



First
Presbyterian
CHURCH SALINA

August 9, 2026



Christ Walking on Water

Julius Sergius von Klever, 1880

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott for Presbyterian Outlook, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Phil Price

*please sign the act of friendship pad

BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: "I choose a life enchanted."

Exhale: "There is miracle in the mundane."

CALL TO WORSHIP (from 1 Kings 11-13)

One: Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire,

All: but in the sound of sheer silence.

One: Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction,

All: so we can hear you and know you among us.

*OPENING HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

#8

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Isaiah 43:1)

One: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Psalm 85:8-13

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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

Creation Sings!

Koerts

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

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One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Stepping Out with Jesus

Phil Price

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from a Brief Statement of Faith)

All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

#159

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hakes

*DOXOLOGY

#609

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

#634

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Ryan Payne*

Hospitality Host: *Hannah Peckham*

Ushers: *Speer Family*

Weekly Glance

MONDAY, August 10: Noon – Soundbites

WEDNESDAY, August 1: Salina Grace meal prep & serve

SUNDAY, August 16: 9:00am – Adult Education
10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary
11:00am – Ice Cream Social
11:15am – Adult Education

Adult Education in August

**Sunday's, 9:00am & 11:15am
Conference Room**



With children and young people getting ready for another school year; those interested in Adult Education are invited to view TheoEd talks throughout August. 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. Its speakers deliver neither sermons nor traditional lectures. Rather they offer highly polished, no-notes, TED-style talks that seek to spark conversations about God, religion, and the power of faith to change lives and communities.

August 9th – Help, Help, Help: Am I Savior or a Servant, Sister Theresa Sullivan: Sister Theresa Sullivan discusses the profound impact of serving others, emphasizing that it's not just an obligation but a gift. She explains that seeing service as a privilege, rather than a burden, can transform the way we approach helping others. The talk highlights the deep responsibility that comes with caring for those around us, acknowledging that it requires effort, empathy, and sometimes sacrifice.

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 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS 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
23 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	24	25 FILL THE FREEZER, 5:30	26 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE	27 HEBREWS, 7:00	28	29
30 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	31					



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*

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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