



First
Presbyterian
CHURCH SALINA



Easter

April 5, 2026



*for those who wish to stand
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Today's Liturgy written by Rev. Sarah A. Speed / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Phil Price

*please sign the act of friendship pad

BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: "God is alive."

Exhale: "And God's breath is freedom."

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.

One: The good news is dancing!

All: The good news is on the loose!

One: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

One: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

*OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid. And we don't know where to look. And we are worried we will say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

All: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. 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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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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

Clasen

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

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One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Alive in the World

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

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Today's communion is served by intinction. After the choir is served, please come forward using the center aisle. Please take a piece of bread and then dip it into the cup and commune.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

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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.***

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Communion Preparation & Servers: *Chandra Cooper, Sarah Payne, Cheri Parr and Chris Rupe*

Worship Assistant: *Chris Rupe*

Hospitality Host: *Anne Davidson*

Ushers: *Heather & Boyd Smith*

Easter surprise(s):

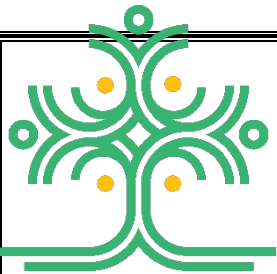
Whenever we gather for worship at FPC, our beautiful stained glass window reminds us of the joyful truth—the tomb is empty! It almost feels as if Jesus is right here among us.

This Easter, we invite you to go on a little “Jesus hunt!” About 300 little Jesuses will be hiding throughout the sanctuary, parlor, and south entrance hall—just waiting to be discovered.



When you find one, snap a photo and share it on the church’s Realm app NewsFeed or on social media as a fun reminder that Jesus is alive and moving among us!

Just a friendly reminder to keep it to about a dozen little Jesuses so everyone can enjoy the fun. Happy hunting, and joyful Easter!



Weekly Glance

MONDAY, April 6: FPC Holiday

TUESDAY, April 7: 5:15 pm – Faith Formation

WEDNESDAY, April 8: Salina Grace meal prep & serve

4:00pm – FBI

6:30pm – GodSquad

6:30pm – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, April 9: 7:00am – HeBrews

SUNDAY, April 12: 9:00am – Adult Class

10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

11:15am – Adult Class



Meet Me in Galilee

by Hannah Garrity

Inspired by Matthew 28:1-10

18x18" Hand-dyed and collaged newspaper with paper lace overlay

The good news is alive in the world. Do not be afraid. Go back to Galilee. Go back to Galilee where it all started. Go back to Galilee and celebrate like we did at the beginning when we were not afraid, when these words of liberation had not yet drawn the trappings of imperial execution.

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the

empty cross. The cross here is mirroring the traditional, four-petaled, stained-glass window design element, which has long represented the cross in European architecture.

The crowd dancing within the cross celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, fearlessly awaiting his arrival in Galilee. The Roman weapon of oppression, the cross, inflicts but a pause in the steadfast and abiding ministry of revolutionary love offered by Jesus in his public ministry. It is fitting then that we should go back to the place it began, when fear was not such a lethal factor. God has overcome death. Hallelujah!

Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news, the *euaggelion*, is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors. —Hannah Garrity

Look

*Study the figures in the crowd. What postures and expressions do you see?
What emotions do you feel?*

Easter Flower Donors

The Duncan Lot Fund, in memory of B.F. & Edith Duncan and Florence Anderson

Ruth Ascher, in Honor of Everyone who works or volunteers to make this a viable and thriving congregation.

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The Renfro Family, in Honor of Toni Renfro

The Renfro Family, in Honor of Richard Koshgarian

Betsy Scholten, in Honor of Margy Hogarty & Tom Poer

The Zuccarelli Family, in Loving Memory of John Zuccarelli

The Zuccarelli Family, in Loving Memory of Jenny Walker





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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