:30 p.m. with an informational meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m. Childcare and meal are provided. Contact Shelly Martin, Coordinator, at 785-827-6731 with questions.

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, IT'S ADVENT TRIVIA!



On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will take a break from the Advent class to meet in the Parlor at 9 a.m. for Advent Trivia hosted by none other than Charlie Smith! We will have holiday treats and coffee or hot chocolate too. Fun for all youth and adults!

## ADVENT PRAYER GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Presbyterians Today 2016 Advent Calendar "A Journey of Memories" is a devotional guide, written by Sue Washburn and beautifully illustrated with quilts by Susan Blank. It has scriptural verses and prayers to help guide us on what's described as "a journey of memories – of sights, smells, tastes, and sounds that point to the promises of God in Jesus Christ." Limited copies are available around the church office or you can download the guide on our website at [www.fpcsalina.org](http://www.fpcsalina.org).

## GUATEMALA SERVICE TEAM TRIP: MAY 27 - JUNE 3, 2017

If you have heart for education, a clinical background, a pride in working with your hands, or a knack in construction, a team experience to Guatemala is a chance for you to share your presence and gifts while expanding the current parameters of your faith. Experience a different culture while stretching yourself spiritually in the safe comfort of others from your faith family. Registration forms can be found in the church office, on the church website under "Mission", or in the Friday email announcements. **Registration Deadline is Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.**



## WALK 2 BETHLEHEM: WE'RE EARLY!

We have arrived! Really? Already? Yup. We are there. Congratulations! Our twelve-week journey was completed by November 19<sup>th</sup>. Now what? Sydney Soderberg suggested that we visit the places (approximately) from which the Magi travelled to see the newborn king and then we return to Bethlehem to celebrate the birth. A great idea! So, we now have approximately 4,950 miles to travel roundtrip from Bethlehem to modern day locations in Turkey, through the Arabian Peninsula to Yemen and back again. So, keep walking, travelers. We need to be back in Bethlehem by December 23rd! For questions or to report miles, please contact Brigid Hall at [bdhall@swbell.net](mailto:bdhall@swbell.net) or call Diana Smith at 785-571-8097.

## COOKIE MONSTER'S DREAM COME TRUE



The FPC Youth are again asking the congregation to join in for their 2nd annual Christmas Cookie Fundraiser supporting upcoming Youth Mission and Mission Trips! You can support the youth in TWO ways: (1) Sign-up to bake 2-4 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to be delivered to the church by Friday, December 9th during business hours or Saturday, December 10th at 10 AM. Look for the cookie jar to sign-up! or (2) Purchase a small or large platter of assorted Christmas cookies to be ready for pick-up on Sunday, December 12th. Youth will begin taking orders after worship today! The Youth will assemble your delicious cookies on festive Christmas Cookie Platters wrapped beautifully with a bow for you to enjoy at home, take to your office, or give away as a gift. Questions? Talk to Tricia Cobb.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PAT SHAVER



The carnation in the chancel is in memory of Pat Shaver, who died November 21<sup>st</sup>. A memorial service was held at FPC on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Pastors Rev. Dr. Doug Burford and Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith presided. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Choir.

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP SUMMER 2017



It is with great excitement that we announce the Youth Mission Trip for Summer 2017...

July 16 - 22 the Youth will travel to The Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas. They will participate in the Alternative Break, a program that combines experiential learning programs, such as the Global Gateway experience and team building with service activities. The service allows participants to give back while experiencing something for the first time like milking a goat or harvesting vegetables. With FPC's long history with Heifer International this was a natural choice to give our youth a hands on experience to put with their memories of many years giving animals on Christmas Eve! Information and commitment forms will be mailed to FPC Youth and also available in the office. This will be a great experience and any parents or grandparents wanting to experience this trip with their youth are strongly encouraged to be an adult mentor! If you are interested, please contact Tricia Cobb.

## JOIN US FOR YOGA AT FPC!



Yoga time is a time to slow down and allow yourself spiritual time for breathing, stretching, meditating, and praying together. Join Cathy Hayes and other women and men for yoga on Wednesdays, 5-6 pm. A suggested donation of \$5, but is not required. All levels of ability are welcome. Please contact [yoga@fpcsalina.org](mailto:yoga@fpcsalina.org) if you have any questions.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2017 UPDATE

As of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have received a total of **\$443,912.20** in pledges. If you have not yet had a chance to make a pledge for 2017, it's not too late!! You may call in your pledge to Melanie at the church 785-825-0226, or email at [melanie@fpcsalina.org](mailto:melanie@fpcsalina.org). If you need any information regarding your current pledge, don't hesitate to ask. You may pre-pay your 2017 pledge, and it must be received on or before Dec. 31, 2016 to receive tax credit for 2016.

