

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed
Glory to God p. 35

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #749** *Come! Live in the Light* (Verses 1-2)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Chairperson of the Nominating Committee: Linda Brungardt

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #546**

Lord Dismiss Us
(Verses 1 & 2)

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 27

October 8, 2023

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: In the midst of war and division,
we wait for God:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

Leader: In the midst of devastation and loss,
we wait for God:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end.**

Leader: In the midst of change and uncertainty,
we wait for God:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, O God!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #409**

God is Here

(Verses 1 & 3)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that the world suffers because of our sin. We use power against others for our own benefit. We misuse the natural resources of the earth in carelessness and greed. By our habits and apathies, others are subjected to desolation, even despair. Forgive us for making enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve. Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation. Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve and to wander without rest. We wait on you, O God. We hope in you. You alone can restore all things, even us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God, in Christ Jesus,
grants us grace, mercy, and peace.
Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith:
that God has the power to save us
and has given us grace through all the ages.

**People: We receive the treasure of faith entrusted to us,
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.
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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of our salvation, we thank you for the gift of faith. We thank you for all those who have taught us the good news. Kindle in us always this gift, this good treasure, that we may live the life to which you have called us, according to your purpose and grace. We pray in the name of the one who abolished death and brought life to light through the gospel, our Savior Christ Jesus. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Philippians 3:4b-14*

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Here I Am Lord...by Pote

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian Education Committee

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 21: 33-46

SERMON

"Catch the Vision"

The Rev. Don Schroeder

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision

(Verses 1 & 3)

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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing...* Arr. Cathy Moklebust
Glory Ringers

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



- **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**

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: 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 October transportation: Carolyn Zumbrunn (785-209-1597)

Elder on call for the week of October 8th: Gary Miles (785-223-5894)

Head Usher for October 8th: Rick Munson

Acolytes for October 8th: Mallory King and Delilah Standlee

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Jenna Langvardt

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 the Haynes family to the glory of God and in the loving memory of Joseph Gary Haynes.

We want to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Don Schroeder who is our Pulpit Supply for this week. Don is a native Kansan having served all his calls to churches in Kansas as well. He is now Honorably Retired living in Salina. Don is also a Certified Christian Educator and loves telling stories and going fly fishing.

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.

There will be a congregational meeting after service today. The Nominating Committee will be announcing the nominees for the upcoming year.

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

12:30 pm Noon Bible Study

6:30 pm JAM

6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

11:00 am Ram Exterminators

Saturday

7:30 am Class of 1958/59 Reunion

2:00 pm Class of 1960 Reunion

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Practice

9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)

10:45 am Worship, childcare available

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)**



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!

Jesus and Me (JAM) 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.

MS/HS Youth Group is held every Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

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.

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

You are invited to our **CHURCH WIDE JAM** event **TRUNK or TREAT!**

When: Wednesday, October 25th

Where: Manse Parking lot (west of the church)

Time: Vehicle Setup @ 6:00 pm

JAM kids will come out together at 6:20 pm

Decorate your vehicle and share some fun with our JAM kids! They love this EVENT!



Please provide **PACKAGED** candy/treats for our Trick or Treaters and **DROP CANDY** in bags.



Please notify Dawn Avery or Sign-Up on the "Youth Ministry" Board, located in the Narthex, so we know we have plenty of FUN lined up for our kids! You can reach Dawn at edcoordinator.fpcic@gmail.com or 785-238-1191

Hymn Sing October 29 - "My Favorite Hymn (and why)"
Our hymn sing on October 29 will be based on your favorite hymn, but different than other hymn sings, we are asking you to do two things: 1) write out the hymn number and title in the form below and 2) write a brief explanation as to why this is your favorite hymn. Please turn your selections in to the office. You may also turn this information in by email:

office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

All submissions are due by Sunday, October 22. We can't guarantee we will use all submissions, but we will do our best to.

Name (optional)

Hymn # _____

Hymn Title _____

Why this hymn is so meaningful to you:



With your help, we could secure additional matching funds to support our church's general fund and the Endowment Fund during the Geary Community Match Day hosted by the Greater Geary Community Foundation, October 17th, 2023!

Donations can be made in person on October 17, 2023, at the Junction City Municipal Building Auditorium, 700 N Jefferson St. from 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Online gifts can be made with a credit card between 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM October 17 by visiting www.GearyMatchDay.com.

Donations can be mailed to the Greater Geary Community Foundation at P.O. Box 411, Junction City, KS 66441 postmarked on or before October 17, 2023. The form can be downloaded from GearyMatchDay.com.

Bearing Fruit for Jesus!

This year's stewardship theme is **Bearing Fruit for Jesus!** His Grace and Power at Work within You. Jesus said, *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit ... fruit that will last"* (John 15:16). Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. Christ living in us enables us to bear fruit. Watch for emails and a letter from the church with your pledge card. Join us on Sundays October 15 - 29 in worship as we learn together how to be faithful and fruitful stewards.

