

**\*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.**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #187**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
(Verses 1-4)

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*The Congregational Response #748**

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in Your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to You.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Rejoice! Be Glad!...by. Todd Kindall*

**\*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) Lent 1**

**February 18, 2024**

**PRELUDE**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me...by Gregg Sewell*

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sheila Markley

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (please remain seated)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: The God of generosity has brought us all together;

**People: together we are the one body, the church.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #159** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* (Verses 1-4)

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life. In Christ's name 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**      *Gloria Patri*      Hymn #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to 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**

**Almighty God, you who have made all things for us, and us for  
your glory, sanctify our bodies and souls, our thoughts and our  
intentions, our words and actions, that whatsoever we shall  
think or speak or do may by us be designed to the glorification  
of your name, and let no pride or self-seeking, no impure  
motive or unworthy purpose, no little ends or low imagination  
stain our spirits or profane any of our words and actions. But  
let our bodies be servants to our spirits, and both body and  
spirit servants of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Deut. 26:1-11 & Romans 10:8-13*

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*      Spiritual

**TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Christian Education Committee

**SERMON TEXT**

*Luke 4:1-13*

**SERMON**

*"Don't Give In"*      The Rev. Don Schroeder

**\*HYMN #166**      *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*      (Verses 1-4)

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One  
of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

**We trust in God  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life,**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate  
us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

from, "A Brief Statement of Faith",  
**The Book of Confessions, (P.C.U.S.A.)**

**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**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded...J. Ryan Garber*

**\*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**
- **Jeneta Turner (Stephanie Lindey's aunt) 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](mailto:office.fpcjc@gmail.com)

**Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning's worship:**

**Pastor:** Position Vacant

**Worship Leader:** Vanessa Osbourn

**Chancel Choir Director:** Joe Markley

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

**Organist:** Rhoda Frasier

**Video Preparer/Operator/Sound:** Colleen Smith

**Key Deacon for Feb. transportation:** Ashley King (785-492-7549)

**Elder on call for the week of Feb. 18:** Linda Brungardt (785-223-3903)

**Head Usher for Feb. 18:** Sheila Markley

**Acolytes for Feb. 18 are:** Ally Lankas & Quint Lindey

**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 New 2024 Flower Calendar** is posted in the hall by the church office. There are still plenty of Sundays available for you to sign up on the calendar. If you have any questions, you may call Vanessa Osbourn at 785-238-8809. Thank you.

**Can you host Cookie Fellowship?** Dates are open beginning with March 17. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

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

**Per Capita for 2024 will be \$37.00.**

If you have anything you would like to put into the **March** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **February 23, 2024**. Our email address is [office.fpcjc@gmail.com](mailto: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 email (if we have your email address) from the church.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet

#### Tuesday

7:00 pm Session

#### 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

#### Saturday

12:00 pm Miles Family Reunion

#### Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal

9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)

10:45 am Worship, childcare available

Coffee Fellowship

### CAN YOU HELP?

During the month of February, the Deacons will be helping our school nurses with some of their student needs. Boxes will be in the narthex for donations of:

Middle & High School: Ladies underwear, sizes XS-XXL and  
Unisex black no-show socks, all adult sizes.  
Elementary: Boys and Girls underwear, sizes 5-10.

Cash donations may also be made to the church designating the Deacons School Project.

Please have your donations in by March 1.

Thank you very much!!!!

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The Deacons are needing **small magazines** for the yearly jail packets. If you have any, please bring them by the office or leave them in the library. Thank you!

# Children and Youth News

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