

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
Glory Ringers

DOXOLOGY

(Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears
(Verses 1 & 4)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***The Choral/Congregational Response** *A Closing Prayer* Besig

**The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;
Guide us and protect us, and lead us in thy grace.
Wherever life may take us, as we go our separate ways,
Help us share with others, the things we've shared today**

**May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ, His Son
Guide us in the days ahead, and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessings of the spirit, fill us from within;
God bless us and return us, to this fellowship once again.**

POSTLUDE

I am a Child of the Father...by Tom Birchwood

***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) Easter 7

May 21, 2023

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer...arr. Lucy Ann Warriner

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated) *Adapted from Psalm 68:32-35*

Leader: Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord.

**People: To him who rides across the highest heavens,
the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.**

Leader: Proclaim the power of God.

**People: Whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the
heavens.**

Leader: You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

All: Praise be to God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #463** *How Firm a Foundation* (Verses 1-2, 5)

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you meet us as we are. Forgive us our unwillingness to be your disciples without counting the cost. You ask us to serve you and yet we think of every reason why we should not serve. We have not fully understood your suffering for our sake. We have strayed from your way and done only those things that come easy. Challenge us to be bold in our living for you. We have neglected your truth while pursuing the whims of the world.

Open our minds to live according to your holy word. Through Christ, our teacher and healer. 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** *Christ is Alive* Hymn No. 246

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

***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)

INTERLUDE

"Tower Ringing" Glory Ringers
Please return to your seats

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Pentecost Offering* Jenna Langvardt

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation ...arr. Koch

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Dawn Avery

THE SERMON TEXT

John 17:1-11

SERMON

"Christ Prays for Us"

Rev. Martha Murchison

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #462**

I Love to Tell the Story

(Verses 1 & 3)

***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 death.**

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.

**We are to proclaim by word and deed
that Christ gave himself to set people free
from sin and self-hatred,
from ignorance and disease,
from all forms of oppression,
and even from death.**

**We are to offer them, in Christ's name,
the fullness of life now and forever. Amen.**

from, *A Declaration of Faith*
(P.C.U.S. 1977)

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.**



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- 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
- Greg Lindey has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (brother of Edward Lindey)
- Mary Lovett
- Bob Jeffrey as he recovers at home

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: Tim Maguffee

Worship Leader: Sandy Wong

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for May transportation: Brenda Boyd (785-375-7231)

Elder on call for the week of May 21st is Susan Erichsen (785-223-3100)

Head Usher for May 21st is Margaret Kilpatrick

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Casey Butler

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 are provided today by Margaret Kilpatrick to the glory of God and in honor of all of our high school and college graduates.

Junction City Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 23rd – 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24th – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

@ The Junction City Municipal Building. Please sign up at www.redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-733-2767 or download the Red Cross Blood Donor App. Get Summer Ready!! Come give for an exclusive Red Cross Beach Towel, while they last!

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 have put into the June/July newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than May 23rd, 2022. 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

Tuesday

7:00 pm Session

Wednesday

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday

10:45 am Worship, child care available



Pre-register Today by scanning the QR code or signing up below.



Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade Just Completed: _____

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Age: _____ Grade Just Completed: _____

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade Just Completed: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com or call us at 785-238-1191 for more information.