

OFFERTORY

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

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"...for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 4:28)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 #833**

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

***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.

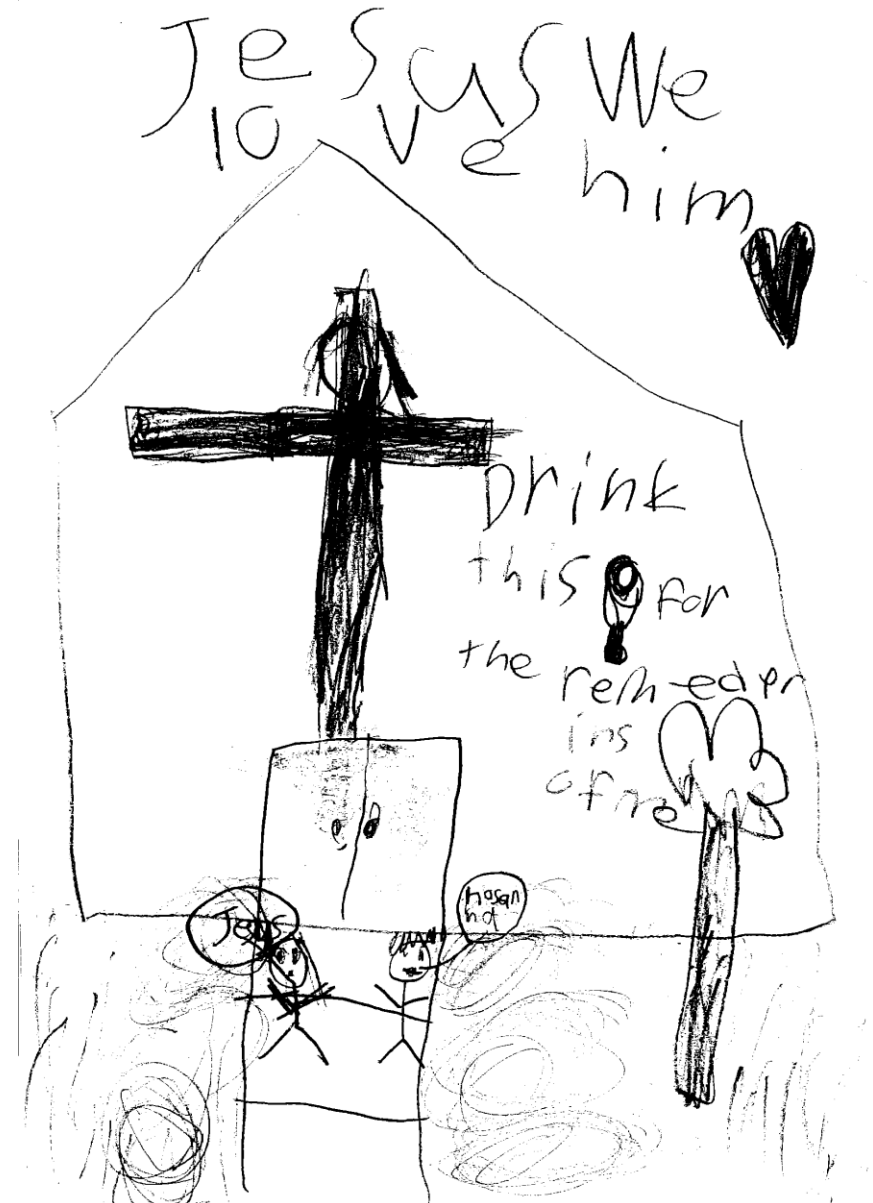
POSTLUDE

***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.



(A) Ordinary 18
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

August 6, 2023

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE *Star Spangled Banner* Composer, John Stafford Smith
Soloist: Julian Wright, 1st Lieutenant Lyrics, Francis Scott Key

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT (Hymn #463, Vs 1)
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

***HYMN OF PRAISE #463** *How Firm a Foundation* (Verses 2 & 5)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of abundance, in your hands meager offerings become bread to feed a multitude. Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes with hope and grace. In you there is always more than enough. But we see only scarcity: too few resources to share with our neighbors, too little energy to respond to those in need. We turn from those who suffer rather than offering compassion and care. Transform us, we pray. Open our hands to share freely and generously and stretch our hearts to new expressions of love. 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)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your divine mouth, make us hunger for heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21

Leader: The Word of our Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace

Soloist: Julian Wright, 1st Lieutenant

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jade White

THE SERMON TEXT

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

"A Deserted Place"

The Rev. Bob Frasier

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In life and in death we belong to God.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of
the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.
Amen.

*from "A Brief Statement of Faith",
The Book of Confessions, (P.C.U.S.A.)*

***HYMN #498**

Loaves were Broken, Words Were Spoken (Verses 1,3 & 4)

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>*



- **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: Rick Munson

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith & Sam Markley

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

Elder on call for the week of August 6th is Rhoda Frasier (785-479-1867)

Head Usher for August 6th 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.

Thank you to 1st Lieutenant Julian Wright, for providing our special music this morning.

Loose change will be collected this morning for Fresh Start.

All Choirs Picnic -

Wednesday, August 30th,
6:00 pm
Markley Home
240 West 5th, JC



All Choirs Invited:
Chancel Choir
Glory Ringers

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 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.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH
DURING WORSHIP**

Back-To-School is an exciting time of year and this year is no exception. First Presbyterian Church invites all students to join us for a special time of blessing for the upcoming school year. Bring your backpacks!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FARMERS MARKET



Mission/Evangelism/Fellowship Committee announces the fourth annual First Presbyterian Farmers Market. We would welcome your extra produce, flowers, home-baked goods and homemade craft projects, to be sold at the church.

The Market would 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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday 4:30 pm	Facilities Committee
Tuesday 2:30 pm	Finance Committee
Wednesday 9:30 am 8:00 pm	Ram Exterminator AA Meeting
Friday All Day	Church Office Closed
Sunday 10:45 A.M.	Worship, child care available



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*

