



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Tim Sullivan (Danette Story's brother) and all those battling cancer**
- **Clyde Hill's family and friends**

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

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.

(B) Easter 2

April 7, 2024

PRELUDE

The Great Commission...by Hugh S. Livingston Jr.

Gather in God's Name

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

People: We will praise you for your mighty deeds, O God, according to your surpassing greatness!

Leader: Praise the Lord with the sounds of the trumpet, with tambourine and dance!

People: We will praise you with strings and pipe and loud clashing of cymbals.

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #634**

To God Be the Glory

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. We cannot hide, but we can confess that sin has us in its grip. It has led us from your ways and corrupted our best intentions, tempting us to believe that you don't notice, that you aren't even present. Correct our vision. Cleanse our hearts. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In the grace and love of God, we are forgiven. Amen!

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** Llanfair (tune to Hymn No. 245)

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heav'n-ly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***THE PEACE**

As those who have been forgiven, let us forgive our brothers and sisters. The peace of Christ be with you. **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 the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

CHORAL ANTHEM

Wait On The Lord...by Markley

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN Christian Education Committee

THE SERMON TEXT *John 20:19-31*

SERMON *"Seeing is Believing"* Louise Jahnke

Respond to God's Word

***HYMN #817** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* (Verses 1-3)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed *Glory to God, p. 35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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>

OFFERTORY *Mediation...by A.D. Burger*

DOXOLOGY (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Go in God's Name

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (Verses 1-5)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***The Congregational Response** (Hymn #687, verse 6)


**Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Deo Gracias"...by Edward Broughton*

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

Sermon Notes


Date.....
 Preacher/Teacher.....
 Sermon Topic.....


I'm inspired to... 

Main Verse

Other Verses

My Thoughts...

Love it! 



Notes

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

Pulpit Supply: Louise Jahnke

Worship Leader: Brenda Edleston

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for April transportation: Chris Jeffrey (785-307-1243)

Elder on call for the week of April 7: Susan Erichsen (785-223-3100)

Head Usher for April 7: Janet Parrish

Acolytes for April 7 are Mallory and Rory King

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Alice Stuckey

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.

Attention Parents and Grandparents of High School and College Seniors-If you have a graduating senior from high school or college this May, please contact the church office at office.fpcjc@gmail.com no later than Friday, April 19 with the information below for the bulletin and newsletter.

Student Name:

School Graduating From:

Brief Plan of Student's Future:

Your relationship to Student:

Senior picture of your student for showing on the screens

We want to extend a warm welcome to Louise Jahnke who is our Pulpit Supply for this week. She has stood at our pulpit several times about 5-8 years ago. She taught at Junction City High School, retiring 8 years ago. She is an Authorized Lay Pastor and now is working in several churches that do not have a minister as well as those whose minister has a commitment elsewhere. Her days are spent volunteering, reading, and raising both vegetable and flower gardens.

Today's loose coins and change will be collected for the Food Pantry.

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 put into the **May** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **April 20, 2024**. 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

Monday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday

12:30 pm Lunch Bible Study
1:00 pm Ram Exterminators
6:30 pm JAM
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Practice
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship, childcare available
Coffee Fellowship

Children and Youth News

PB&J and Cereal Food Drive! Our wonderful MS/HS Sunday School Class is doing their annual peanut butter and jelly drive, but this year, we're adding in cereal, too! **Bring your donations March 17th-April 7th to the tubs in the Narthex.** Our kids and community thank you for these gifts of food!



July 29th - August 1st, 9:00am-11:30am we will hold our annual Vacation Bible School. This year's topic is the Fruit of the Spirit and we are so excited for this curriculum! Stay tuned for more information on this amazing event.
**We are currently looking for youth volunteers*



May 12th is a BIG day! We will celebrate our 2024 Graduates and will recognize our wonderful volunteers. Please join us for a meaningful service, with a cake for our graduates to follow.



**Please note there is childcare available in the nursery during Sunday School and worship service.*

Contact Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com