

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.

**In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving
to the risen Lord who has conquered death.**

**So we celebrate his victory here and now
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.**

**Reunited around one loaf and cup,
we receive strength and courage
to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

from, A Declaration of Faith
(P.C.U. S. - 1977)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #152** *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*
(Verses 1 & 3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go forth in the grace of Christ.

People: We rejoice in his grace.

Leader: Go forth in the light of Christ.

People: We walk in his light.

Leader: Go forth in the love of Christ.

People: We serve in his love.

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #152** (Verse 4)

**O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.**

POSTLUDE

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

(C) Christmas 2
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

January 2, 2022

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT (*please remain seated*) (Hymn #143, Verse 1)

**Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Jeremiah 31)

Leader: Sing aloud with gladness, says the Lord.

People: We praise the Lord and call on God's name.

Leader: See—I am going to gather my people
from the farthest parts of the earth.

**People: We come with songs and dancing,
to feast at the table of the Lord.**

Leader: No more will they stumble and weep,
for I am their shepherd, and I will lead them home.

**People: God has turned our mourning into joy,
and our sorrow into gladness.
Praise the Lord!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #401**

Here in This Place

(Verses 1-3)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We are sorry, O God, for the ways we have misused your gift of
life. We have wasted time, hoarded money, avoided challenges,**

and used others. We have faced responsibilities half-heartedly, doubted your care, ignored your love, and under-rated your forgiveness. Forgive us now, we pray, and make us more sensitive to your Spirit. Lead and guide our lives as we begin this new year. 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

God of all of our years, we are grateful for your providence in the year now past. We have seen evidence of your presence in our lives. You have clothed, fed, and preserved us, and even in our sorrows you have been there to encourage us to go on. So on this first Sunday of the new year, we worship you as the source of all good things and open our lives to your Spirit for the year ahead. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE SERMON TEXT

John 1:(1-9) 10-18

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Light of the world, shine in our lives."

Congregational Response (sung) *Away in a Manger* Hymn #115 (Verse 3)

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

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>

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN #526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (Verses 1-2)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"...for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 4:28)

This morning we celebrate communion at the table in the sanctuary ... and at the tables in your homes. After the invitation, prayers and the Words of Institution, you will be invited to share the bread and cup.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that at the Lord's Supper
the community of believers is renewed.
Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.**

**We accept his promises and gifts
and depend on his life to sustain ours.**



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

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

Pastor: Tim Maguffee

Worship Leader: Gary Miles

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 January transportation: Janet Parrish (226-0239)

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.

Please pick up your poinsettias today after service. Please do not take the trays that are underneath the poinsettias. These were purchased by the church to use each year.

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.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 3rd. We will open back up at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 4th.

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

If you have information you would like in the **February** newsletter, please let the church office know by January 23rd. You may also email your information to 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>.

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.

Youth Calendar of Events:

Jan 5 * No JAM
Jan 9 * Children and Youth resume Sunday School
Jan 12 * Youth Choir 6:30-7:00pm, JAM follows, 7:00-7:45pm (K-5th grade)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

All Day Church Closed for New Year's Holiday

Tuesday

1:15 pm Finance Committee
5:30 pm Mission and Evangelism/Fellowship Committees
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting
7:00 pm Administration Committee

Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Worship Committee
6:00 P.M. Recovery Harbor
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday

8:35 A.M. Men's Breakfast

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Glory Ringers Practice
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Worship, child care available
During Service New Officer Ordination/Installation
After Service Unhanging of the Greens

December 2021 Tornadoes - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

As night fell on December 10, a horrific line of powerful tornadoes ripped across several states, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities by the time morning had broken. One of these tornadoes was on the ground for a terrifying and unprecedented 250 miles, more than 200 of those miles in Kentucky alone, where the town of Mayfield saw the catastrophic destruction of much of the downtown area, including the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches.

It is the season of Advent — a time of watchful expectation that begins with a warning of impending judgment, the end of days, and continues with a prayerful journeying toward the birth of the Christ Child at Christmas, an ordinary babe dependent on the love and care of others for his survival.

In the wake of these terrible and catastrophic storms, it is the role of ordinary people of faith like us to shine as light in this bleakest of winters. We are called to be the hands and feet of God as we reach out to shelter, feed, care for and help rebuild the lives of those who have lost loved ones, homes, work and a sense of safety as a result of the tornadoes. We are invited to stand with them — and to stand together — bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us, no matter what.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/DT21, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device. You can also text PDA to 41444 to donate.

ACT:

- [Download](#) and use the bulletin insert.
- [Gift of the Heart Kits](#) are a hands-on way to help others this Advent season.
- To register your interest in future rebuilding efforts, email PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org. You will be notified when volunteer opportunities are available.

Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/PDAcares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: As we awake to news of devastation and death from another natural disaster, we pray.