

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #336** *We Gather Together* (Verses 1-2)

***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.**

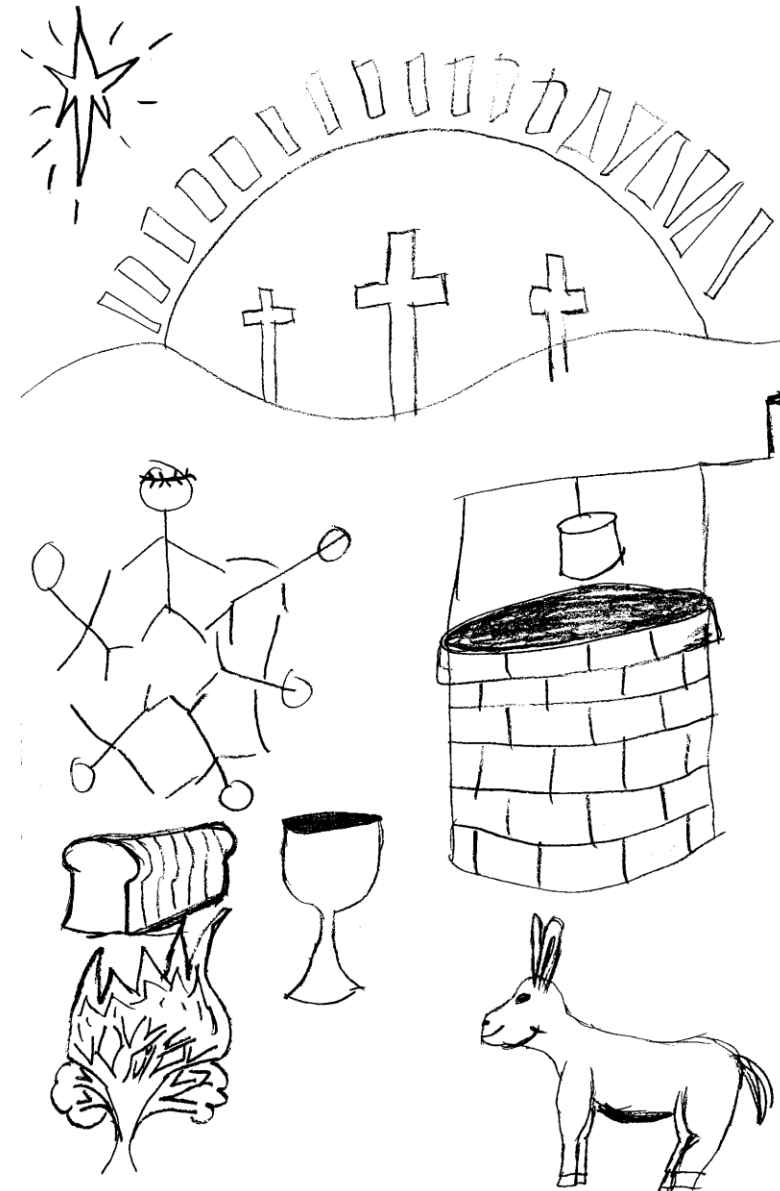
POSTLUDE *We, Your People, Praise You...* by Dan R Edwards

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

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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 23
Christian Education – Celebration Sunday

September 10, 2023

PRELUDE *Fantasia on "Old Hundredth"...by Roger C Wilson*

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them."

People: Christ is here.

Leader: Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast.

People: Christ is here.

Leader: Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers.

People: Christ is here.

Leader: Binding us as one body, sending us out in service.

People: Christ is here.

Leader: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them."

People: Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #409** *God is Here!* (Verses 1 & 3-4)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will. Amen.

Leader: What do we ask when we pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven?"

People: We ask God to fulfill God's purpose for the whole world. We also ask God to make us able and willing to accept God's will in all things, and to do our part in bringing about God's purpose.

Leader: What does it mean to pray "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever?"

