

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

*In your mercy, **Lord, save us.***

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>

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
(Verses 1 & 6)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #88** (Verse 7)

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

POSTLUDE

***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 1

November 28, 2021

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

OPENING WORDS

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

**People: Justice and righteousness will fill the land
and all will live in peace and safety.**

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST 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 #93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We would lift up our heads and open our hearts to you, O God, if
only we were more faithful and determined. When we forget
your promise to be with us always, forgive us. When our words**

are hurting words, forgive us. When Advent means little more than the pressure to shop, forgive us. When our preparation is all about decoration, forgive us. When we forget that Christmas is really about justice and peace, and hope for all people, come Emmanuel ... forgive us. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Creator God, we come from a busy weekend, to experience in our lives the gentle heartbeat of hope. If we are chilled by grief, bring the warmth of your love. If we are overwhelmed and exhausted, bring the renewal of rest. If our expectations are too high, bring the gift of moderation. If we are anxious, bring peace into our hearts. Breathe courage into our day. Whisper strength into our dreams. We ask this in the name of Christ, who came to set us free. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

An Advent Prayer...by Pote

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

THE SERMON TEXT

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak to the heart of Jerusalem,

and call to her

that her time of service is ended,

that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord

double punishment for all her crimes.

People: A voice cries,

"Prepare in the wilderness the way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low;

let every cliff become a plain,

and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

and all humankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Leader: A voice commands: "Cry!"

and I answered, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and its beauty like the wild flowers'.

People: The grass withers, the flower fades,

when the breath of the Lord blows on them;

All: The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God remains forever."

Based on Isaiah 40:1-8



- **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**
- **Betty Waters**

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: Rick Munson

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Ali Carlton

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 November 28th is Brett Rolfs (210-5951)

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.

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>.

Christmas is coming! Poinsettias are available for purchase for \$10 a plant. Forms can be found in the bulletin and in the narthex on the table.

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



Due to the necessity of USD 475 requiring all students to wear masks at school the Deacons are making and purchasing disposable masks to assist the local schools again. If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark your donation to the Deacons "school masks." If you have any questions contact any current Deacon. We appreciate your support in this project.

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 1 ** Live Nativity @ 6:30pm (All Ages)
- 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 (adults only)
- 10:45 A.M. Worship, child care available

Monday

- 7:00 P.M. Advent Book Study

Tuesday

- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting

Wednesday

- 8:30 A.M. Worship Committee
- 6:00 P.M. Recovery Harbor
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 P.M. Live Nativity
- 8:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday

- 8:35 A.M. Men's Breakfast

Sunday

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



Poinsettias

The church office will begin taking orders for Poinsettias to be used in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

Cost is \$10.00 each (which includes tax).

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Monday, **December 6th**.

Checks should be made out to: First Presbyterian Church and noted "Poinsettias"

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday December 19th for the 10:45 service, and for the Christmas Eve service, Friday, December 24th.

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 19th.

Please pick up your Poinsettia following worship service Christmas Eve. Any Poinsettias not picked up will be distributed as the church deems best.

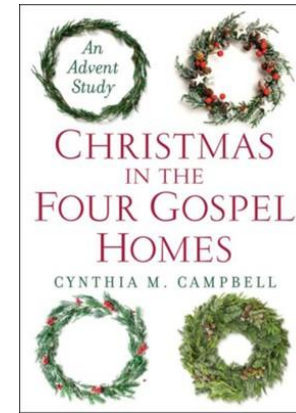
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In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Christmas Advent Bible Study – It's a church wide opportunity for you!

** (you may purchase your book via amazon.com or christianbook.com) **

- ◆ **When:** Monday Evenings November 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th, at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Where:** Room 206 * (unless we outgrow that room, so stay tuned) *
- ◆ **What to bring:** Your Book, Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes
- ◆ **Do you need childcare:** We will provide childcare, so please let the Church Office or Chris Heldstab know if you need this, and the age of your children.

Church Office: 785-238-1191 office.fpcjc@gmail.com
Chris Heldstab: 785-375-7351 heldstabchris@gmail.com



Connect with us! This is the Christian Education Committee's 2nd study this fall and we would love for you to join us in our mission to be a part of our Bible and Book Studies that enhance the fellowship at Junction City First Presbyterian Church