

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 #610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
(Verses 1, 4 & 5)

***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.**

Notice of Filming: Worship services are filmed and recorded to be included on our Church website, Facebook, YouTube, etc. While most footage will feature worship leaders, video of the congregation may also appear. Children during children's sermons may be seen. If you have concerns, please contact the church office.

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.

Lucas



(A) Ordinary 16

July 23, 2023

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) *Psalm 8:1, 3-5*

***HYMN OF PRAISE #192** *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining
(Shine, Jesus Shine) (Verses 1 & 4)*

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us.
You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would
hide from you – the ways we harm your creation, the ways we
mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn
toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts,
our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight
in you. 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Fresh Start* Annette Ray & Karren Kilpatrick

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Rock of Israel and cornerstone of our common life, you are not
bound by our visions, our structures, our doctrine. We cannot
predict your coming or going, yet you have given us your story,
your family, your work to do. Meet us here. Shape us for service
in your world, for we carry the name of Jesus and live by the
power of your breath. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Thy Word...by Amy Grant
Chris Heldstab, Soloist*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Chris Heldstab

THE SERMON TEXT

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.**



- **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 Lindey has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (brother of Edward Lindey)**

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: Mary Kay Munson

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for July transportation: Vanessa Osbourn (785-238-8809)

Elder on call for the week of July 23rd is Bob Haynes (785-761-1834)

Head Usher for July 23rd is Margaret Kilpatrick

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.

Thank you to Chris Heldstab for providing our Special Music this morning.

Matthew and David Pickering will hold a piano and organ recital at the church today, July 23rd at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

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

If you have anything you would like to have put into the **August** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **July 23rd, 2023**. 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

Wednesday

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday

10:45 am Worship, child care available



LIBRARY NEWS:

Pastor Tim's cleaning out his bookshelves, and we have placed several of them in the library window, with some intriguing titles. If you are looking for some uplifting, inspirational or thought-provoking summer reading, check out the window. Here's what we have placed:

FOR CHILDREN: "God in Between" and Cain and Abel".

ADULTS:

- Left Behind and Loving It
- unchristian
- How to Read the Bible and Still Be a Christian
- The Four Things That Matter the Most
- Man Seeks God
- A Year of Biblical Womanhood
- Lies My Preacher Told Me
- Faith After Doubt
- Waiting for Gospel
- Who Stole My Church (I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS ONE)
- Wait, Is This Racist?
- Reaching People Under 40 While Keeping People Over 60
- Atheist Delusions
- Gifts of the Dark Wood
- United Against Racism
- The Holy Longing

Just pull the book out of the window, put your name on the card in the back of the book, and leave the card on the cabinet...Annette