



- **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**

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

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.

**(B) Baptism of the Lord
Ordination & Installation of Church Officers**

January 7, 2024

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *Gen. 1:1-2; Mark 1:1, 9-11*

Leader: God said, "Let there be light,"

People: and there was light.

Leader: God's speech

People: is God's action.

Leader: When God creates,

People: the creation is good.

Leader: God our maker has done it again.

People: God has brought us to a new dawn.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #482

Baptized in Water

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation.

***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

**Word of God, speak, for your servants are listening.
Spirit of creation and renewal, hover over our gathering this day,
as you hovered over creation on that first day. Enter into our hearts and our lives, as you did at the day of our baptism.
Descend on us like a dove, as you did on Jesus's day of baptism,
that we may hear again your words of love and adoption. Speak from the heavens into our minds, that we may perceive your words of guidance and wisdom. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

Leader: The word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

All My Heart Today Rejoices...by Ebeling

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

THE SERMON TEXT

Mark 1:1, 4-11

SERMON

"From the Beginning"

The Rev. Bob Frasier

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION (see insert)

HYMN OF RESPONSE #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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**

***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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #826** *Lift High the Cross* (Verses 1-3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #826** (Verse 4)

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able.**

If you have anything you would like to put into the **February** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **January 23rd, 2024**. 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

11:00 am Staff Meeting
4:30 pm Facilities Meeting
7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday

12:30 pm Lunch Bible Study
6:30 pm JAM
6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

11:00 am Ram Exterminators

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Practice
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship

Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning's worship:

Pastor: Position Vacant

Worship Leader: Terrah Stroda

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for Jan. transportation: Krista Blaisdell (785-323-7174)

Elder on call for the week of January 7th: Gary Miles (785-223-5894)

Head Usher for January 7th: Bill & Carol Powers

Acolytes: Rory King & Grayson White

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Harold & Susan Erichsen

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.

Help! We need people to stay after service today to take down decorations. Thank you.

Parents - Just a reminder JAM and MS/HS Youth Group will resume this week.

Today's loose coins and change will be collected for Fresh Start.

If your term of service as an Elder or Deacon is ending, please turn your notebooks in to your chairperson or the Church Office. Thank You.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with January 28th. 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 or Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

Per Capita for 2023 will be \$37.00.

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

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons with Renewal of Baptism

Statement on Ordination

Elder: Recognition of Class of 2023 Ruling Elders and Deacons

Elders: Linda Brungardt, Joe Markley, Alice Stuckey, and Jade White.

Deacons: Valerie Marchesi, Vannessa Osbourn, Janet Parrish, and Jorja Poppe.

We also give thanks for the life and service of deacon Pete Young.

Presentation of Elders and Deacons to be Ordained and/or Installed

Deacons: Ashley King (2024), Les Fehr, Don Kracht, Mary Kay Munson and Mark Rombold,

Elders: Linda Brungardt, Margaret Kilpatrick, Sheila Markley and Heather Oentrich

*Profession of Faith

Minister: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

People: I do.

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

People: I do.

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: I will, with God's help.

*The Apostle's Creed (Question and Answer format)

Minister: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Constitutional Questions to the Candidates

*Constitutional Questions to the Church

Elder Susan Erichsen

Elder: Do we the members of the church, accept Linda, Margaret, Sheila and Heather as a ruling elders and Ashley, Les, Don, Mary Kay and Mark as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Elder: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

People: We do.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation and Laying on of Hands

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation and Welcome