

# *Christmas Eve*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:00 PM



**December 24, 2017**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE – 10 o'clock Candle Light Service**

PRELUDE

**GOD CREATES LIGHT**

*Genesis 1:1-5*

SONG OF REFLECTION                      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*                      #121

**GOD IS LIGHT**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7:1-5*

SONG OF REFLECTION                      *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*                      #117

**GOD SENDS HIS LIGHT TO THE NATIONS**

*Isaiah 60:1-3, 19-20*

SONG OF REFLECTION                      *Love Has Come*                      #110

**JESUS COMES AS THE LIGHT**

*John 1:1-3; John 8:12; Luke 2:1-20*

ANTHEM    *Angels Carol*    Rutter

HOMILY    *The Senses of Christmas: Sight*    Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith

SONG OF REFLECTION                      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*                      #119

OFFERTORY    *Still, Still, Still*    Traditional

**WE PREFER THE DARKNESS**

*John 3:19-21*

SONG OF REFLECTION                      *In the Bleak Midwinter*                      #144

**GOD SHINES HIS LIGHT UPON US**

*Psalms 67:1-3*

SONG OF REFLECTION                      *Joy to the World*                      #134

## THE LIGHT OF HEAVEN

*Revelation 21:1-2, 22-25*

BENEDICTION

SONG OF PROCLAMATION

*Silent Night*

#122

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

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

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### **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the truly “incredible gift,” as well as the gifts of church leaders - past, present, and future. Through the work of the Christmas Joy Offering, we seek the living of this truth: that God’s generosity is the source, the support, and the outcome of our own. We give because God has freely given. We give to support the needs of our church leaders - past, present, and future - and God amplifies and extends those gifts through the ministry of those leaders. Their gifts of ministry extend and amplify as well, “overflowing” in thanksgiving to God, and the entire environment of generosity bears witness to God’s grace, a truly incredible gift.

Three Ways You May Give:

- 1. Place your offering in the special "Christmas Joy" pew envelopes. Please make your check out to "First Presbyterian Church", and include "Christmas Joy" in the memo.
- 2. Text JOY to 20222 to give \$10.
- 3. Give online at: [presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy](http://presbyterianmission.org/give/christmasjoy)

Thank you for your support of this life-changing offering.



### **WALK TO BETHLEHEM**

Okay, this is it! We have arrived! We have completed our eight-week Walk to Bethlehem. Many thanks for your commitment and your faithful “walking” and reporting. I hope the devotions blessed your journey. As of December 16<sup>th</sup>, we covered 127% of our goal. Impressive! By the 1<sup>st</sup> of January we will provide our final tally of miles. May your Christmas be merry and bright! Best wishes from the W2B team...Diana and Brigid

### **ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY: WE NEED YOUR PICTURE!**

Please remember that as your family gathers for holiday photos, you still need to submit a picture for the new First Presbyterian Church, Salina, online directory. We love your contributions to the cause! Please check your email for specific instructions on how to upload one yourself or just simply email it to the church office ([beth@fpcsalina.org](mailto:beth@fpcsalina.org)). Or, if you'd prefer, we'll be glad to take your picture. Each Wednesday and Sunday through December, we will be taking pictures in the Parlor Conference Room. Go there after the worship service and see our photographers. Thanks!

## **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, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve**

Nursery CLOSED

Worship - Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

Church Directory Photo Session – Parlor Conf  
Room, 11 am

Poinsettia delivery following worship

Family Christingle Worship – Sanctuary, 5 pm

Traditional Worship – Sanctuary, 10 pm

### **FRIDAY, December 29**

Mail January News – Hope Room, 10:30 am

### **SUNDAY, December 31 – New Year's Eve**

Nursery CLOSED

Worship - Sanctuary, 10 am

Fellowship – Parlor, 11 am

Church Directory Photo Session – Parlor Conf  
Room, 11 am

### **MONDAY, December 25 – Christmas Day**

FPC Closed



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## **CHILDREN'S CRAFT & BAKE SALE THANK YOU**

The children would like to say a HUGE "thank you" for your support in the craft and bake sale that took place throughout the month. The children loved creating crafts for all of you! We are so thankful for the support of the Children, Youth, & Young Adult committee who supplied the baked goods. Through everyone's efforts, and because of the congregations support, we were able to raise \$572.00 that will be placed towards outreach activities. Thank you, again, for all of your love and support!

