

July 26, 2026



The Hidden Treasure

JESUS MAFA, 1973

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Matthew A. Rich 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 (from Psalm 119)

One: The decrees of the Lord are wonderful,

All: The unfolding of God's word gives light and understanding.

One: Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

All: Make your face shine upon your servants.

One: We come together to worship the living God.

*OPENING HYMN

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

#5

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

*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

1 Kings 3:5-12

Page 419 OT

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Deep Waters

Choplin

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Page 23 NT

One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Joy Embodied

Phil Price

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Barmen Declaration)

All: As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

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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 *Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend* Choplin

*DOXOLOGY #609

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN *Let All Things Now Living* #37

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chancel flowers given by Ruth Ascher in memory of Steve Ascher.



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Craig Renfro*

Hospitality Host: *Betty Norman*

Ushers: *The Rupe Family*

Weekly Glance

MONDAY, July 27 4:00 pm – Nominating Committee

WEDNESDAY, July 29: Salina Grace meal prep & serve

SUNDAY, August 2: 9:00am – Adult Education
10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary
11:15am – Adult Education



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

Sojourners is a Christian organization dedicated to social justice, peace, and faith-driven activism. Through nonprofit journalism, digital media, advocacy, education, and grassroots mobilization, we strengthen movements for human rights, dignity, and justice—racial, gender, economic, and environmental. Collaborating across faiths and backgrounds, we promote justice and a multiracial democracy. Rooted in Jesus' teachings and the vision of the Beloved Community, we seek to replace fear and division with a vision that uplifts the vulnerable, promotes the common good, and enables all communities to thrive.

Looking Forward

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2  ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	3 CARD MAKING, 9:30 PERSONNEL, 3:30	4 FAITH FORMATION, 5:15	5 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE WORSHIP, 4:30	6 BUILDING & GROUNDS, 4:30	7 YOUTH LOCK-IN, 6:00	1 / 8
9 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 WEEKEND FOOD BAGS, 11:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	10 SOUNDBITES, 12:00	11	12 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE 	13	14	15
16 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ADULT ED, 11:15  ICE CREAM SOCIAL	17 SESSION, 5:15	18 DEACONS, 4:30	19 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE GOD SQUAD, 6:30	20 HEBREWS, 7:00	21	22
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TheoEd

Brief Talks. Big Ideas.

TheoEd is a faith-based speaker series that brings together leading thinkers in the church and the academy to give the talk of their lives in 20 minutes or less.

August 2nd – *Four Words That Change Everything*, Lisa Sharon Haper

August 9th – *Help, Help, Help: Am I Savior or a Servant*, Sister Theresa Sullivan

August 16th – *Fringe Dwellings*, Scott Mitchell

August 23rd – *Faith After Fundamentalism*, Brian McLaren

August 30th – *An Ethics of Dust*, Luke A. Perry



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*
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Nursery Caregivers: *Kirsten Lilak & Haley Lindenmuth*
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Musician: *Parker Freeland*
Worship A/V Tech: *Jesse Smith*

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