

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

HYMN #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together* (Verses 1-3)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Jim Ray & Jade White

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #700** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
(Verses 1 & 4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve.

People: We take up our cross to follow in the way of Jesus, our Lord.

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #542** *God Be with You*

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, up-hold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE *All Things Bright and Beautiful...by Steven Scott*

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

Notice of Filming: Worship services are filmed and recorded to be included on our Church website, Facebook, YouTube, etc. While most footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. Children during children's sermons may be seen. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.

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.

(A) Ordinary 26

October 3, 2023

**Sacrament of Holy Communion
World Communion Sunday**

PRELUDE *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands...by Hugh S. Livingston Jr.*

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS-Sheila Markley

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: O give thanks to our God who is so good,

People: whose love stands firm forever.

Leader: From California to Maine, from Alaska to Florida, let everyone who draws breath give thanks to our God,

People: whose love stands firm forever.

Leader: Let the native people of the land say it;

People: let the descendants of slaves and settlers say it;

Leader: let migrants from Europe say it;

People: let newcomers from Central America say it;

Leader: let people from Asia and Africa say it;

ALL: O give thanks to our God who is so good, whose love stands firm forever.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #611** *Joyful, Joyful* (Verses 1 & 3)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

It seems we cannot decide, Lord. We say we will serve others, but regularly put our own desires first. We claim to live in a

way that honors Christ, but we regularly forget his ways. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, but we don't necessarily want it to change ours. Forgive us. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of complaining, may we carry compassion to those who are suffering. Instead of whining, may we be workers with Christ, to bring the Kingdom of God to everyone we meet. 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 Patri* *Hymn #581*

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

***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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O Lord, out of the relentless noisiness of life we come here to put ourselves in hearing distance of your word. We come because in many ways over the years you have come to us; in the beauty of the world, in the gifts of music and art, in the love of our dearest ones. So, speak to us the word you have for us today and give us the courage to hear and respond and follow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

CHORAL ANTHEM

Fount of Every Blessing arr. Larson
Trumpeter: David Carlson

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian Education

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21:23-26

SERMON

Louise Jahnke

"Words of Wisdom"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response (sung)

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him both in life and in death. God gives us power to rule and tame, to order and reshape the world. We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability and time. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That one is the Lord, whom we worship, serve and love. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Peace & Global Witness Offering
Offering plates will be passed to persons seated in pews. 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

Let Us Break Bread Together... by Tom Birchwood



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Roger Lawson**
- **Pete Young**
- **Tim Sullivan (Danette Story's brother) and all those battling cancer**

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 this morning's worship:

Pastor: Position Vacant

Worship Leader: Rick Munson

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for October transportation: Carolyn Zumbrunn (785-209-1597)

Elder on call for the week of October 1st: Susan Erichsen (785-223-3100)

Head Usher for October 1st: Rick Munson

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Harold & Susan Erichsen

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.

We want to extend a warm welcome to Louise Jahnke who is our Pulpit Supply for this week. She has stood at our pulpit several times about 5-8 years ago. She taught at Junction City High School, retiring 8 years ago. She is an Authorized Lay Pastor and now is working in several churches that do not have a minister as well as those whose minister has a commitment elsewhere. Her days are spent volunteering, reading, and raising both vegetable and flower gardens.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with November 5th. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Annette Ray at 785-210-4490 or Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

There will be a congregational meeting after service next Sunday, October 8th. The Nominating Committee will be announcing the nominees for the upcoming year.

Loose change will be collected this morning for Fresh Start.

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 anything you would like to put into the **November** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **October 23rd, 2023**. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

Church services are streamed at: <https://www.fpcjc.com>. You will also find links to our Facebook page and YouTube on this webpage. The worship bulletin can be found at <https://www.fpcjc.com/publications>.

