

## 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

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come...Arr. by Roger C Wilson*

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

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #666** *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright You*  
(Verses 3-4)

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #88** (verse 7)

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**POSTLUDE** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus...by Edward Broughton*

\***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) Advent 1**

**November 27, 2022**

## PRELUDE

*Prepare the Way, O Zion...by David Paxton*

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL INTROIT

## LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Let us pray together the words in the bulletin:*

**God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Parent too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

Let us worship God!

\***HYMN OF PRAISE #666**

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright You*  
(Verses 1-2)

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace. 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* Hymn No. 113 (refrain)

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
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**\*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**

**A MINUTE FOR RECOGNITION**

Bob Haynes

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

**God of glory, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour. Come to us now, in spirit and truth. Take us up into your presence, and make us ready for your reign of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Chant

**TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

*Matthew 24:36-44*

**SERMON**

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN #82**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.**

**For us and for our salvation...**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For us and for our salvation...**

**he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**For us and for our salvation...**

**he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated on the right hand of the Father.**

**For us and for our salvation...**

**he will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

From The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)  
Excerpted

**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.**



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

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](mailto: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 December transportation:**

Pete Young (785-492-9323)

**Elder on call for the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Mary Kay Munson (785-410-3965)

**Head Ushers for November 27<sup>th</sup>:** Harold and Susan Erichsen

**Acolytes for November 27<sup>th</sup>:** Mallory King and Quint Lindey

**First Sunday Advent Candle-lighters:** Rob, Brenda & Haiden Edleston

**Coffee Fellowship** this week is hosted by Chris & Randy Heldstab

**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.

**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.

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](mailto:office.fpcjc@gmail.com)

If you have anything you would like to put into the **January** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **December 23rd, 2022**. Our email address is [office.fpcjc@gmail.com](mailto: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.



**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> is “Bell Sunday”**  
**If you have a special bell of your own you would like to ring during the Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” be sure and bring it with you. There will be bells available for everyone.**

*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 Musical Recital Practice  
3:30 pm Musical Recital Practice  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts

**Tuesday**

9:30 am Musical Recital Practice  
3:30 pm Musical Recital Practice

**Wednesday**

12:30 pm Noon Bible Study  
6:15 pm JAM  
7:00 pm 10 Days of Christmas Concert  
7:30 pm Choir Practice  
8:00 pm AA Meeting

**Thursday**

3:30 pm Musical Recital Practice

**Friday**

4:00 pm Musical Recital Practice

**Saturday**

8:35 am Men's Breakfast  
4:00 pm Music Recital

**Sunday**

8:30 am Glory Ringers Practice  
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)  
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 24<sup>th</sup>.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Community Christmas Event

Please come to the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Junction City KS Community Nativity Scene Event, November 30, 6:00pm at Heritage Park. This event is Day #6 of the JC Main Street 10 Days of Christmas Celebration. At this event you will see community members in costume remembering the birth of the baby Jesus.

If you wish to participate, wear your own costume. You can be one of the Angels, Shepherds or a King/Wise Men. Come in costume to Heritage Park no later than 5:45pm. Each corner of the park is designated for Angels, Shepherds and Wise Men. At 6:00pm the program will begin. As the story is told, each of the groups will process in to form one big Community Nativity Scene at the Band Stand. This is your chance to be a part of an amazing Christmas Event. There will even be live animals in this awesome event.

Participating Organizations include MANY community churches, Troop #41 Boy Scouts, CASA, United Way and JC Main Street.

If you prefer to observe, that's fine, too! From 5:30-8:30pm there will be FREE Brats, Chips, Popcorn, Hot Chocolate and S'mores!

At 7:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary, there will be a Holiday Concert featuring the Glory Ringer Handbells, the Chancel Choir, the Sunday School Youth and various special music presentations.

Please help us "spread the word," and definitely join us for this amazing celebration of the birth of our Lord.