

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. 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 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian...*by Dan R Edwards

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*
(Verses 1 & 3)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #738** (verse 4)

**In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

POSTLUDE *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken...*by Robert J Hughes

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

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) Ordinary 25

September 18, 2022

PRELUDE *Children's Song Medley...*by Mark Hayes

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *Enter into His Gates*

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.

**People: From sunrise to sunset,
may the name of the Lord be praised.**

Leader: God raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**People: to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of God's people.**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants!

People: Praise the name of the Lord.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #13** *The Mighty God with Power Speaks*
(Verses 1 & 3)

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Christ, your love is without limit; you gave your very life for us. Forgive us, Lord, when we are hesitant to share even the smallest of our gifts.

O Christ, you model a life of service, always attentive to the ones in need. Forgive us, Lord, when we refuse to hear the cries of our neighbors.

O Christ, you call us into community, joining the church in one faith, one baptism. Forgive us, Lord, when we – your people – fail to live up to your calling. Forgive us, renew and remake us into your faithful people. 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 MISSION

Hygiene Kits

Deacons

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Startle us O God; startle us with the gift of your presence, the beauty of life, the quiet of this hour. We need you. We bring our hearts and minds and souls. We bring our sadness and our fears. We bring our anger and our frustration. We bring our hopes and our joys. Gather it all up and help us to sort through what is needed and helpful. Touch us with your love and empower us for life in your kingdom. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Amos 8:4-7 & Psalm 113

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the Word of our God will stand forever.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Ain't Got Time to Die...arr. Purifoy

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 16:1-13

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #697**

Take My Life

(Verses 1, 4-6)

***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, 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**
- **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: Jim Ray

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

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

Key Deacon for September transportation:

Brenda Boyd (785-375-7231)

Elder on call for the week of September 18th:

Bob Haynes (785-761-1834)

Head Usher for September 18th: Margaret Kilpatrick

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 Barby Craft to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mel & Margaret Cowen and Preston & Irene Craft.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with October 9th. 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.

Junction City Blood Drive

Monday, September 19th – 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 20th – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

@ The Junction City Municipal Building. Please sign up at www.redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-733-2767 or download the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Barby Craft has moved and would like to share her new address. She can be reached at Valley View Estates, 1440 Pearl Dr., Apt #122 in Junction City.

If you would like to be part of the Thanksgiving Meal Planning Committee there will be a meeting on Tuesday, the 27th of September at 10:00am in room 206. All are welcome.

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

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If you have anything you would like to put into the **October** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **September 23rd, 2022**. 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 P.M. Cub Scouts

Tuesday

7:00 P.M. Session

Wednesday

12:30 P.M. Noon Bible Study

6:00 P.M. Evening Bible Study

6:15 P.M. JAM

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Glory Ringers Practice

9:30 A.M. Sunday School (all ages)

10:45 A.M. Worship, childcare available

After Service Coffee Fellowship



Hygiene Kits Needed

DEACONS' HYGIENE KIT PROJECT

Due to the generosity of our congregation, the Hygiene Kit Project continues to fill a need in our community. The big Red Tub is in the Narthex for you to place your items as you shop our list of items. We will continue to take donations through October 2nd, 2022.

We are happy to do the shopping for you if you prefer to make a monetary donation. Please make sure to indicate it is for the "hygiene kits" on your envelope or check. Thank you for stepping up and helping fill this need for our children in USD 475.

HYGIENE KIT SHOPPING LIST

Comb

Brush

Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

Body Wash

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Underwear (all children's sizes grade school age through high-school students)

We thank you for your continued support of this project.