

## 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.

### 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 #611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
(Verses 1 & 2)

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #611** (verse 3)  
Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

**POSTLUDE** *On Christmas Night...*by David Paxton

\*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 3**

**December 11, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

*Gloria in Excelsis Deo...*by Roger C. Wilson

#### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD 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:*

**Lord God, your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. Amen.**

Let us worship God!

\***HYMN OF PRAISE #106**

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

\***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may**

**not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth. 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 MISSION**

*Food Pantry & Food Drive  
Mission Committee*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

**Lord God, as we journey towards the light of Christmas, keep us unafraid of the darkness. Give us courage and honesty in facing truths of our world, yet full of hope, because you sent Jesus to live among us. You promise to be with us, O God; be with us in the silence of our hearts, in the depths of our imaginations, at the center of our lives, and fill us with your love now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing* by Mendelssohn

**TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Brenda Edleston

**THE SECOND LESSON**

*Luke 1:26-55*

**SERMON**

"To Bear God"

Rev Martha Murchison

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN #100** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* (Verses 1-3)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In Christ we are given a glimpse of the new creation**

**Like a branch that sprouts from a stump,**

**someone from David's family will someday be king.**

**The Spirit of the Lord will be with him**

**to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight.**

**This king won't judge by appearances or listen to rumors.**

**The poor and the needy will be treated with fairness**

**and with justice.**

**Leopards will lie down with young goats,  
and wolves will rest with lambs.**

**Calves and lions will eat together**

**and be cared for by little children.**

**Nothing harmful will take place on the Lord's holy mountain.**

**Just as water fills the sea,**

**the land will be filled with people**

**who know and honor the Lord.**

from, Isaiah 11 (C.E.V.)



- **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:** Jim Ray

**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:**

Lisa Nabus (785-761-4895)

**Elder on call for the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Mary Kay Munson (785-375-3189)

**Head Usher for December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Barby Craft

**Acolytes for December 11<sup>th</sup>:** McKinleigh Blaisdell and Grayson White

**Third Sunday Advent Candle-lighters:** Brad, Jade, Aniston, Grayson & Haisley White

**Coffee Fellowship** this week is hosted by Janet Parrish & Carol Powers

**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 presented today** are in honor of all the loved ones who are unable to be with us this holiday season.

**THANKS to all who have contributed** to our Loose Change collection for the Blessing Box over the past several months. We have collected \$2165.07.

**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.

**Christmas Eve Service will** start at 6:30 pm with a pre-service Christmas Recital, followed by service at 7:00 pm. We encourage parents and grandparents to bring children of all ages to this worship service.

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)

**Per Capita for 2023 will be \$36.00.**

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.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**

9:30 am	Ram Exterminators
11:00 am	Staff Meeting
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts

**Wednesday**

1:30 pm	Finance Committee
6:30 pm	JAM-Christmas Caroling
6:30 pm	Choir Practice
8:00 pm	AA Meeting

**Sunday**

8:30 am	Glory Ringers Practice
9:30 am	Sunday School (all ages)
9:30 am	Candle-Lighting Practice
10:45 am	Worship, childcare available
After Service	Coffee Fellowship

During this time of giving, the Mission Evangelism and Fellowship committee is having a food drive to benefit the Geary County Food Pantry. Our goal is 500 pounds of food!! The food pantry serves over 800 of the hungriest individuals in our community each month distributing thousands of pounds of food. The drive will run December 4 through December 18.

The brown canvas bags will be passed out each Sunday to be filled with food and returned to be filled again! If you would prefer donations will also be accepted and go towards our goal.

Items needed are:

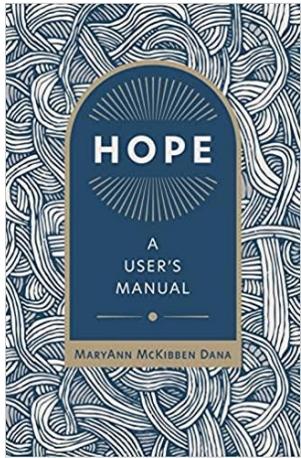
- canned vegetables
- canned soup
- tuna
- macaroni and cheese
- pasta
- canned tomato products
- canned fruit
- cereal
- peanut butter
- jelly
- stove top meals
- rice
- dried beans



It will be an intense two weeks, but WE CAN DO IT!!!

## 2022 Winter Book Study!

### ***HOPE —A User's Manual*** **by MaryAnn McKibben Dana**



***What hope is, what hope isn't, and how to find it in hopeless times.***

*How do we cultivate hope to face each day? How do we find the energy to persevere, knowing things don't always work out OK, no matter what the platitudes say? How do we pursue the work of justice, knowing that the task is too big for any of us?*

*One thing is certain: real hope demands that we do something with it. That we live it out. That we use hope to participate in a bigger story playing out behind the bleak world we see on the news or in our social media feeds every day.*

*Whether you're a person of faith, or someone disillusioned with faith, or someone who hardly ever thinks about faith: if you're a human being who longs for a spiritual counternarrative to live by, this book points to one resilient enough to endure crises and crushing defeats. If you're tired of hearing about some heavenly hereafter amid the pressing need for justice here and now, this is a book about hope for this world.*

– from Amazon.com listing for *Hope*

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas will offer a “presbytery-wide” Winter Book Study to build relationships-community across our presbytery (and discuss a timely book). The class will be offered in a variety of formats and most groups will meet 1 hour per week for 6 weeks. We also hope to arrange time for participants to have conversation (via Zoom) with the author.

Please join us! First Presbyterian Church will have an “in person” group –meeting on Monday evenings, 6:30–7:30 p.m., from January 9<sup>th</sup> through February 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in the FPC-JC group, please call (785) 238-1191 or email us at [office.fpcjc@gmail.com](mailto:office.fpcjc@gmail.com) to register. Books may be purchased at Amazon.com and other online booksellers for approximately \$17 (new). If you would like the church to purchase a book for you, bring your payment to the church before December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Details about PNK class options will appear in the next issue of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas newsletter and our December newsletter.