

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

Matthew 13: 31-32

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

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #300** *We Are One in the Spirit* (Verses 1-2, 4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE 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

***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.



PRELUDE

**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.**

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

(Hymn #645)

**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 praise and glory!**

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: Thus says the Lord:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come.
Come to hear God's call to you.

**People: God will bring us to the holy mountain,
a house of prayer for all people.
God gathers all the outcasts together,
and makes us joyful!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #372

O for a World

(Verses 1,3,5)

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented! Our lives have
been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil
exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the
awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we
have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we
have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present,
and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as
strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have
planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence,
and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!**

*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

**Lord God, we seek in this act of worship to find and be found by
you, for without you we are lost and empty. We come not
individually – but with others, for we are most truly ourselves when
we are in community. We come confidently, because we know you
have invited us to come and are always seeking us. We come
humbly, because we realize how often we have ignored your
presence and avoided your call. Use this time of worship to
strengthen our lives, that we may enrich the world in which we live.
Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Swing Low/When the Saints/I Wanna Sing"
Spiritual medley Women's Sextet

CHILDREN'S TIME

Stephanie Lindey

THE SERMON TEXT

Psalm 133 & Genesis 45:1-15

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord help us.
We trust in you.*



- **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: Tim Maguffee

Worship Leader: Terrah Stroda

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Matthew Pickering

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

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

Elder on call for the week of Aug. 20th is Rhoda Frasier (785-479-1867)

Head Usher for August 20th is Bob Haynes

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 this morning are provided by Jorja Poppe for the glory of God and in honor of her children and grandchildren.

Thank you to Women's Sextet (Rhoda Frazier, Chris Munson, Margaret Kilpatrick, Sandy Wong, Stephanie Lindey, and Linda Brungardt) for providing our special music this morning.

All Choirs Picnic -

Wednesday, August 30th,

6:00 pm

Markley Home

240 West 5th, JC

All Choirs Invited:

Chancel Choir

Glory Ringers

Picnic Time!



Bring delicious potluck foods, families and Frisbees!
Drinks will be provided!

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 **September** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **August 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.



Farmers Market- We would welcome your extra produce, flowers, home-baked goods and homemade craft projects, to be sold at the church. The Market will be held in the parlor following morning services on August 27th. There will also be a COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME after services at this time. Hope to see you there.



JOIN US for Pastor Tim's Retirement Celebration

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Tim as he prepares to retire. There will be a Catered Dinner hosted for this celebration! Join us in the downstairs dining room immediately following our Worship Service as we honor Tim.

There will be a basket for cards and blessings for Tim and Becky

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

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| 9:00 am | Presbytery Meeting (Zoom) |
| 11:30 am | Communications Meeting |
| 6:00 pm | Communion Training for Elders |

Wednesday

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| 8:00 P.M. | AA Meeting |
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Sunday

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| 10:45 A.M. | Worship, childcare available |
| After Service | Farmer's Market/Coffee Fellowship |

