



First
Presbyterian
CHURCH SALINA

4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026



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

Today's Liturgy written by Rev. Sarah A. Speed / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Phil Price

*please sign the act of friendship pad

BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: "We honor our mortality."

Exhale: "Hope is written in the ashes."

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God loves the field mouse.

All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.

One: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

All: God loves the child who rocks and claps.

One: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

All: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.

One: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

All: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.

One: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

All: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.

One: So let us worship this good-news God!

All: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

These Treasured Children

#487

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

All: Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

One: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

All: We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

One: God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

All: We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

One: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

All: We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.

One: Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

All: By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.

One: May this good news change our lives!

All: Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

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

Heidi Paquin

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 19:13-15

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One: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Image of God

Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

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One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Protection & Care for the Vulnerable"

Phil Price

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Sanctified Art

All: I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

This Is My Song

#340

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

To give online, visit <https://www.fpcsalina.org/give>. To give over the phone, text FPCSalina and your dollar amount to 73256 or download our Realm Connect App.



CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Look at the World

Rutter

*DOXOLOGY

#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.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#547

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The flowers in the chancel are in memory of
B.F. & Edith Duncan and Florence Anderson.*



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Becky Cram*

Hospitality Host: *Betty Norman*

Ushers: *Cathy & Jeff Hayes*

Weekly Glance

SUNDAY, March 15: 11:15am – Adult Class

TUESDAY, March 17: 12:00pm – Lent Bible Study

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 4:30pm – Deacons

WEDNESDAY, March 18: Salina Grace meal prep & serve
6:30pm – Choir Practice

SUNDAY, March 22: 9:00am – Adult Class

10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

11:00am – Weekend Food Bag Packaging

11:15am – Adult Class

Looking Forward



Walking with Jesus

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY'S 12:00PM
UNTIL MARCH 31

CONFERENCE ROOM

\$10/BOOK



Assemble Weekend Food Bags



March 22 After Worship

Salina Grace Resource Center



Fill the FREEZER

Tuesday March 24
5:00 – 7:00PM
Kitchen



SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Wednesday March 25th
5:30 - 6:30PM
Blair Hall
Soup, Rolls & Butter, and Cookies

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FPC FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

RUB-A-DUB-DUB!

There's a new baby to love!

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH
AFTER WORSHIP IN THE PARLOR

JOIN US FOR COOKIES AND A DIAPER SHOWER FOR PARKER AND JACK FREELAND TO WELCOME BROOKS OLIVER-LEE

THE FREELANDS PREFER MILLIE MOON AND HUGGIES BRAND DIAPERS SIZE 2+ AND GENTLE/SCENT-FREE WIPES

Mar 29, 2026

Palm Sunday **Choral Cantata**



Sacred Songs
for the *End of Time*
Written by Richard Koshgarian



Let the Little Children Come By

Carmelle Beugelin Caldwell
Inspired by Matthew 19:13-15

For my little niece, Angelina, whose art rests at the heart of this composition, and in whose joy we glimpse the Kingdom of God—alongside her sisters, Angelika and Ariana.

At the center of this work is a drawing made by my five-year-old niece, Angelina. I watched her joyfully scribble it in under three minutes, churning out drawing after drawing and handing each one to me with an eager smile. In this piece, she first drew a self-portrait (her wearing a crown), then graciously decided to include me (taking some creative liberties in giving me a third arm!).

I imagine the scene in Matthew 19: toddlers wailing, little ones slipping from their parents'

arms, parents offering apologetic glances toward the frowning disciples as the scene around Jesus grows increasingly disorderly and loud. Those of us who've participated in group infant baptisms and baby dedications (when one cries, the chain reaction begins!), have led children's sermon moments with restless kids squirming about, or had the joy of watching our little ones participate in a kids' choir performance that goes delightfully rogue, can easily relate.

The disciples, feeling the weight of being seen as serious leaders alongside their rabbi, Jesus, may have tried to preserve a sense of reverence by shooing away the parents bringing their children to him. Yet here, Jesus reorients his disciples (and us) away from the illusion of control and reminds us that it is the joyful, unruly, sincere presence of a child to whom the kingdom truly belongs. Just a chapter earlier, in Matthew 18, Jesus tells his followers that unless they become like little children, they will not even enter the kingdom. Surely the disciples thought Jesus couldn't mean that literally—right?

While I've been busy making art, Angelina has been busy *being* an artist. I surely could learn a thing or two from her about inheriting the kingdom. —Carmelle Beugelin Caldwell

Look

Contemplate the gold shapes in the image. What do they represent to you?



Dedicate Easter Flowers!

Honor a loved one by dedicating an Easter plant that will decorate the Chancel on Easter Sunday!

A list of dedications will be available on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

The deadline to submit orders is Monday, March 30.

Please contact the office with any questions at communications@fpcsalina.org or 785-825-0226.

I would like to purchase # _____ Easter Lily(s) for \$20/each

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

Given in Memory of:

OR

Given in Honor of:

Do you wish to **KEEP** the plant(s)? Yes No

Plants may be picked up after the Easter Sunday Service.

If you would prefer, you may donate the plant (check No above) and it will be distributed as gifts to the homebound.

Return this form with your payment to:
First Presbyterian Church 308 S. 8th St, Salina, KS 67401





For Your Information:

- FPC's Nursery, located on the second floor, is available for any child under the age of 6. We also have a playground in the parlor – a space for parents and younger children to be close to the sanctuary during 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.
- 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. **Please sit in center section of Sanctuary.**



Faith Formation Programs:

- **FBI-In-Training** is our Faith Formation program for children age 2 through Pre-K.
- **FBI** (Faithful Bible Investigators) is our Faith Formation program for children in grades K-5.
 - FBI & FBI-In-Training meet every Wednesday during the school year at 3:45 pm.
- **God Squad** is our 6th-8th grade Youth Bible Study that meets every other Wednesday during the school year from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Youth Room or a restaurant.
- **HeBrews** is our 9th-12th grade Youth Bible Study that meets every Thursday during the school year at 7:00 am at Mokas on Crawford. The name is derived from *Hebrews 10:25*.

CHURCH STAFF

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