

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO 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>

OFFERTORY

The Old Rugged Cross...by Wm Barnett

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #74** *When God Restored Our Common Life*
(Verses 1 & 3)

***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 (Hymn #166, v. 3)**

**And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passion-tide,
yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

POSTLUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna...by Humphrey Turner

***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.

**(B) Lent 5
Our Favorite Hymn(s)-Sing Sunday**

March 17, 2024

PRELUDE

Were You There?...by Lani Smith

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

Sheila Markley

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #645 (verse 1)

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur
stilled: to God all peace and glory!**

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

***HYMN OF PRAISE #366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Verses 1-2)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we acknowledge our sin and failure. We confess that we seldom live up to our potential. We allow ourselves to get into ruts as we follow the same old beaten paths; we make limited use of our gifts; we are afraid to try new pathways to growth. You offer us abundant life, but we allow life to become narrow and dull. O God, forgive our lack of faith. In this season of Lent, open us to new experiences of life, of grace and of living. 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 to the Son, and to 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing M/E/F

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PB & J and Cereal Collection Christian Educ. Committee

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious God, seeker of the lost: draw your children back to your loving embrace, restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Be Still...by McDonald

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian Education Committee

THE SECOND LESSON

John 12:20-33

THE WORD IN MUSIC – OUR FAVORITE HYMNS Joe & Sheila Markley

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed *Glory to God* p. 34
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

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

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Roger Lawson**
- **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

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.

Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning's worship:

Worship Leader: Krista Blaisdell

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for March transportation: Les Fehr (785-226-1522)

Elder on call for the week of Mar. 17: Sheila Markley (785-280-0595)

Head Usher for March: Rick Munson

Acolytes for March 17 are Haiden Edleston and Quint Lindey

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Bill & Carol Powers

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 Deacons have provided the flowers this morning to the glory of God and in memory of several past pastors here at FPCJC who are buried locally at Highland Cemetery. Rev. John A. Anderson our first pastor 1868-1873, Dr. A.H. Harshaw 1891-1911, and Dr. M.E. Moss 1935-1943.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with April 14. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

The Mission Evangelism Fellowship Committee would like to remind you that there are collection boxes for the Food Pantry in the Narthex. For your convenience the cloth bags that say "First Presbyterian Church" are in the parlor. They can be used to purchase food and be returned to the boxes. Please leave the food in the bag and if you wish take an empty bag with you. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission to our community!

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 785-238-1191 or email your info to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

If you have anything you would like to put into the **April** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **March 20, 2024**. 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 also be found here.

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 email (if we have your email address) from the church.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday

12:30 pm Noon Bible Study

6:30 pm JAM

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Saturday

12:00 pm Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal

9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)

10:45 am Worship, childcare available

Coffee Fellowship



Easter Flowers



If you would like to purchase an Easter flower, please complete this form and **return it to the church office by Sunday, March 24, 2024**
Cost of the Flowers is \$12.00

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Please pick up your Easter flowers following worship service Easter Sunday.

Any flowers not picked up will be distributed as the church deems best.

Name: _____

Number of flower(s) ordering _____

BULLETIN INSCRIPTION

(Name(s) given in memory of or in honor of)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Children and Youth News



PB&J and Cereal Food Drive! Our wonderful MS/HS Sunday School Class is doing their annual peanut butter and jelly drive, but this year, we're adding in cereal, too! **Bring your donations March 17th-April 7th to the tubs in the Narthex.** Our kids and community thank you for these gifts of food!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, March 24th, immediately after church. Ages 0-5th grade are invited to bring their baskets and join us for some egg-hunting fun in the grassy areas around the church! In case of bad weather, we will move the event inside. We will meet in the Parlor and go from there.



The Easter Sunrise Service for our Middle and High School students will be Sunday, March 31st at Terrah Stroda's house.

K-5th graders WILL have Sunday School on Easter, March 31st at 9:30am. They get to have tons of fun making Easter baskets with Ms. Margaret! Join us!



*Please note there is childcare available in the nursery during Sunday School and worship service.



Contact Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com



Date.....
 Preacher/Teacher.....
 Sermon Topic.....

I'm inspired to...

Main Verse

Other Verses

My Thoughts...

Love it!

Notes