

All: Help us to use the gifts wisely and to strive to be loving, just and generous people.
Bind together the variety of gifts that we bring, and multiply them to build a church according to your purpose, and pleasing in your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (led by trained elders)
"...for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 4:28)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (led by trained elders)
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 #649** *Amazing Grace* (Verses 1 & 5)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #748**
Go with us, Lord and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

POSTLUDE *O Lamb of God, I Come...* by Edward Broughton

***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 31 **November 5, 2023**
Commitment Sunday: *Bearing Fruit for Jesus*
Sacrament of Holy Communion Jenna Langvardt & Bob Haynes

PRELUDE *Go Forth in Peace...* by Humphrey Turner

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sheila Markley

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)
Leader: Let us worship God, our source of life.
People: God awakens us from the dust of the earth.
Leader: Let us worship God, our sovereign protector.
**People: God is at our right hand,
and we shall not be moved!**
Leader: Let us worship God with hearts that are glad,
People: for in God's presence there is fullness of joy.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #475** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
(Verses 1 & 3)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
You are the God of all people, O Lord, the creator of all things good. Forgive us when we fail to see the good. Forgive us when we refuse to see the "all." We are searching for your presence and grasping for your grace, unable to believe that we cannot be separated from your love. Forgive us, God of mercy, and through Christ our redeemer, free us to try again. 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

Lord of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come, stir within us a longing for your kingdom. Help us to see your Spirit at work in the world, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the challenges and trials of life, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 3: 7-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ain't Got Time to Die...by Johnson

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian Education Committee

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 23 :1-12

SERMON

Don't be a Hypocrite be Humble

Gary Miles

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (Verses 1 & 3)

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/giving>

OFFERTORY

All Nature Sings!...by Lani Smith

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Holy, Loving Creator God

we give you thanks for making the earth and all that is in it.

**People: We thank you, O God of Grace,
for you have blessed us with good things.**

Leader: You call us to be faithful and to live as your servants, to share our blessings and excel in the grace of giving.

**People: We dedicate today our time, and our energy.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Through the offering of our gifts
may we become a more open people:

**People: Open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom,
open-hearted in healing a broken world,
open-handed in working for the enrichment
of our life together as a community of faith.**

Leader: The gifts, the offering of our first-fruits, O God,
are only part of what we have to bring;
with them, we offer ourselves.



- **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**
- **Annessa Locke and family**
- **Doris Nelson**

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: 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 November transportation: Lisa Nabus (785-761-4895)

Elder on call for the week of November 5th: Jenna Langvardt (785-761-5815)

Head Usher for November 5th: Sheila Markley

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Rob & Brenda Edleston

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 today are provided by Richard Sutter to the glory of God and in honor of all Veterans.

We want to extend a warm welcome to Gary Miles who is our Pulpit Supply for this week. Gary Miles is a ruling elder, deacon, and member of the First Presbyterian Church of Junction City, Kansas. He is currently serving on the session as a member of the finance committee and the First Presbyterian Church ruling elder commissioner to the Presbytery of Northern Kansas 2023 meetings.

Loose change will be collected this morning for the Food Pantry.

Socktober Success!

The kids of the Third-Fifth Grade Sunday School class asked you to, "Sock It To 'Um!" and boy, you certainly put your best foot forward! Through your generosity, we joyfully delivered **292** pairs of socks to the Fresh Start Emergency Shelter. Thank you so much for helping our youth grow in the spirit of service to others.

Junction City Community Blood Drive:

Monday Nov. 20, 11:30am-6:00pm or Tues. Nov. 21, 8:00am-1:00pm at the Municipal Building. Walk-ins welcome. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and schedule an appointment.

Hanging of the Greens. We need volunteers to stay following worship **on Sunday, November 19th** to decorate the church for the holidays. Nursery care will be available.

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

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

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

10:00 am Finance Committee
5:30 pm Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship Committee
6:00 pm Deacons 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

Thursday

11:00 am Ram Exterminators

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)
10:45 am Worship, childcare available
Coffee Fellowship

Operation Christmas Child is coming!

Operation Christmas Child is a global mission that is organized by Samaritan's Purse. We will be collecting shoeboxes with various items for a child to receive. There is more information on what can be included in the narthex and online at samaritanspurse.org.

Boxes are available to use in the narthex, as well as a flyer to better explain the process.

We hope you'll join us this year in spreading the love of Christ around the world. It is needed now more than ever! Team up with a friend, have the kids help with ideas!

Our goal for this year is at least 10 boxes! Boxes can be brought to church on Sundays or left in the church office through Nov. 12th!

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS to Place on YOUR Calendars!

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

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 4th**. Checks should be made out to: First Presbyterian Church and noted "Poinsettias"

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday December 17th for the 10:45 service, and for both of the Christmas Eve service, Sunday, December 24th.

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 17th.

Please pick up your Poinsettia following the **evening** worship service Christmas Eve.

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

Name: _____

Number of Poinsettia(s) ordering: _____

Bulletin Inscription: (name(s) Given in memory of or in honor of)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

The Deacons are happy to let you know that our church is a drop-off location for the Winter Coat Drive for the schools in our community. A box was placed at the west door for coats to be dropped off. The Coat Drive is from now until November 17th. While your Deacons will be buying 40 or more coats to be donated to this drive in our church's name, you may also want to donate a new coat. If you would rather do a monetary donation on a Sunday, just write in your check memo area that it is for the Deacon's Winter Coat Drive.



3rd ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE October 14-November 17, 2023

Join The House of Ruth in making a difference this winter! We cordially invite you to participate in our 2023 Winter Coat Drive for Children. Your contribution can make a world of difference by providing a brand-new winter coat to a child in need. Every coat you help us purchase will be lovingly delivered to handpicked elementary schools within USD 475.

Your kindness will ensure that many families keep their little ones warm during the chilly season. We extend our heartfelt gratitude in advance for your support in keeping children cozy this winter with The House of Ruth.

Drop-off locations:

V.F.W. Post 8773
1215 S Washington St,
Junction City, KS 66441
Saturdays 10AM-1PM

First Presbyterian Church
of Junction City
113 W 5th St,
Junction City, KS 66441
Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM

Geary County 4H Senior Center
1025 S Spring Valley Rd,
Junction City, KS 66441
Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM

Organizer: Linda Gibson | (785) 375-0096 | houseofruth1@outlook.com