his Christian education and nurture. Also, we covenant with Joshua and Katie, to walk with you and support you in your commitment to rear Harrison in the knowledge and love of God as made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lamb

Lyrics – William Blake Linda Uthoff, Soloist

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Matthew 13: 31-32

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.fpcic.com/giving

OFFERTORY

It Is No Secret

Linda Uthoff, Soloist

*DOXOLOGY

(Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #749

Come! Live in the Light! (Verses 1 & 3)

*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.

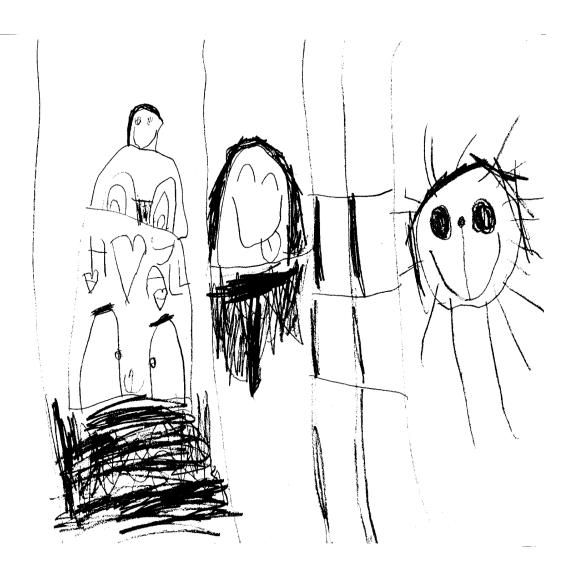
POSTLUDE

*People stand as they are able.

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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.



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PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

(Hymn #645)

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: When we look to the rock from which we were cut,

and to the quarry from which we were dug, we see our ancestors Abraham and Sarah, who were alone until God blessed them

and made them many!

People: When we look to the cornerstone of the church,

we see Christ, the Son of the living God.

Beginning with Peter,

God has made us into living stones.

God's house will stand forever!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #353 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (Verses 1-2)

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 our God, your name and your word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will and respond in faith. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

Leader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME Margaret Kilpatrick

THE SERMON TEXT

Matthew 16:13-20

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

"Harrison Lee" Haynes

Parents: Joshua & Katie Haynes

Ruling Elders Assisting: Alice Stuckey and Jade White.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, p. 35

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO BAPTISM

With joy and thanksgiving to God, we welcome Harrison Lee into Christ's Church. As a community of faith, we promise to provide for





- 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
- Jody Cott, wife of Richard Cott, who was in a car accident and is now in the Salina Trauma Center. Richard is the nephew of Webb Davis's friend Betty Latimer.

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: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for Sept. transportation: Jennifer Lankas (785-320-3035) **Elder on call for the week of Aug. 27th** is Rhoda Frasier (785-479-1867)

Head Usher for August 27th 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.

The flowers today are from Sandy and Vic Wong, to the glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones.

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!

Sunday, September 10 is our kickoff to Sunday School!

Celebration Sunday! Sunday School begins 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.Our 3rd Grade Youth receive their Bible

September 13 — JAM Begins! Jesus and Me is held every Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. *(unless otherwise noted due to other scheduling) * Scripture Lessons, Crafts, Games and of course SNACKS! Meet in room 109 to join all the JAM kids for this fun Wednesday youth activity.

Thank you to Soloist Linda Uthoff for providing our special music this morning.

Acolyte training will take place Wednesday, September 20th during JAM for 1st through 5th grade.

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@qmail.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, 2023**. Our email address is office.fpcic@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.



Farmers Market- The Market will be held **TODAY** in the parlor following morning services. There will also be a COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME after services at this time. Hope to see you there.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday

6:00 pm All Choirs Picnic 8:00 pm AA Meeting

Saturday

8:35 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday

10:45 am Worship, childcare 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