## ONLINE GIVING IS NOW ACTIVE

For your convenience, you may contribute online towards your current pledge, future pledge, and many other options via our website at: <http://www.fpcsalina.org/#/online-giving>. If you are making an in-kind contribution or paying your pledge, the additional 2.75% processing fee is also tax deductible. If you would like a tutorial, contact Melanie or Beth in the office today!



## GIVING TUESDAY: NOVEMBER 29

November 29<sup>th</sup> is the fifth annual #givingtuesday, supporting mission and ministry at home and around the world. Join your fellow Presbyterians and participate: Give to your home church. Give to Presbyterian mission workers. Give to the 1001 New Worshiping Communities. Give to the Christmas Joy Offering. Give to Northern Kansas Presbytery's local mission work, or to another Presbyterian-related mission organization. Learn more and make your gift on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at [presbyterianmissionexchange.org/givingtuesday](http://presbyterianmissionexchange.org/givingtuesday).



**COMING UP THIS WEEK AT FPC:**

*Did we make a mistake? We want to correct it!  
Email [office@fpcsalina.org](mailto:office@fpcsalina.org) and we'll fix it.*

**SUNDAY, November 27 –*First Day of Advent*  
*Hanging of the Greens***

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

**MONDAY, November 28**

Staff Meeting – Hope Room, 11 am

**TUESDAY, November 29**

Mail December *News* – Hope Room, 10:30 am

**WEDNESDAY, November 30**

FBI Program – Downstairs Classroom, 3:45 pm  
FBI-In-Training – Nursery, 3:45 pm  
Yoga – Youth Annex, 5 pm  
Choir Practice – Choir Room, 7 pm

**THURSDAY, December 1**

HeBrews Bible Study – Mokas, 6:45 am

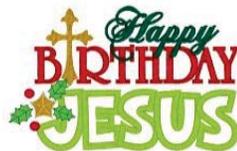
**SUNDAY, December 4 – *Second Sunday of Advent***

Adult Ed Class – Hope Room, 9 am  
Nursery Open – 9:45 am  
Worship – Blair Hall, 10 am  
Potluck Dinner – Blair Hall, 11 am  
CIA/SWAT Youth Groups – Youth Room, 11:15 am  
Blood Pressure Checks – Parlor, 11:30 am



**MAY THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS BE WITH YOU!**

- Nov. 29 #GivingTuesday, Give online: [presbyterianmissionexchange.org/givingtuesday](http://presbyterianmissionexchange.org/givingtuesday)
- Dec. 4 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Youth Christmas Gift Shopping, 11 am
- Dec. 6 *Circles of the Heartland* fundraiser dinner at Tucson's Steak House, 5-8 pm
- Dec. 10 Youth Cookie Tray Assembly in Kitchen
- Dec. 11 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Children's Christmas Program, Youth Christmas Cookie Trays Delivery, Advent Trivia Game in the Parlor, 9 am
- Dec. 12 Poinsettia Order Forms Due
- Dec. 14 Christmas Caroling at Presbyterian Manor, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Christmas Cantata, Christmas Joy Offering collection, Youth Christmas Party, Poinsettia Delivery
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services: 5 pm (Family Friendly) & 11 pm, Poinsettia Delivery
- Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! Worship service 10 am, pajama birthday party for Jesus



## WINTER WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT

When USD 305 is closed due to inclement weather, all activities and meetings at FPC will be cancelled. In that event, a notice will be posted on KSAL, Facebook, Twitter, and an all-church email will be sent out.



## PLEASE JOIN THE FPC SALINA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP



Women's Bible Study Group is meeting on the first Monday of every month, 5:30 p.m. in the Hope Room, to share answer to the question, "Who is Jesus?". This group meets until June 2017. Books can be requested in the office.

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## 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Youth Group that meets Sunday mornings after worship. This group focuses on mission and fellowship during this time.
- 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](http://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*

Director of Youth Ministry: *Tricia Cobb*

Head Custodian: *Ed Zoch*

Nursery Coordinator: *Debb Homman*

Organist: *Angie Koshgarian*

Director of Children's CE: *Shelby Dickson*

Custodian: *Tony Griggs*

Nursery Caregivers: *Anita Thompson*

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