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS THANK YOU**

December 10<sup>th</sup> was a great day at FPC! The children and the children's education staff, would like to express our deepest gratitude for your support of the children's Christmas program called, "Signs of Christmas." We would also like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to Richard & Angie Koshgarian for their assistance in helping us with the musical portion of the program. We are so thankful for all who had a hand in helping us produce this year's Christmas performance! Merry Christmas, all!

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM GOD SQUAD!**

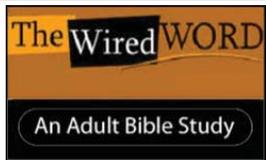
The mid-high, God Squad, would like to wish all of you a VERY Merry Christmas! This semester of Tuesday evening dinners has flown by. We've enjoyed so much fellowship, laughter, delicious food, and deep discussions. We would like to say thank you to the Denning and Davidson families who volunteered a Tuesday evening to provide dinner for us. It's been a great semester! We look forward to continued Tuesday dinners beginning in January!



## **FPC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

There will be NO MidWeek Manna on December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Nursery will be CLOSED December 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The FPC office will be CLOSED December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## WIRED WORD BEGINS JANUARY 16TH



The new year will also usher in a revival of the popular Wired Word current-event class here at FPC Salina. 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. Pastor Charlie will be leading the Wired Word class on Tuesdays at noon, beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>. If you previously signed up for the Wired Word class, you will receive the curriculum by email on the Thursday previous to the Tuesday class. If you would like to join, please contact the church office. Bring a brown-bag lunch!

## OFFICER TRAINING AND INSTALLATION: JANUARY 13-14

All new FPC elders & deacons are required to attend officer training on Saturday, January 13<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 14<sup>th</sup> worship service.

## COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE: JANUARY 15

It's that time of year again, to begin work on the Annual Report. FPC's Annual Congregational Meeting is set for February 4<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 ([beth@fpcsalina.org](mailto:beth@fpcsalina.org)) no later than **Monday, January 15<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.

## THANK YOU TO THE BOY SCOUTS!

A big thank you to Boy Scouts Troop 2 for the wonderful fall clean-up of the church grounds! Six youth and four leaders worked from about 12-5 p.m. on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They hauled debris from various areas around the parking lot and the perimeter areas of the church and raked up a huge pile of leaves that had gathered around the yard. Thank you for all your service. Your work is much appreciated. Ed and the Trustees.

## 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. FPC Youth will be available in the parlor after worship during Advent to sell animals, books and gifts for Heifer. You may also make a monetary contribution to Heifer through the church, the FPC online giving site <https://fundraise.heifer.org/fpcsalina>, or the new "change for change" tubes. During Advent the tubes will be located at the Heifer table, but the tubes will be available for year-long giving!

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETING CHANGE

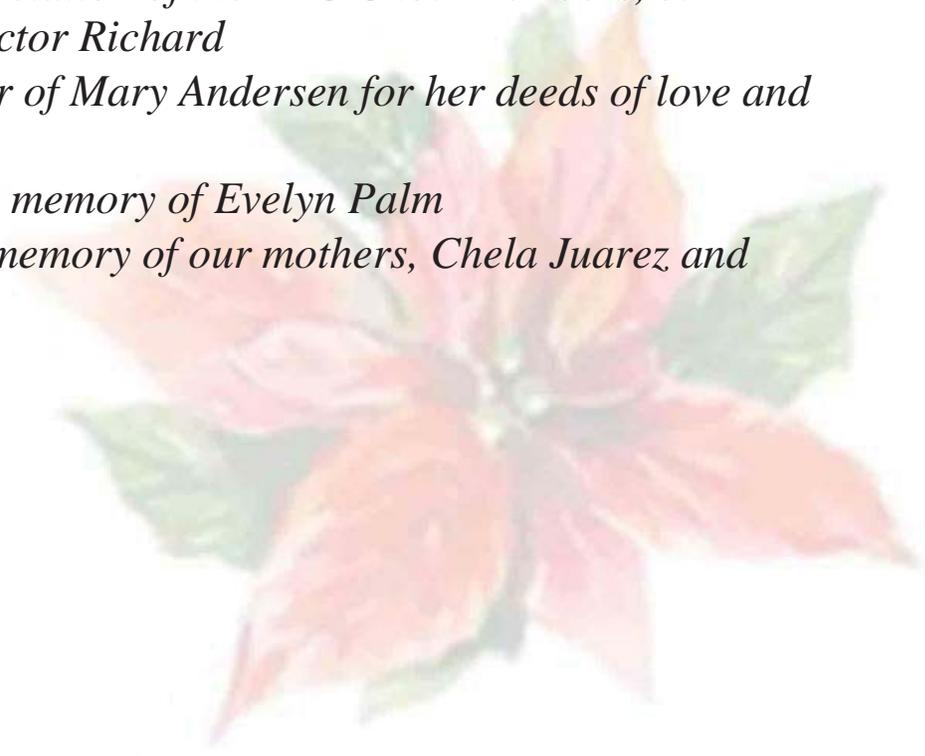
Due to the New Year's Day holiday, the next Women's Bible Study group meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Hope Room. "Cloud of Witnesses, the Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier, invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community. Books are available in the church office during regular office hours. The cost is \$10.