People: We praise God for being able and willing to do everything we have asked in this prayer. We give ourselves to God's wise and gracious care; because we know that God can be trusted to make all things work together for good, now and forever.

from, "Belonging to God: The First Catechism"
Presbyterian Church (USA)

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 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds...by Roger C Wilson*

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Brenda Edleston (Chairperson), Dawn Avery (Staff)
Chris Heldstab (Elder), Lisa Nabus, Marcie Proietti, Jade White,
Ashley King, Elaine Dill, Jennifer Lankas

It's time to CELEBRATE a new year with our kids and our entire church family! Bibles will be presented to all incoming 3rd graders:

McKinleigh Blaisdell, Lottie Butler, Piper Butler, Haiden Edleston, Ally Lankas, Eli Schoenrock, Kate Schoenrock

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Loving God, author and shaper of community, you promised that where two or three are gathered, the living Christ would be among them. Here we are—two, three and many more—families, friends, pilgrims, seekers. Come among us, Spirit of God. Knit us together in all our variety. Speak a bold word to us this day, that we might be moved to respond as your beloved community. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

Leader: The Word of our Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Majesty and Glory of His Name...by Fettke

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak* (Verses 1, 3-4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: What does it mean to be a child of God?

People: That I belong to God, who loves me.

Leader: What did God create?

People: God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.

Leader: What is special about human beings?

People: God made us, male and female, in God's own image.

Leader: What do we mean when we pray to God "in heaven?"

People: We mean that God draws near to us from beyond this world, and hears our prayers.

Leader: What do we ask when we pray "Hallowed be your name?"

People: We pray that God's name will be honored in all the world and everywhere treated as holy, because God's name really stands for God.



- **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**

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: Sandy Wong

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for Sept. transportation: Jennifer Lankas (785-320-3035)

Elder on call for the week of Sept. 10th is Susan Erichsen (785-223-3100)

Head Usher for Sept. 10th is Bob Haynes

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 this morning are provided to the glory of God and in memory of Russell Gaston Jr. by Carolyn Gaston and family.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with October 15th. 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 785-61-5815.

Acolyte training will take place Wednesday, September 20th during JAM for 1st through 5th grade.

New!! MS/HS Youth Group starts September 13th from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. Meet in room 106.

The noon bible study will begin on September 20th, with Elaine Dill leading a study called "Importance of the Holy Spirit." This class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in room 206.

Reminder: After service today, we will have a luncheon for Pastor Tim's retirement in the dining room.

Pathfinder Sunday School Class to begin Fall Classes on September 10th

The class will meet each Sunday morning in Room 206 at 9:30 am. The first six weeks of the class will feature material from "Jesus...The God Who Knows Your Name" by Max Lucado.

This six session Bible Study combines video and a Study Guide with class discussion. In Max Lucado's words "the purpose of this study is simple--to get to know Jesus; you will study who Jesus was while he walked on this earth and what that means for your life today". If this material is of interest to you, please join us for some or all of the classes!

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 put into the **October** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **September 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

6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group

6:30 pm JAM

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal

9:30 am Sunday School (All Ages)

10:45 am Worship, child care available

Coffee Fellowship



Sunday School begins 9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Our Sunday School Lessons are themed with the Growing in God Bible. Our Youth Education Coordinator, Dawn Avery, has created Units that pertain to the Life of Jesus and His followers. It's going to be one incredible season!

- September 17th-October 15th -- **Jesus: Beginnings**
- October 22-November 12th -- **Who Is Jesus**
- November 19th -- **More Parables Jesus Told/Advent Lesson**
- **Every Sunday -- Chat with the Children** will be hosted by your Christian Education Committee Members

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS to Place on YOUR Calendars!

September 13 — JAM Begins! Jesus and Me is held every Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. *(unless otherwise noted due to other scheduling) * Scripture Lessons, Crafts, Games and of course SNACKS! Meet in room 109 to join all the JAM kids for this fun Wednesday youth activity.

October 8 - Socktober! Socktober is a nationwide movement to collect socks for people who are currently experiencing homelessness, poverty and to show that we care for our elders in local Nursing Facilities. STAY TUNED for the 3rd - 5th Grade Sunday School Youth to share their exciting Service Project! Donating a pair of socks makes a bigger difference than some may think and socks are the **most needed & least donated** item to shelters.

Sunday, October 15 — Middle School/High School Youth will lead the Worship Service.

Wednesday, October 25 — Trunk or Treat! Reserve your Manse Parking Lot SPOT now! Contact Dawn: edcoordinator.fpcjcgmail.com or 785-238-1191. What will your theme be this year?

Wednesday, December 13 — JAM Caroling Party

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

Cleanliness is next to Godliness! It's no *Secret* the Deacons are **REACH**ing out for your help! We **Aim** to collect 300 toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size deodorants, and various feminine hygiene products to donate to the schools in USD 475.

Look for the red tub in the Narthex and drop off your items any time until Sunday October 1.

We **SURE** will appreciate it!

