



First
Presbyterian
CHURCH SALINA

July 12, 2026



Sower

James Tissot, 1894

*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

Phil Price

*please sign the act of friendship pad

BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: "Liberation is ours."

Exhale: "God, teach us the sound of freedom."

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 119)

One: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

All: God's Word lights the way for us.

One: God has promised to abide with us.

All: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

One: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

All: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

*OPENING HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called "Beloved" by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (from Romans 8:1-3)

One: For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ's death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down. Believe this scandalous, joyous good news:

**All: through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored to new life.
Alleluia! Amen!**

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory to God

***Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!***

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

Heidi Paquin

***This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of the worshiping 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

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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

Cornerstone

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Barmen Declaration)

All: The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world. So we reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. Amen.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION *A Sower Came from Ancient Hills* #171

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 *Live in the Grace of the Lord* Barnard

*DOXOLOGY #609

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields

#714

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Peter Johnston*

Hospitality Host: *Betty Norman*

Ushers: *Cheri Parr & Randy Graham*

Weekly Glance

MONDAY, July 13: Noon – Soundbites

TUESDAY, July 14: Noon – Endowment Trustees

WEDNESDAY, July 15: Salina Grace meal prep & serve

WEDNESDAY, July 15: 5:30pm – Social Justice & Mission Committee

SUNDAY, July 19: 9:00am – Adult Education

10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary

11:15am – Adult Education

Looking Forward



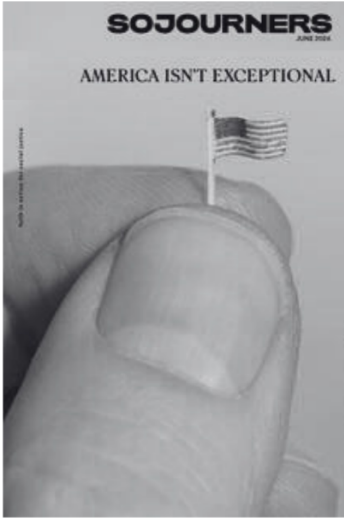
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Social Justice & Mission is hosting



SOUNDBITES
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lindsay Huenefeld
Salina Adult Day Care
JULY 13th



SOJOURNERS
JUNE 2016
AMERICA ISN'T EXCEPTIONAL

**Adult Education
in July**

Sunday's, 9:00am & 11:15am

Sojourners Special Edition Discussion Schedule:
Copies available outside Phil's study

July 5th - When Christians Sanctify this Nation's Self-Delusions
July 12th - God's Liberating Message for U.S. Christians: You Aren't Special
July 19th - Prayers for Strangers in this Strange Land
July 26th - Other articles in the magazine

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Ice Cream Social
August 16



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** or 785-825-0226.

Please list date desired: _____

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

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 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

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

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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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