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

11:00 am Staff Meeting
4:30 pm Facilities Committee
7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

2:30 pm Finance Committee
5:30 pm Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship Committee
6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 am Worship Committee
12:30 pm Noon Bible Study
6:30 pm JAM
6:30 pm MS/HS Youth
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

9:00 am Christian Education Committee

Saturday

8:35 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Practice
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)
10:45 am Worship, childcare available
After Service Coffee Fellowship
After Service Congregational Meeting

Thanksgiving Help

The community-wide free Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this year with some changes. We will be serving dinner by **curb-side pickup* or in-person dining**. If you would like to/can donate a 20-25-pound turkey let me know. Or you can donate \$25.00 and I will purchase the turkey. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and put "Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo.

Questions: skilpatrick@cox.net or 785-762-2780

If you are willing to work in any way, please sign the slip below, indicating the hours you are available and give it to Margaret Kilpatrick or drop it off in the church office. Thank you.

I will work 9:00am-1:00pm, Monday, November 20, 2023

I will work 9:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday, November 21, 2023

I will work 9:00am-12:00pm, Wednesday, November 22, 2023

I will work 8:00am-2:30pm, Thursday, November 23, 2023

Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023

Pickup time: 10:30am – 11:30am (Alley behind the church)

Dine-in time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm

***(pickup only for those who have reserved a meal)**



**You are invited to our CHURCH WIDE JAM event
TRUNK or TREAT!**

When: Wednesday, October 25th

Where: Manse Parking lot (west of the church)

Time: Vehicle Setup @ 6:00 pm

JAM kids will come out together at 6:20 pm

**Decorate your vehicle and share some fun with
our JAM kids! They love this EVENT!**



Please provide **PACKAGED** candy/treats for our Trick or Treaters and **DROP CANDY** in bags.



Please notify Dawn Avery or Sign-Up on the "Youth Ministry" Board, located in the Narthex, so we know we have plenty of FUN lined up for our kids! You can reach Dawn at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com or 785-238-1191



Sunday School begins 9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Our Sunday School Lessons are themed with the Growing in God Bible. Our Youth Education Coordinator, Dawn Avery, has created Units that pertain to the Life of Jesus and His followers. It's going to be one incredible season!

- September 17th-October 15th -- **Jesus: Beginnings**
- October 22-November 12th -- **Who Is Jesus**
- November 19th -- **More Parables Jesus Told/Advent Lesson**
- **Every Sunday** -- **Chat with the Children** will be hosted by your Christian Education Committee Members

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS to Place on YOUR Calendars!

Jesus and Me (JAM) is held every Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. *(unless otherwise noted due to other scheduling) * Scripture Lessons, Crafts, Games and of course SNACKS! Meet in room 109 to join all the JAM kids for this fun Wednesday youth activity.

MS/HS Youth Group is held every Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

October 8 - Socktober! Socktober is a nationwide movement to collect socks for people who are currently experiencing homelessness, poverty and to show that we care for our elders in local Nursing Facilities. **STAY TUNED** for the 3rd - 5th **Grade Sunday School Youth** to share their exciting Service Project! Donating a pair of socks makes a bigger difference than some may think and socks are the **most needed & least donated** item to shelters.

Sunday, October 15 — Middle School/High School Youth will lead the Worship Service.

Sunday, December 17 — Our Sunday School and JAM Youth will present a Christmas Pageant during our worship hour, **"A Very Mixed-Up Christmas"**

Wednesday, December 20 — JAM Caroling Party

Cleanliness is next to Godliness! It's no *Secret* the Deacons are **REACH**ing out for your help! We **Aim** to collect 300 toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size deodorants, and various feminine hygiene products to donate to the schools in USD 475.

Look for the red tub in the Narthex and drop off your items any time until Sunday October 1.

We **SURE** will appreciate it!



Hymn Sing October 29 - "My Favorite Hymn (and why)"
Our hymn sing on October 29 will be based on your favorite hymn, but different than other hymn sings, we are asking you to do two things: 1) write out the hymn number and title in the form below and 2) write a brief explanation as to why this is your favorite hymn. Please turn your selections in to the office. You may also turn this information in by email: office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

All submissions are due by Sunday, October 22. We can't guarantee we will use all submissions, but we will do our best to.

Name (optional)

Hymn # _____

Hymn Title _____

Why this hymn is so meaningful to you:
