

Go in God's Name

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #369** *Blessing and Honor* (Verses 1, 3-4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***The Congregational Response #245** (verse 1)

Christ the Lord is risen today!

Alleluia!

All creation, join to say;

Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high;

Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply,

Alleluia!

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.

(B) Easter 3

April 14, 2024

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

Gather in God's Name

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheila Markley

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE #805** *Come Sing to God* (Verses 1-3)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Generous God, in Jesus, you have shown us love – love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves. 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 Hymn #805 (Verse 4)

**You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.
And so, to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise.**

THE PEACE

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

**Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us
with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill
us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and
always; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Acts 3:12-19

CHORAL ANTHEM

God is So Good...arr. Wagner
Handbells; Linda Brungardt, Kelly Landes, and Alice Stuckey

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN Christian Education Committee

THE SERMON TEXT

Luke 24:36-48

SERMON

"Back to the Basics"

Kathleen Marsicek

Respond to God's Word

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/giving>*

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN #517** *Here, O Our Lord, We See You* (Verses 1-3)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
the promises of God were kept.
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ**

**But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is the ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hope fails us.**

**In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. Amen.**

from, A Declaration of Faith
(P.C.U.S. 1977)



- **Our members and friends who are living in a 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

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

Pulpit Supply: Kathleen Marsicek

Worship Leader: Jim Ray

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

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

Elder on call for the week of April 14: Susan Erichsen (785-223-3100)

Head Usher for April 14: Carol Powers

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by: Kelly Landes

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 for 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 Kathleen Marsicek who is our Pulpit Supply for this week.

Kathleen Marsicek, member of the Narka Presbyterian Church, Narka, Kansas. I have been married to RJ Marsicek for 41 years. We have two grown children. Our daughter, Krista, and her husband Travis Blasdel, you already know. McKinleigh is our only grandchild. Our son James and his wife Haley, live in Manhattan. I have been a pulpit supply since 2003. I went through the Presbyterian Authorized Lay Pastor (ALP) Training in 2009. My full-time job is being the Republic County Clerk which keeps me busy. I enjoy spending time with family, baking goodies, and watching sports and I belong to 2 bowling leagues.

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 785-238-1191 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>.

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

Tuesday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday

12:30 pm Lunch Bible Study

6:30 pm JAM

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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

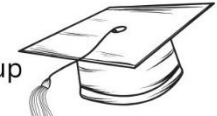
Children and Youth News



THANK YOU to every person that donated peanut butter, jelly, and/or cereal!! The MS/HS class and Food Pantry are so grateful for all your gifts of food. Stay tuned for an announcement on the final count!

Important Dates at a Glance:

- May 8th - Last day of JAM and MS/HS Youth Group
- May 12th - Last day of Sunday School
- Graduation Celebration and Volunteer Appreciation during church



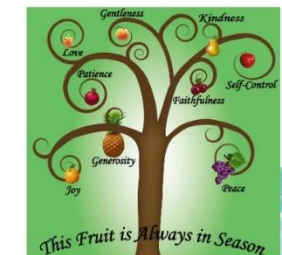
Camp Chippewa currently has open spots for Summer camp if you're interested in that! Some of our youth are already signed up, so if you would like those dates, just email Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com. Limited funds ARE available. They are also hiring older youth to work at the camp! Visit <https://www.campchippewa.org/camps> for more information.



We are possibly looking at starting up **Youth Hand Chimes** this summer! Do you have a 6th-12th grader that is interested? Email Chrystal Artigue at chrystalartigue@gmail.com to sign up today!

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*



*Please note there is childcare available in the nursery during Sunday School and worship service.
Contact Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com