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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.

(B) Easter 6

May 5, 2024

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is... by Gerald Peterson

Gather in God's Name

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #267 (verse 1)

Come Christians, join to sing: Alleluia, Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia, Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia, Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May our eyes and our ears be wide open this day,

People: may we see with clarity, may we hear loud and clear,

Leader: may we be challenged, inspired and awe-struck

People: as we worship God today and all our days.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (Verses 1-2)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, we confess that sometimes our blessings and dreams confound and confuse us, like Jacob. At times we are uncertain what it is you would have us do next. Help us on our journey. When our steps falter, be with us. When the future is uncertain, comfort us. When the world is overwhelming, help us to rest. When we realize we are imperfect, equip us. Remind us that you are our God no matter what, and help us along the way we pray. 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** Llanfair (tune to Hymn No. 245)

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heav'n-ly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

***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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Getting to Know You
Jenna Langvardt (M/E/F)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord, you come to us where we know and expect you. You also come to us where you are surprising and unexpected. You act in ways we love and seek to follow. You act in ways we struggle to understand. Help us to see you where we expect and to be surprised by you where we do not expect to find you. Help us to follow you even when we struggle to understand. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 98

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN Christian Education Committee

THE SERMON TEXT *John 15:9-17*

SERMON "What is Your Purpose" Louise Jahnke

Respond to God's Word

***HYMN #834**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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>

OFFERTORY

The Love of God is Steadfast...by Colin Curtis

DOXOLOGY

(Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Go in God's Name

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
(Verses 1-2)

***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

Sing and Rejoice...by Lani Smith

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



- **Our members and friends who are living in a nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **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:

Pulpit Supply: Louise Jahnke

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 May transportation: Marty Rombold (785-761-3323)

Elder on call for the week of May 5: Chris Heldstab (785-375-7351)

Head Usher for May 5: Rick Munson

Acolytes for May 5: McKinleigh Blaisdell 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.

We want to extend a warm welcome to Louise Jahnke who is our Pulpit Supply for this week. She has stood at our pulpit several times. She taught at Junction City High School, retiring 8 years ago. She is an Authorized Lay Pastor and now is working in several churches that do not have a minister as well as those whose minister has a commitment elsewhere. Her days are spent volunteering, reading, and raising both vegetable and flower gardens.

All Choirs Picnic - Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 pm

Markley Home

240 West 5th, JC

All Choirs Invited:

Chancel Choir

Glory Ringers

Bring delicious potluck foods, table utensils, lawn chairs, and frisbees!

Drinks will be provided!

Today's loose coins and change will be collected for the Food Pantry.

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 have put into the June/July newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than May 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 also be found here.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

11:00 am Staff Meeting
4:30 pm Facilities Committee
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

2:30 pm Finance Committee
5:30 pm Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship Committee
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 am Worship Committee
6:30 pm JAM
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

9:00 am Christian Education Committee

Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship

Children and Youth News

Important Dates at a Glance:

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

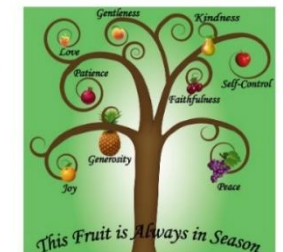


Camp Chippewa currently has open spots for Summer camp if you're interested in that! Some of our youth are already signed up, so if you would like those dates, just email Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com. Limited funds ARE available. They are also hiring older youth to work at the camp! Visit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