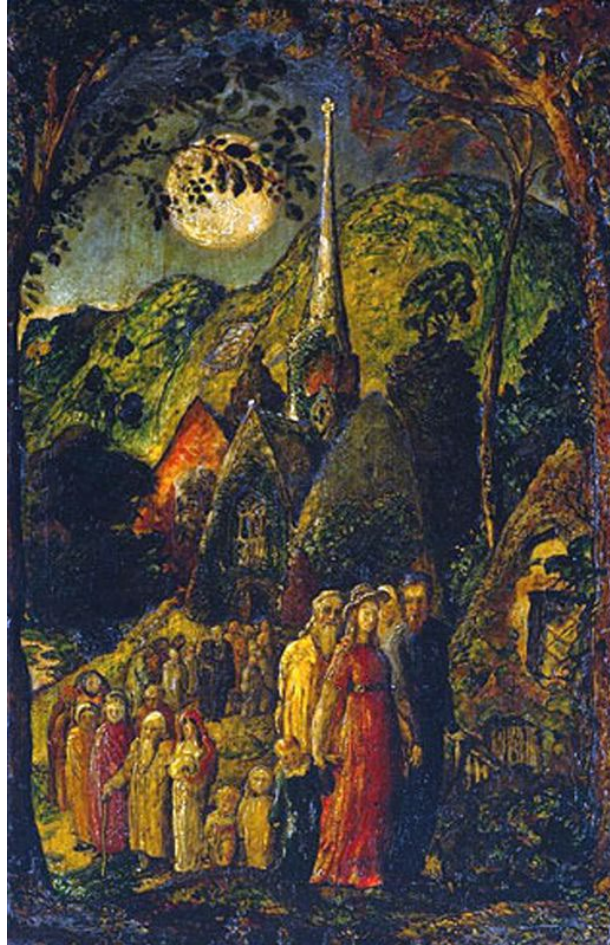


August 23, 2026



Coming from Evening Church

Samuel Palmer, 1830

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Jeny Carlson for Presbyterian Outlook, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Held

WELCOME

Phil Price

*please sign the act of friendship pad

BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: "I claim joy."

Exhale: "I am filled."

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

All: We are here and we are ready.

One: Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

All: You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

One: I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

All: We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

*OPENING HYMN

God You Spin the Whirling Planets

#23

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS *(based on Isaiah 51:4 and Matthew 16:19)*

One: The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me." Jesus promised, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom." We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, "You are my beloved!" May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God's unending forgiveness.

**All: God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name.
Through Jesus I am made whole! 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

Psalm 138

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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

Amazing Savior

Harlan

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8

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One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Transformed by Grace

Phil Price

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Confession of 1967)

All: The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is the sign that God will consummate the work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

#707

RECOGNITION OF CHANDRA COOPER

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

What Wondrous Love is This

Held

*DOXOLOGY

#609

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

#157

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

Wood



White carnation on the chancel is for Carol Exline

Chancel Flowers are given by Jerry Exline, Kyle Ann Exline, Dan Boose, and Brock & Kathi Exline in memory of Carol Exline



TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Assistant: *Chris Rupe*

Hospitality Host: *Marla Kuiper and Kendi Carlgren*

Ushers: *The Carlgren Family*

Guest Musician: *Ruth Ascher*

Weekly Glance

TUESDAY, August 25: 5:30pm – Fill the Freezer

WEDNESDAY, August 26: Salina Grace meal prep & serve

THURSDAY, August 27: 7:00am – HeBrews

4:00pm – Stewardship Committee

SUNDAY, August 30: 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 23rd – Faith After Fundamentalism, Brian McLaren: Through reflections on his own fundamentalist upbringing and faith journey, Brian McLaren encourages listeners to continue growing in their faith in a way that allows them to embrace where they have come from and be gentle with their past selves.

Looking Forward

AUGUST

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 STEWARDSHIP CMTE, 4:00	28	29
30 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	31 CAROL EXLINE SERVICE, 11:00 RECEPTION FOLLOWING IN BLAIR HALL					

← PHIL & KATHY ON VACATION →

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 FAITH FORMATION, 5:15	2 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE WORSHIP CMTE, 4:30	3 HEBREWS, 7:00 NOMINATING CMTE, 4:00 BUILDING & GROUNDS, 4:30 FINANCE CMTE, 4:30	4	5
← PHIL & KATHY ON VACATION →						
6 WORSHIP, 10:00 	7 LABOR DAY ★ FPC CLOSED	8	9 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 SOCIAL JUSTICE & MISSION, 5:30 CHOIR, 6:30	10 HEBREWS, 7:00	11	12
← PHIL & KATHY ON VACATION →						
13 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 WEEKEND FOOD BAGS, 11:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	14 CARD MAKING, 9:30 PERSONNEL, 3:30	15 DEACONS, 4:30	16 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 GOD SQUAD, 6:30 CHOIR, 6:30	17 HEBREWS, 7:00	18	19 FILL THE FREEZER, 2:00
← PHIL & KATHY ON VACATION →						
20 ADULT ED, 9:00 WORSHIP, 10:00 ADULT ED, 11:15	21 SESSION, 5:15	22	23 SALINA GRACE PREP & SERVE FBI, 4:00 CHOIR, 6:30	24 HEBREWS, 7:00	25	26
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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*
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