

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. 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 #268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*
(Verses 1-3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #268** (verse 4)
**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.**

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) Christ the King/Reign of Christ

November 20, 2022

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
(Verses 1-2, 4)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. 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 (Hymn #581) *Gloria Patri*

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

God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see the Word you speak to us today. Just as you have called your people to act in the midst of your creation, we pray that we might have feet to walk and hands to reach out; for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20

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

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

God is So Good arranged by Wagner

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #187 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Verses 1, 3-4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In Christ we are given a glimpse of the new creation
God has already begun and will surely finish.**

We do not know when the final day will come.

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that
the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the
world, the church, or our own lives.**

But we see Jesus as Lord.

**As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.**

He will judge all people and nations.

Evil will be condemned

and rooted out of God's good creation.

There will be no more tears of pain.

All things will be made new.

**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected. Amen.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

We declare/proclaim: "The Lord is our Righteousness"



- **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**
- **Family and friends of Larry Biggs**
- **Ramona Printz-Smith**
- **Greg Lindy has Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (brother of Edward Lindy)**
- **Mary Lovett**

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: Gary Miles

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Matthew Pickering

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

Key Deacon for November transportation: Lisa Nabus (785-761-4895)

Elder on call for the week of November 20th:

Rob Edleston (785-410-3965)

Head Ushers for November 20th: Harold and Susan Erichsen

Acolytes for November 20th: Piper Butler and Haiden Edleston

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Pam 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 for the glory of God by the Haynes Family who wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Hanging of the Greens. We need volunteers to stay following worship **today** to decorate the church for the holidays. Nursery care will be available. Pizza and drinks for those who are able to stay and help.

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.



Please join us for the sounds of Christmas on November 30th in our Sanctuary. We will be hosting a concert for our community to celebrate Junction City Mainstreet, The 10 Days of Christmas! Our Pre-K through 5th Grade Youth are performing as well as our Chancel Choir, Glory Ringers Handbell choir, and various other group and individual performers. Our Mission committee will also be serving brats in the park.

Parents, just a reminder that we will **NOT** meet the week of Thanksgiving for youth activities. (November 23rd - No JAM and November 27th - No Sunday School)

The Church will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving. We will re-open at 9:00 am on Monday, November 28th.

Junction City Community Blood Drive: Monday November 21, 11:30am-6:00pm; Tuesday November 22, 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.

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, 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.

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity!

We are wrapping up our annual stewardship commitments. We thank all those who have already submitted their commitments for 2023. Your support enables us to continue our ministries in the church and the community. Thank you!

We encourage everyone to submit a commitment for 2023 by the end of the month. Making a financial commitment is part of the commitment that we make to the Lord and to each other as members of our church. God has brought us together ... let's all do the best we can for the Lord!

Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

9:30 am Ram Exterminator

Wednesday

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

All Day Church Closed

Friday

All Day Church Closed

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Practice

9:30 am Sunday School (adults only)

10:45 am Worship, childcare available

After Service Coffee Fellowship



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 5th**.

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

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday December 18th for the 10:45 service, and for the Christmas Eve service, Saturday, December 24th.

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18th.

Please pick up your Poinsettia following 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 _____

Thanksgiving Help

The community-wide free Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this year with some changes. We will be serving dinner by **curb-side pickup* or in-person dining**. If you would like to/can donate a 20-25-pound turkey let me know. Or you can donate \$25.00 and I will purchase the turkey. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and put "Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo.

Questions: skilpatrick@cox.net or 785-762-2780

If you are willing to work in any way, please sign the slip below, indicating the hours you are available and give it to Margaret Kilpatrick or drop it off in the church office. Thank you.

I will work 9:00am-1:00pm, Monday, November 21, 2022

I will work 9:00am-12:00pm, Tuesday, November 22, 2022

I will work 9:00am-12:00pm, Wednesday, November 23, 2022

I will work 8:00am-2:30pm, Thursday, November 24, 2022

Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2022

Pickup time: 10:30am – 11:30am (Alley behind the church)

Dine-in time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm

***(pickup only for those who have reserved a meal)**