

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord have mercy; **hear our prayer.***

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

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #442** *Just As I Am* (Verses 1, 3-4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #748**

**Go with us, Lord and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.**

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.

**(A) Ordinary 30-Reformation Sunday
Our Favorite Hymn(s)-Sing Sunday
All Saints' Day
Annual Campaign: *Fruitful Use of Money***

October 29, 2023

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

Sheila Markley

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Rick Munson

We are thankful for these who from our family of faith have in the past year (November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022) entered into The Church Triumphant. To God's care we entrust:

Ramona Lee Printz-Smith	--	September 21, 1929 November 21, 2022
Diana L. Gauntt	--	December 5, 1947 January 8, 2023
Charles E. Munson	--	March 28, 1943 February 27, 2023
Thomas Gelvin	--	February 5, 1927 May 19, 2023
Jane Louise Sajo	-	November 7, 1929 May 30, 2023
Peter J. Young	--	September 17, 1941 September 29, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: God is in the midst of the city,
and it shall not be moved.

**People: Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations God has brought on the earth.**

Leader: Through the joy and challenge of daily living,
God is faithful to us still.

**People: We gather in thanksgiving, with open hearts and open
minds, seeking to offer God our worship and praise.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #326** *For All the Saints* (Verses 1, 2 & 5)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of transformation, we confess that we are stuck in our ways,
resistant to change that would draw us closer to you and to the
beloved community you intend. We refuse to hear your Spirit who
calls out to us in truth. We seek freedom for ourselves, ignoring the
oppression of others. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive our
waywardness, our negligence, and our inability to receive good news
and act upon it. Grant that we may live our lives through the faith we
have in Jesus. 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 STEWARDSHIP *Fruitful Use of Money* Finance Committee

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Operation Christmas Child*
Mission/Evangelism & Fellowship Committee

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**You are our hiding place, O God; you preserve us from trouble and
deliver us from death. You teach us your wisdom and show us your
grace by honoring the weak and forgiving the wicked. All glory and
praise be to you, for justice and mercy meet in you, through Jesus
Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 32:1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian Education Committee

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:1-10

THE WORD IN MUSIC – OUR FAVORITE HYMNS

Joe & Sheila Markley

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God has created us
to be in relationship with God and one another,
in response to the love shown to us in Christ.**

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude
and a task to be pursued with courage.
God gives us power to rule and tame,
to order and reshape the world.**

**We hold the earth in trust
for future generations of living things.**

**Christ teaches us
to put obedience to God above the interests of self,
family, race, or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.**

**We acknowledge one God alone,
whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient.**

from, The Confession of 1967, United Presbyterian Church (USA)
& A Declaration of Faith, (P.C.U.S. 1977)



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Roger Lawson**
- **Tim Sullivan (Danette Story's brother) and all those battling cancer**
- **Family and friends of Pete Young**
- **Annessa Locke and family**
- **Dixie Parmenter (Anessa Locke's mom)**

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: Position Vacant

Worship Leader: Krista Blaisdell

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for November transportation: Lisa Nabus (785-761-4895)

Elder on call for the week of October 29th: Jade White (785-210-6286)

Head Usher for October 29th: Rick Munson

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by the Glory Ringers Handbell Choir

Acolytes this week are: Rory King and Quint Lindey

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 Stan & Betty Lewis to the glory of God and in loving memory of Philip & Erma Kummer and Edward & Ruth Lewis.

Reminder Daylight Savings Time ends set your clocks back 1-hour Saturday, November 4th before you go to sleep.

Hanging of the Greens. We need volunteers to stay following worship **on Sunday, November 19th** to decorate the church for the holidays. Nursery care will be available.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with November 5th. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Annette Ray at 785-210-4490 or Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

The Deacons are happy to let you know that our church is a drop-off location for the Winter Coat Drive for the schools in our community. A box was placed at the west door for coats to be dropped off. The Coat Drive is from now until November 17th. While your Deacons will be buying 40 or more coats to be donated to this drive in our church's name, you may also want to donate a new coat. If you would rather do a monetary donation on a Sunday, just write in your check memo area that it is for the Deacon's Winter Coat Drive.

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 **December** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **November 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

Monday

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday

8:30 am Worship Committee
12:30 pm Noon Bible Study
6:30 pm JAM
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

9:00 am Christian Education Committee

Saturday

8:35 am Men's Breakfast
9:00 am Presbytery Meeting-FPC Ellsworth

Sunday

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

Thanksgiving Help

The community-wide free Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this year with some changes. We will be serving dinner by **delivery***, **inside pickup***, or **in-person dining**. If you would like to/can donate a 20-25-pound turkey let me know. Or you can donate \$25.00 and I will purchase the turkey. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and put "Thanksgiving Dinner" in the memo.

Questions: skilpatrick@cox.net or 785-762-2780

If you are willing to work in any way, please sign the slip below, indicating the hours you are available and give it to Margaret Kilpatrick or drop it off in the church office. Thank you.

I will work 9:00 am-11:00 am, Monday, November 20, 2023

I will work 8:00 am-1:00 pm, Tuesday, November 21, 2023

I will work 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Wednesday, November 22, 2023

I will work 8:00 am-2:30 pm, Thursday, November 23, 2023

Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2023

Pickup time: 10:30am – 11:30am (inside the church-enter rear door)

Dine-in time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm

***(pickup/delivery only for those who have reserved a meal)**

Operation Christmas Child is coming!

Operation Christmas Child is a global mission that is organized by Samaritan's Purse. We will be collecting shoeboxes with various items for a child to receive. There is more information on what can be included in the narthex and online at samaritanspurse.org.

Boxes are available to use in the narthex, as well as a flyer to better explain the process.

We hope you'll join us this year in spreading the love of Christ around the world. It is needed now more than ever! Team up with a friend, have the kids help with ideas!

Our goal for this year is at least 10 boxes! Boxes can be brought to church on Sundays or left in the church office through Nov. 12th!

Bearing Fruit for Jesus!

This is the third week of our stewardship program **Bearing Fruit for Jesus!**, and our theme is "**Fruitful Use of Money.**" A personal relationship with Jesus impacts everything we do, including how we manage and give our money. With God's guidance, wisdom, and strength, we can bear fruit with our money. **Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).** Abiding in Jesus enables us to bear fruit with all that God entrusts to us.



OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS to Place on YOUR Calendars!

Sunday, December 17 — Our Sunday School and JAM Youth will present a Christmas Pageant during our worship hour, "**A Very Mixed-Up Christmas**"

Wednesday, December 20 — JAM Caroling Party

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY, PLEASE TURN IN YOUR PLEDGE FORMS BY THIS DATE IN ORDER FOR THE SESSION TO PLAN THE BUDGET FOR THE COMING YEAR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!