



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Lisa Nabus & family**
- **Roger Lawson**
- **Bob Jeffrey & family**
- **Kohlman family & friends**
- **Pete Young**

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)

## 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 3**

**December 12, 2021**

**The Sacrament of Baptism  
Reception of New Members**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**OPENING WORDS**

*Mark 13:24-27, 31*

Leader: There will be signs in the heavens  
and distress among the nations.

**People: When Christ returns in power and glory  
people will faint with fear.**

Leader: But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

**People: our redemption is drawing near!**

Leader: Heaven and earth may pass away.

**People: but the Word of God will stand unshaken.**

**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of  
God's love for us and our love for one another.

Reader 2: For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness,  
and renews us in his love. He exults over us  
with singing and turns our shame to praise.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #105**

*People, Look East* (Verses 1, 4-5)

## \*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of wonder, your Word becomes flesh to share our life, yet we do not proclaim the marvel of your presence with us. We wield words of criticism and complaint and withhold words of truth or healing. Pardon our failure to be messengers of good news and peace. Give us words to point toward your Word, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

## \*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

**O Lord, our God, you have been with us through the changing scenes of this past week; and you are here, as we meet this morning. We gratefully receive the gifts you offer – of love and pardon and peace – and we joyfully yield to you that which is your own – our very selves. Speak to us now as we continue the journey home, to Bethlehem, to welcome into our hearts a child. Amen.**

**Per Capita for 2022 will be \$35.00.**

**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.

**Church services are streamed.** Please go to our webpage at <https://www.fpcjc.com> where you will find links to our Facebook page and YouTube. You can access our bulletin on our website at <https://www.fpcjc.com/publications>.

## Youth Calendar of Events:

Dec 15 \*\* No JAM

Dec 19 \*\* Practice Candle Lighting for Christmas Eve Service (with Margaret) @ 9:30am

Dec 22-Jan 5 \*\* No Sunday School or JAM

Jan 9 \*\* First day back to Sunday School

Jan 12 \*\* Youth Choir Begins 6:30-7:00pm and JAM will follow, 7:00-7:45pm (K-5th grade)

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday

8:30 A.M. Glory Ringers Practice  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:45 A.M. Worship, child care available

### Monday

7:00 P.M. Advent Book Study  
7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts

### Wednesday

12:30 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Recovery Harbor  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm AA Meeting

### Thursday

6:30 pm Seeking Sisters Bible Study

### Sunday

8:30 A.M. Glory Ringers Practice  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:45 A.M. Worship, child care available

**Thanks to those who have assisted in all the parts and pieces of this morning's worship:**

**Pastor:** Tim Maguffee

**Worship Leader:** Jim Ray

**Chancel Choir Director:** Joe Markley

**Music Coordinator and Handbell Director:** Sheila Markley

**Organist:** Joe Markley

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

**Key Deacon for December transportation:** Shawn Windes (253-355-1854)

**Elder on call for the week of December 12th** is Mary Kay Munson (238-3631)

**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 today are** provided by the White's, the King's and the Lankas' to the glory of God and in honor of all the new church members joining the church today and the baptisms of our children.

**Thank you to our Glory Ringer Bell Choir** for providing music during the Offertory today.

**Thank you to the Nabus Family (Randy, Lisa, Jada, Morgan, Logan, and Brock)** for being our Advent Candle-lighters today.

**Can you host an after-church coffee fellowship?** Check the bulletin board for available dates. If you have questions, please contact Annette Ray at 785-210-4490. Thank you, Fellowship/Evangelism Committee.

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 information you would like in the **January** newsletter, please let the church office know by December 23rd. You may also email your information to [office.fpcjc@gmail.com](mailto:office.fpcjc@gmail.com).

**LIBRARY NEWS:** We have added a children's Christmas story in the library window called The Donkey in the Living Room (a tradition that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas). If you would like to check out this book, or others, just fill out the card in the back of the book and leave on the desk.

**There will a reception for all of new members in the parlor following service.**

## **A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN**

### **THE GOSPEL LESSON**

*Luke 3:7-18 & Philippians 4:4-7*

### **MEDITATION**

#### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

*Welcome to our Church Family!*

#### **Andrew & Ashley King (Mallory, Rory & Cameron)**

Andrew & Ashley join by Profession of Faith

#### **Jason & Jennifer Lankas (Ally & Harper)**

Jason & Jennifer join by Profession of Faith

#### **Brad & Heather Oentrich (Ava, Grady, Eliot)**

Brad & Heather join by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Abilene, Kansas

#### **Brad & Jade White (Grayson, Haisley, Aniston)**

Brad & Jade join by Profession of Faith

#### **David & Patricia Yearout**

David & Patricia join by Letter of Transfer from Eldorado Presbyterian Church, Eldorado, Kansas

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*Elders Assisting: Rob Edleston & Chris Heldstab*

### **Congregational Response:**

**With joy and thanksgiving to God, we welcome Andrew and Ashley, Jason and Jennifer, Brad and Heather, Brad and Jade, David and Patricia, into the membership of First Presbyterian Church. As a community of faith, we promise to walk alongside them and their children in discipleship and ministry, sharing the knowledge and love of God as made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed  
*Glory to God p. 35*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Mallory Ann King  
Rory MacKenzie King  
Cameron Gray King  
Ally Lankas  
Harper Lankas  
Grayson James White  
Haisley Rose White  
Aniston Roux White

**\*HYMN #361**     *O Christ, the Great Foundation*     (Verses 1-2)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER** (p. 16)

**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**

*Carol of the Bells...Leontovich/Wagner*

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #113**     *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #109**

**Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;  
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.**

**POSTLUDE**

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