

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 16)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (sung)

**Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us; And grant us thy peace. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offering plates will be passed to persons seated in pews. However, you may also leave your pledges, gifts and other offerings in the boxes located at the sanctuary doors. Gifts/pledges may also be sent to First Presbyterian Church by mail or through the "Giving" link on our website: <https://www.fpcjc.com/giving>

OFFERTORY

Brass Quintet

***DOXOLOGY** (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #106**

*Prepare the Way, O Zion
(Verses 1-2)*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #106** (Verse 3)

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.**

POSTLUDE

Brass Quintet

***People stand as they are able.**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We strive to be a loving family of faith nurturing the spiritual growth of one another as we serve, worship, and reach out in celebration of Christ's Love.

(C) Advent 2

December 5, 2021

PRELUDE

Brass Quintet

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

OPENING WORDS

Malachi 3:1 & Matthew 24:42-44

Leader: The Lord is coming to his temple

People: We watch and wait for his coming.

Leader: Prepare the way for the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

Reader 2: For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #109**

Blest Be the God of Israel (Song of Zechariah)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Cleansing God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond. A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways. You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude your searching hand. Our sin leads us in other directions, away from you, away from life. Look with mercy upon us. Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In the grace and love of God, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** *"Gloria" Hymn No. 113 (refrain)*

***Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

***THE PEACE**

Leader: As those who have been forgiven, let us forgive our brothers and sisters. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP *Annual Campaign* Annette Ray

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of the prophets, into the wilderness you sent your messenger to prepare for the coming of your Son. In every age, your Word has called your people from death to life, and from darkness into light. In our own day, you have raised up voices who call us to turn and mend our ways. Open our hearts to your good news, help us to turn away from empty ways of living and make us ready to welcome the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4 & Luke 1:68-79

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

On This Day Earth Shall Ring arr. By Hopson

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

THE SERMON TEXT

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #104**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.

For us and for our salvation...

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For us and for our salvation...

**he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

For us and for our salvation...

**he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated on the right hand of the Father.**

For us and for our salvation...

**he will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

from The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Lisa Nabus & family**
- **Roger Lawson**
- **Bob Jeffrey & family**
- **Jennifer Kohlman & family**
- **Pete Young**

We encourage you to pray for these friends – send them a note, call or visit them. Addresses and phone numbers can be obtained from the church office. Send your prayer requests, concerns and updates to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

Thanks to those who have assisted in all the parts and pieces of this morning's worship:

Pastor: Tim Maguffee

Worship Leader: Sandy Wong

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith & Sam Markley

Key Deacon for December transportation: Shawn Windes (253-355-1854)

Elder on call for the week of December 5th is Alice Stuckey (209-0415) or Joe Markley (479-0321)

Children are welcome in worship. We welcome all children and youth to stay during the worship service and experience God. If you need your young child to go to the nursery, our caretakers are ready to receive them.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are provided by the Langvardt Family to the glory of God and in honor of the blessings the Lord has given the Langvardt Family through family, friends, and our church!

Coffee fellowship has started back up with a few changes. Coffee, cookies or donuts will be available between Sunday School and Worship, starting at 10:15. Grab a cup of coffee (with a lid please) and a sweet treat before Church. We will have refreshments after Worship as well. We will be serving out of the kitchenette window in the hallway but you are more than welcome to gather and catch up in the parlor! Volunteers are needed to set up each week, as well as provide cookies and/or donuts. If you are interested in helping out, there is a sign-up list on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. Parents, please talk to your children about whether you are OK with them grabbing a cookie or donut before church. (We don't want to ruin anybody's lunch!) We look forward to this time of fellowship!

Church services are streamed. Please go to our webpage at <https://www.fpcjc.com> where you will find links to our Facebook page and YouTube. You can access our bulletin on our website at <https://www.fpcjc.com/publications>.

Thank you to the following members of the Brass Quintet for providing music during the Prelude, Offertory and Postlude today. They are:

David Carlson, trumpet
Terry Iseli, trumpet
Hayden Lumley, trombone
Danny O'Brien, horn
Victor Wong, tuba

Christmas is coming! Poinsettias are available for purchase until Monday, December 6th for \$10 a plant. Forms can be found in the narthex on the table or in the office.

Today's loose coins and change will again be collected for the Blessing Box.

Can you host an after-church coffee fellowship? We have openings beginning December 5th, 19th and anytime from January 2nd on. If you have questions, please contact Annette Ray at 210-4490. Thank you, Fellowship/Evangelism Committee

If you have information you would like in the **bulletin**, please let the church office know by **noon on Wednesday** for that week. You may call 238-1191 or email your info to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

If you have information you would like in the **January** newsletter, please let the church office know by December 23rd. You may also email your information to office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

When inclement weather is forecast there are three ways you can find out if the church worship service has been cancelled: WIBW (website or T.V.), our First Presbyterian Church-Junction City Facebook page, and - if we have your email address - email from the church.

Youth Calendar of Events:

Dec 8 * Christmas Caroling @ 6:30pm (All Ages)
Dec 15 ** No JAM
Dec 19 ** Practice Candle Lighting for Christmas Eve Service (with Margaret) @ 9:30am
Dec 22-Jan 5 ** No Sunday School or JAM
Jan 9 ** First day back to Sunday School
Jan 12 ** Youth Choir Begins 6:30-7:00pm and JAM will follow, 7:00-7:45pm (K-5th grade)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Glory Ringers Practice
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Worship, child care available

Monday

11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Advent Book Study

Tuesday

1:15 pm Finance Committee
5:30 pm Mission and Evangelism/Fellowship Committees
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
7:00 pm Administration Committee

Wednesday

12:30 pm Bible Study
6:00 pm Recovery Harbor
6:30 pm Christmas Caroling
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA Meeting

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