# 2017 Poinsettia Donors

- ◆ *Mary Andersen, in honor of Monne Andersen, Tony Andersen & Melanie Trump*
- ◆ *The Family of A. Jay Andersen, in his memory*
- ◆ *Ruth & Steve Ascher, in appreciation of the warm welcome back to the community*
- ◆ *Portia & Terry Bakker, in honor of our family, Lee, Jaime, Hannah, James and Will, Andrea, Eleanore*
- ◆ *Jo & Shannon Buchanan, in honor of our mothers, Chris Buchanan and Middy Risinger*
- ◆ *Lisa & Randy Graham and Dale Satterthwaite, in memory of Bonnie Satterthwaite*
- ◆ *Ron Green Family, in memory of Sue Green*
- ◆ *Jerry Hillyard*
- ◆ *Marilyn Holgerson, in honor of Tricia Cobb, for mentoring our youth*
- ◆ *The Family of Jack Howard, in his memory*
- ◆ *Ann Jett, in memory of Harry Jett and David Jett*
- ◆ *Connie Johnson, in memory of George F. Johnson*
- ◆ *Sara, Peter, Hadley & Harper Johnston, in honor of our church family*
- ◆ *Cyndy & John Knutson, in honor of Anna and Drew*
- ◆ *Patty & John Landes, in memory of John & Margaret Landes and Don & Verda Jones*
- ◆ *Amanda Michaelis, in honor of Carson Michaelis in his senior year*
- ◆ *Amanda Michaelis, in honor of Morrie Soderberg in his retirement*
- ◆ *Sarah Morris, in honor of Eleanor Smith's birthday*
- ◆ *The Nordboe Family, in memory of Ken Nordboe*
- ◆ *Betty & Dan Norman, in honor of Jean Gardner*
- ◆ *Sarah & Ryan Payne, in honor of Ella, Sam and Tommy Payne*
- ◆ *Martha Rhea, in memory of Glen Rhea*
- ◆ *Martha Rhea, in honor of the Jaych Rhea family*

# *2017 Poinsettia Donors*

- ◆ *Linda & Bob Salem, in memory of Ivy & Charlie Marsh*
- ◆ *Betsy Scholten, in memory of Jim Scholten*
- ◆ *Diana & Charlie Smith, in memory of our parents*
- ◆ *Sydney & Morrie Soderberg, in honor of Tige, Amanda, Carson, Molly, Lily and Ella*
- ◆ *Susie & Bob Stinson, in memory of our parents, Dr. Claude and Dr. Rochelle Flora, J. Perry & Lois Stinson, and sister Ivy Flora Marsh*
- ◆ *Susie & Bob Stinson, in honor of our grandchildren, Helm, Roselyn, Katherine, Clark, Sarah, Zack, Elizabeth, Steven, Claire, Autumn, Steven, Alex and Zach*
- ◆ *Bette Timmel, in memory of Don Timmel*
- ◆ *Jane & Charley Weathers, in honor of our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren*
- ◆ *Mary Anne Weiner, in honor of the precious children of our church*
- ◆ *The Weiner Family, in appreciation of the FPC Choir members, our accompanist Angie and director Richard*
- ◆ *The Weiner Family, in honor of Mary Andersen for her deeds of love and service to this church family*
- ◆ *Margaret & Bruce Wyatt, in memory of Evelyn Palm*
- ◆ *Bev & Charlie Zizumbo, in memory of our mothers, Chela Juarez and Audrey Mabry*





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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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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](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*

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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