



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 24, 2017

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Mary Anne Weiner, Diana & Charlie Smith

WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

#108 (v. 1-3)

LITANY FOR ADVENT

One: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, you order all things with strength and gentleness; Come now and teach us the way to salvation.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared in the burning bush to Moses and gave him the law on Sinai; Come with outstretched arm to save us.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: O Root of Jesse, rising as a sign for all the peoples, before you earthly rulers will keep silent, and nations give you honor; Come quickly to deliver us.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: O Key of David, Scepter over the house of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open; Come to set free the prisoners who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, Sun of justice: Come, shine on those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: O Ruler of the nations, Monarch for whom the people long, you are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity: Come, save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

One: O Immanuel, our Sovereign and Lawgiver, desire of the nations and Savior of all: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

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.***

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

2nd Samuel 7:1-11, 16 (pg. 386, OT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Mary, Did You Know?

Nick Salem, Scott Salem

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 (pg. 78, NT)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Senses of Christmas: Smell

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Bring Us Peace

Courtney

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

(Please sign the Act of Friendship sheet and pass it down the pew)

OFFERTORY

Welcome to Our World

Nick Salem, Scott Salem

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#606

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

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

#102

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Coffee Hostesses: Betty Garrison, Flo Van Meter

Greeter: Betsy Scholten

Advent Candle Lighters: Mary Anne Weiner, Diana & Charlie Smith

Ushers: Marcia Anderson, Amanda Michaelis, Molly Michaelis, Eva & Tom Winkler

Deacons Flower Deliverer: Poinsettia delivery

Manor Bus Driver: Sunrise Presbyterian

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the truly “indescribable 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 indescribable 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

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 16th, we covered 127% of our goal. Impressive! By the 1st 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). 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!

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.

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 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



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 10th 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!

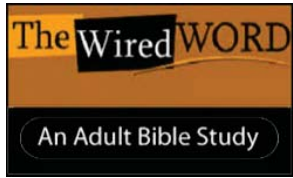
The mid-high, God Squad, would like to wish all of you a VERY Merry Christmas! This semester of Tuesday evening dinners has flown by. We've enjoyed so much fellowship, laughter, delicious food, and deep discussions. We would like to say thank you to the Denning and Davidson families who volunteered a 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 27th and January 3rd. The Nursery will be CLOSED December 24th and 31st. The FPC office will be CLOSED December 25th and January 1st.

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 16th. 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 13th, 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 14th 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 4th. 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) no later than **Monday, January 15th**. Last year's Annual Report is on our website at: 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 2nd. 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!

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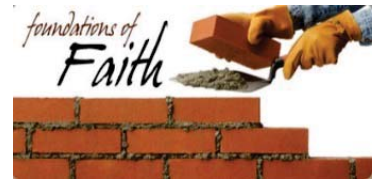
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Return the form, with your payment of \$20.00, to
First Presbyterian Church
308 South 8th
Salina, KS 67402-0585





MIDWEEK MANNA



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

**JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 P.M.
NO MIDWEEK MANNA UNTIL JANUARY 10TH**

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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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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