



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Lisa Nabus & family**
- **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](mailto:office.fpcjc@gmail.com)

## 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.*

**(C) Christmas 1**

**December 26, 2021**

**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**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights!

**People: All the shining stars praise you, O God,  
for you commanded and they were created.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike,  
old and young together!

**People: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord,  
for your glory is above earth and heaven.**

Leader: Let us worship God together!

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #119**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses**

to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 ILLUMINATION**

**Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We have heard that you have come to us in love and in flesh. Now, we come to you on the threshold of a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. O God of Hope, create in us a new vision and new possibilities for our future. Speak to us anew of that eternal love which reaches out to us in the birth of Jesus. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Colossians 3:12-17*

**THE SERMON TEXT**

*Luke 2:41-52*

**SERMON**

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.  
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. 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**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #136** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* (Verses 1 & 3)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #146** (Verse 3)

**Gentle Mary laid her child, lowly in a manger;  
he is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.  
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
praise His name in all the earth,  
hail the King of glory!**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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

**Pastor:** Tim Maguffee

**Worship Leader:** Vanessa Osbourn

**Chancel Choir Director:** Joe Markley

**Music Coordinator and Handbell Director:** Sheila Markley

**Organist:** Joe Markley

**Video Preparer/Operator/Sound:** Colleen Smith & Sam Markley

**Acolytes:** Mallory King & McKinleigh Blaisdell

**Key Deacon for January transportation:** Janet Parrish (226-0239)

**Elder on call for the week of December 26th** is Alice Stuckey (209-0415)

**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, December 27<sup>th</sup>. We will open back up at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Per Capita for 2022 will be \$35.00.**

**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](mailto:office.fpcjc@gmail.com).

**Church services are streamed.** Please go to our webpage at <https://www.fpcjc.com> where you will find links to our Facebook page and YouTube. You can access our bulletin on our website 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.

#### **Youth Calendar of Events:**

Dec 29-Jan 5 \* No Sunday School or JAM

Jan 9 \*\* First day back to Sunday School

Jan 12 \* Youth Choir Begins 6:30-7:00pm and JAM will follow, 7:00-7:45pm (K-5th grade)

#### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

##### **Sunday**

10:45 A.M. Worship, child care available

##### **Monday**

All Day Church Closed for Christmas Holiday

##### **Wednesday**

6:00 P.M. Recovery Harbor

8:00 P.M. AA Meeting

##### **Sunday**

9:30 A.M. Sunday School-Adults Only

10:45 A.M. Worship, child care available

## **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](https://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](mailto:PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org). You will be notified when volunteer opportunities are available.

Stay informed and like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/PDAcares](https://facebook.com/PDAcares)), download resources at [pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources](https://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.