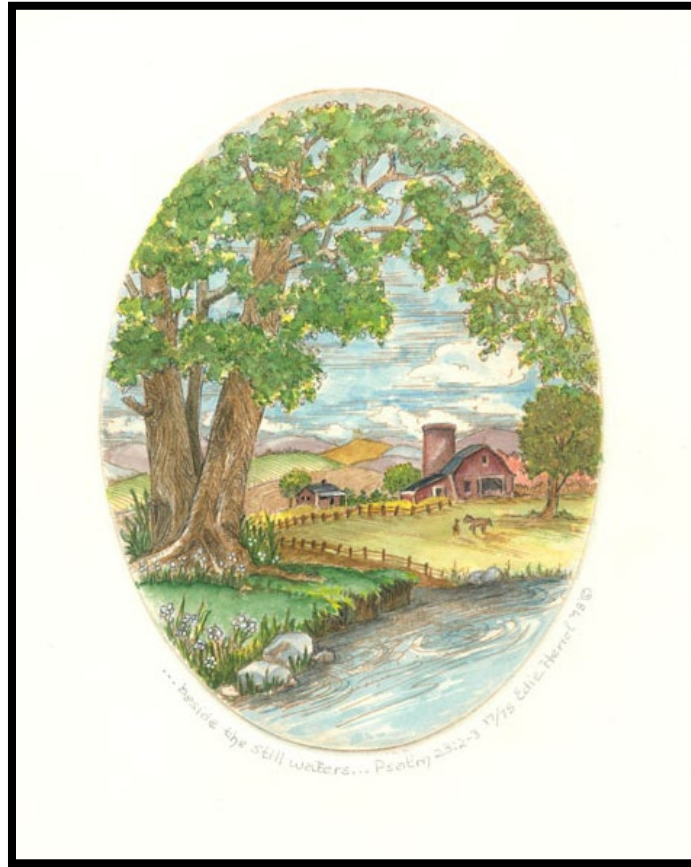




First  
Presbyterian  
CHURCH SALINA

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## April 26, 2026



### ***Beside the Still Waters***

Edie Mae Herrel, 1978

\*for those who wish to stand

**Bold** print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Rev. Dr. Aaron Shepherd for Presbyterian Outlook, 2026

## **GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*please sign the act of friendship pad

Phil Price

BREATH PRAYER     *Inhale: "God is alive."  
Exhale: "And God's breath is freedom."*

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Glory to God #93)

One: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

**All: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!**

One: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

**All: Let us feel the presence of the God's grace and love!**

One: O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

**All: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!**

\*OPENING HYMN             *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*                             #93

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore.**

*TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: The proof God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

**All: Alleluia! 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 23

Page 676 OT

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Shelter in the Storm*

Raney

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10

Page 140 NT

One: This is God's word to us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Our Shepherd*

Phil Price

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Second Helvetic Confession)

**All: In all crises and trials of our life we call upon God alone, and do so by the mediation of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ. For we have been explicitly commanded: "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me" (*Psalm 1:15*). Moreover, we have a most generous promise from the Lord who said: "If you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you" (*John 16:23*), and: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (*Matthew 11:28*). And since it is written: "How are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed?" (*Romans 10:14*), and since we do believe in God alone, we assuredly call upon God alone, and we do so through Christ alone. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Project Salina

Cheri Parr

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Fettke

\*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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:**

Worship Assistant: *Ruth Ascher*

Hospitality Host: *Marcia Anderson*

Ushers: *Heather & Boyd Smith*

**Weekly Glance**

**SUNDAY, April 26:** 11:00am, Fill Weekend Food Bags  
11:15am, Adult Ed

**WEDNESDAY, April 29:** Salina Grace meal prep & serve  
4:00pm – FBI  
6:30pm – Choir Practice

**THURSDAY, April 30:** 7:00am – HeBrews  
4:00pm – Finance Committee

**SUNDAY, May 3:** 9:00am – Adult Class  
10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary  
11:15am – Adult Class



MATTHEW 25

**Assemble  
Weekend  
Food Bags**



MATTHEW 25

**April 26 After Worship**

**Salina Grace Resource Center**



**High School  
Senior Sunday**

**class  
of  
2026**

**May 3, 2026**







You are invited to sign up, using the form below, as a Sunday Chancel flower donor for any Sunday in 2026. 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 \$30.00.

Please contact the office with any questions at [communications@fpcsalina.org](mailto:communications@fpcsalina.org) or 785-825-0226.

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

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

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Given in  Memory of  Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to  Donate or  Keep the flowers?

*If donated, the bouquet will be delivered to a member of the congregation as pre-determined by the Deacons.*

Return the form with your payment of \$30 to:  
First Presbyterian Church 308 S 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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*.

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Ministers: *Every Member of Congregation*  
Pastor/ Head of Staff: *Rev. Phil Price*  
Administrative Coordinator: *Nicole Olson*  
Bookkeeper: *Kathleen Pierson*  
Building & Grounds Coordinator: *Steve Fowler*  
Week Day Custodian: *Dennis Augustine*  
Sunday Custodian: *Kirsten Lilak*

Children's Ministry Director: *Heidi Paquin*  
CE Assistant: *Meghan Hessman*  
Nursery Caregivers: *Kirsten Lilak & Haley Lindenmuth*  
Youth Volunteer Leaders: *Makenzi & Trey Cullins,*  
Music Director: *Dr. Richard Koshgarian*  
Musician: *Parker Freeland*  
Worship A/V Tech: *Jesse Smith*

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