

**We believe God's word is God's communication to us.
Although God is free to speak to us in unexpected ways,
We confidently listen for God's word
In Jesus Christ,
In Holy Scripture,
In preaching and the sacraments. Amen.**

from, A Declaration of Faith
(P.C.U.S. 1977)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #410** *God is Calling through the Whisper*
(Verses 1 & 3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #288**

**Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune...by Robert Lau

***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) Ordinary 23
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

September 4, 2022

PRELUDE

No, Not One!...Arr. Steve Scott

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT (alternate lyrics to Hymn #35)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is our health and salvation!
Come all who hear, now to His temple draw near; joining in
glad adoration!**

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated) *Genesis 1:26-28*

***HYMN OF PRAISE #32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (Verses 1 & 3)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you
completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses,
hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive
us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you
faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. 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 God, we come to worship you and we pray for renewal of
our inner life. We are tired of living on the surface of things. We
are tired of the hurry and distractions. Speak today to the deep
places of our lives. In our time of worship, enable us to be still,
to listen, and to open ourselves to you. Lord, we believe – help
our unbelief. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the Word of our God will stand forever.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON TEXT

Luke 14:25-33

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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>*

OFFERTORY

Holy Gifts We Offer...by James Southbridge

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN #525** *Let Us Break Bread Together* (Verses 1-2)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us stand and respond to God's word by saying what we believe.
You will find the Affirmation of Faith printed in your bulletin and on the
screens. Please join me.

**We believe in one true and living God,
whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient.
That One is the Lord,
whom we worship, serve and love.**

God has not waited to be discovered.

**The Lord has taken the initiative
and addressed his word to human kind in many ways.
Through the word of God the world was created.
The word became flesh in Jesus Christ.
Through the word of God the new creation is being formed.**



- **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**
- **Hal Wilson and family**
- **Heldstab family**

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: Elaine Dill

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

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

Key Deacon for September transportation:

Brenda Boyd (785-375-7231)

Elder on call for the week of September 4th:

Rob Edleston (785-410-3965)

Head Usher for September 4th: 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 Eldon and Sue Steinfort to the glory of God and in honor of their 66th wedding anniversary. Eldon and Sue were married in this church 66 years ago on September 2, 1956 by the Reverend Dan Hiett.

Attention Parents of Pre-K through 5th Grade: Wednesday, September 7th there will be a Parent Meeting for J.A.M, with an Acolyte Training to follow. Please join us from 6:30pm-7:30pm. We will meet in the Dining Room for walking tacos and will go over some important information, as well as sign up to assist with J.A.M.

M-E/Fellowship is hosting a cookout on Sunday, September 11th following worship. There is no charge, and there will be food, games, and music. If you can attend, please let Annette Ray know (ayray@cox.net or 210-4490) **by Sunday, September 4**, so we know how much food to order. **Please remember to bring lawn chairs!**

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with September 25th. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Annette Ray at 785-210-4490.

Loose change will be collected this morning for the Blessing Box.

Chancel Choir will begin rehearsal at 7 pm on September 7th. We will start singing for the Sunday services on September 11th.

The first rehearsal for the **Bell Choir** will be at 8:30 am, Sunday September 11th.

Youth Music this year will be included in the Sunday School program, on Sunday morning. Mark your calendars! Hope to see you there.

Bring Your Friends! Join other PNK Youth! Come kick off the year at Rock Springs Ranch with us! The PNK Fall Youth Retreat will be held October 1-2, 2022. This event is for all youth currently in 7th-12th grades. During our time together, we will have **Fun** (Ziplining! Hiking! Gaga Ball!), **Fellowship** (lunch, dinner, smores and breakfast together!), and grow in our **Faith**. Youth cost is \$85 which includes all meals, lodging and activities. All you need to bring is yourself, your bedding and towels, and clothes for the weekend...and prepare to have a good time! Register by September 12, 2022. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

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 **October** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **September 23rd, 2022**. 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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday All Day

Church Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday 3:00 P.M. 5:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 6:30 P.M.

Administration Committee
Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship Committee
Deacon's Meeting
Finance Committee

Wednesday

8:30 A.M.
5:15 P.M.
7:00 P.M.
8:00 P.M.

Worship Committee
Christian Education Committee
Chancel Choir
AA Meeting

Saturday

8:35 A.M.

Men's Breakfast

Sunday

8:30 A.M.
9:30 A.M.
10:45 A.M.
After Service

Glory Ringers Practice
Sunday School (all ages)
Worship, childcare available
Church Cookout



J.A.M.

Jesus and Me

Who: Pre-K through 5th Graders

When: Wednesdays beginning

September 14th

Time: 6:30pm-7:15pm

Sunday School

Who: All Ages

Start Date: September 11th

Time: 9:30am-10:30am

Where: Children will meet
downstairs in the Education Wing.
Adults will meet in Room 206.



Hygiene Kits Needed

DEACONS' HYGIENE KIT PROJECT

Due to the generosity of our congregation, the Hygiene Kit Project continues to fill a need in our community. The big Red Tub is in the Narthex for you to place your items as you shop our list of items. We will continue to take donations through October 2nd, 2022.

We are happy to do the shopping for you if you prefer to make a monetary donation. Please make sure to indicate it is for the "hygiene kits" on your envelope or check. Thank you for stepping up and helping fill this need for our children in USD 475.

HYGIENE KIT SHOPPING LIST

Comb

Brush

Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

Body Wash

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Underwear (all children's sizes grade school age through high-school students)

We thank you for your continued support of this project.