

August 16, 2026



Mountain of the Holy Cross

Thomas Moran, 1890

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Thomas J. Carrico, Jr. 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

One: Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

All: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

One: The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

All: Let us worship together, every generation.

One: We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

All: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

One: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

All: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

*OPENING HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

#343

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 11:32)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Romans 11, Isaiah 56)

Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Romans 11:29)

One: Paul writes: "I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." God has shown us mercy and God will be merciful to all. Hear and believe this good news:

All: In 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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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

We Are Travelers On A Journey

Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

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One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seeing the Other

Phil Price

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

All: God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Help Us Accept Each Other

#754

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

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Look at the World

Rutter

*DOXOLOGY

#609

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace

#649

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Becky Cram*

Hospitality Host: *Hannah Peckham*

Ushers: *The Carlgren Family*

Weekly Glance

MONDAY, August 17: 5:15pm – Session

TUESDAY, August 18: 4:30pm – Deacons

WEDNESDAY, August 19: Salina Grace meal prep & serve
6:30pm – GodSquad

THURSDAY, August 20: 7:00am – HeBrews

SUNDAY, August 23: 9:00am – Adult Education
10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary
11:15am – Adult Education

Adult Education in August

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

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 16th – Fringe Dwellings, Scott Mitchell: Scott reflects on the journey of being accepted as a gay individual in a world that often marginalizes LGBTQ+ voices. He highlights the importance of finding loving and supportive communities, especially those that are typically overlooked or excluded by mainstream society. Scott shares personal experiences of finding belonging in unusual places and shows us all how we can better love those that are "othered" in society.

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					



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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:
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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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Musician: *Parker Freeland*
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