

# *Christmas Eve Worship*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
11:00 PM



December 24, 2016  
\*for those who wish to stand  
**Bold print indicates congregational participation**

**Christmas Eve Worship Celebration – 11 o'clock service**

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES & CHRIST CANDLE**

**\*LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS**

Seara Weir

One: The Word was made flesh.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

One: And dwelt among us.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

One: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

One: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

One: Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

One: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

One: Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

One: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, our Way, our Truth, and our Life:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

One: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Luke 2:1-20* (pg. 80, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#121

**HOMILY**

*Not So Silent*

Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

*What Child Is This?*

#145

### GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Opportunities to serve this week: Christmas Joy, Heifer International  
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*

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*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

\*HYMN

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

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## SEALING GOD'S WORD: THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord by with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them 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 and our greatest joy...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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: You are holy, O God of majesty...Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...almighty God, now and forever, Amen.

## 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.

## 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.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and astounding God, at this table, in this meal, we have been met by Christ – the reflection of your glory, the imprint of your being. As we go from this place, may our lives be a joyful song proclaiming the good news of your righteousness and peace for all the world.

### \*CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

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*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.*

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

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### **TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:**

**Worship Assistant:** Seara Weir

**Greeter:** Seara Weir

**Ushers:** Ashley Jarvis, Phil Krug, Sydney & Morrie Soderberg

**Communion Preparers:** Mitzie & Jimmie Lewis

**Communion Servers:** Randy Graham, Phil Krug, Mitzie & Jimmie Lewis, Tina Ralston, Sydney & Morrie Soderberg, Seara Weir

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## **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, December 25 – *Christmas Day Pajama Party***

Adult Ed Class – Hope Room, 9 am

Nursery CLOSED

Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

### **MONDAY, December 26**

FPC CLOSED

### **WEDNESDAY, December 28**

Yoga – Youth Annex, 5 pm

### **THURSDAY, December 29**

Mail January News – Hope Room, 10:30 am

### **SUNDAY, January 1 – *New Year's Day***

Adult Ed Class – Hope Room, 9 am

Nursery Open – 9:45 am

Worship – Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

Blood Pressure Checks – 11:30, Parlor



## **FPC OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS**

The FPC office will be closed Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

Keeping the promise of the Advent season, the Christmas Joy Offering assists church workers and their families during times of need. The Christmas Joy offering will be collected today and Christmas Day service.

## **JAN MCMILLEN MEMORIAL SERVICE: JANUARY 13TH**

The memorial service for Jan McMillen will be held Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 308 S. 8th St., Salina, Kansas 67401, or Delta Delta Delta House Corp., KSU, 1228 Westloop Pl., Box 168, Manhattan, KS 66502.



## **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: PASS THE GIFT**



Heifer International is an assistance organization program helping to end hunger and poverty, and at the same time protect the environment and care for the earth. There will be tables in the parlor during Advent to sell books and gifts for Heifer. You may also make a monetary contribution to Heifer through the church.

## **PRESBYTERIAN MANOR SERVICE: JANUARY 8TH**

One of FPC's "hidden jewels" is its outreach to its friends, family and neighbors at the Presbyterian Manor. Our ties to the Manor are strong and are demonstrated by the many events that we sponsor there, including Christmas caroling and occasional Sunday worship. (Remember last summer's "Drive-In Movie" service?) FPC also alternates with Sunrise Presbyterian in leading worship services at 3 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month. Usually, the enthusiastic crowd is "standing-room only." Because of the New Year's holiday, the January service, led by FPC, will be held the following Sunday, Jan. 8th. Join us!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: JAN. 21 PRESBYTERY MEETING @ FPC

FPC is hosting the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, January 21st, and we need your help! In addition to staff, we will need numerous volunteers to ensure this meeting runs smoothly. Volunteers are needed for registration, hosting, and helping with the meal. Elders are needed to help prepare and serve Communion. Ushers are needed during worship. Please contact Melanie in the church office if you would like to help. Thank you!!

## COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE!

It's that time of year again, to begin work on the Annual Report. FPC's Annual Congregational Meeting is set for January 29<sup>th</sup>. In order to have the Annual Report distributed to the congregation in a timely manner, we ask that all committees submit their reports to Beth no later than Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Last year's Annual Report is on our website at: [fpcsalina.org/#/resources/annual-report](http://fpcsalina.org/#/resources/annual-report) for reference.

## OFFICER TRAINING AND INSTALLATION



All new FPC elders & deacons are required to attend officer training on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to noon in Blair Hall. Other elders & deacons are encouraged to attend as well. This gathering is designed after a similar annual event in Ohio known as Partners in Education, or PIE. So, naturally, pie will be served! New officers will be installed during the January 8<sup>th</sup> worship service.

## THANK YOU FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE!

The Stewardship Committee extends a heartfelt "Thank You" to those who have pledged their financial resources to the mission of First Presbyterian Church for the upcoming year. As of December 19<sup>th</sup>, pledges received total \$459,110.97. Each and every pledge is valued, just as each and every member of our church family is valued. It's not too late to give prayerful consideration to making a pledge for 2017. Your pledge will be confidential. You can make a verbal commitment by calling Melanie at the church 785-825-0226, or you may email your pledge to [melanie@fpcsalina.org](mailto:melanie@fpcsalina.org).

## FPC YOUTH ART ON DISPLAY DOWNTOWN

Annie and Kegan have art on display at the Window Gallery Art 25 and Under exhibit which features the work of regional artists 15-25 years of age. The Window Gallery is an exhibition space, located in downtown Salina at 116 S Santa Fe. The street level gallery can be viewed at any time from the sidewalk. You can view their work through the end of January.



## NEW MEMBER MEETING EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## NO MANOR BUS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The Manor Bus will not run Christmas Day service, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAISE IN YOUR PAJAMAS!

Come to church in your pajamas on Christmas morning! Bring a favorite present from under the tree! Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



## THE TIME IS COMING...MIDWEEK MANNA BEGINS JANUARY 4TH!

FPC is adding another service! Midweek Manna on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:15 p.m. We gave you a sneak peek at what this service will look like a month ago! We hope you liked it! There was an amazing group and we hope to have your support every week! Whether you missed worship on Sunday or just want to fill your soul (and your tummy) midweek, everyone is welcome. This is a new and exciting service that will look at the message in different, interactive ways! We hope to see you Wednesday, January 4th, 5:30 p.m. for our first installment of Midweek Manna!

## NEW ADULT ED CLASS BEGINS JANUARY 8TH

*Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today* by Barbara R. Rossing, is a wonderfully Christ centered book, full of worship and praise. The Adult Ed class will meet from Jan. 8 to Feb. 26 in this study full of mysterious symbolism and poetry. Each lesson includes art created specifically for this study, to enrich the experience of revealing God's word for us. Books are available in the office for \$10. All are welcome.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CHANGE FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, our January Women's Bible Study class will move to Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Hope Room. All are welcome!

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP SUMMER 2017 – IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The Youth will travel to The Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas July 16-22, 2017. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to experience Heifer International in an exciting way! More information can be found on the Youth Calendar insert or ask Tricia Cobb. Registration forms available in the office, or online under "forms". Deadline approaching soon!

## WALK TO BETHLEHEM COMES TO AN END

Well done, FPC! We made it to Bethlehem in record time! We continued on to Turkey and the Arabian Peninsula to the starting locales of the Three Wise Men, and still made it back in time for the birth of our Savior. You walked, ran, worked out, did yard work, studied, attended worship, practiced and played sports and much more to accumulate the necessary miles. Brigid Hall and Diana Smith say 'thank you' for your enthusiasm and for staying the course. It's been great fun!

## THANK YOU TO OUR CHILDREN'S STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS!

First Presbyterian would like to say a HUGE "thank you" to the staff and volunteers that make our Wednesday and Sunday children's programs and nursery run smoothly. As we look forward into the 2017 year and reflect on all the blessings that our church has been given in 2016, we'd like to thank these amazing people for all of their efforts and support of the children: Sarah Payne, Penni White, Betty Norman, Cora White, Chloe White, Harper Johnston, Lyniece Meyer, Debb Homman, Danielle Hix, and Anita Thompson.

# ***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. 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](mailto:office@fpcsalina.org) or 785-825-0226.*

Please list date desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list EXACTLY the way you want your name(s) listed as donor:

Given in Memory of

OR

Given in Honor of



Return this form with your payment of \$20.00 to: First Presbyterian Church



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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Nursery Coordinator: *Debb Homman*

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