

**Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

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

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 *Gratitude...* by Alex Guebert *Glory Ringers*

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #726** *Will You Come and Follow Me*
(Verses 1, 4 & 5)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***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 *Praise to God...* by Franklin Ritter

***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 32

November 12, 2023

PRELUDE *I Know Whom I Have Believed...* by Roger C. Wilson

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Heldstab

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;
let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy,

People: from the highest peaks to the deepest caverns.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

People: from the tiniest creatures to the greatest herds.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

People: in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

People: for the holy one of Israel is great among us.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy
as we come to worship the God of all creation.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*
(Verses 1, 3-4)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, hear our prayers. Your spirit calls us to movement and change, but we are stubborn, hesitant, and fearful. We choose the familiar over the faithful, the comfortable over the courageous, selfishness over service, diatribe over dialogue. O

God of mercy, hear our prayers. Forgive our sins, and move us to live as people transformed. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** (Hymn #581) *Gloria Patri*

**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, who labored creation into being, we give thanks for this day and the privilege to work in your world. Grant us the strength to labor for what is right, just, and fair. Grant us the wisdom to speak out for those who are enslaved, oppressed, and exploited. Grant us the ability to break the chains of injustice and hear the voices of people long silenced. We pray this day that you would quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Luke 5:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

*That Apple Tree...arr. Scott
Soloists: Bob and Josh Haynes*

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian Education Committee

THE SECOND LESSON

John 21:1-7a

SERMON

"Gone Fishin"

Rev. Don Schroeder

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #730** *I Sing A Song of the Saints of God* (Verses 1 & 3)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
he has already begun and will surely finish.
We do not know when the final day will come.
In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.
We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world,
the church, or our own lives.**

**But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.
He will judge all people and nations.
Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation.
There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new.**

**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will
be perfected.
We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil
that are possible now in the world, the church, and our
individual lives.
Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all
opposition, however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity that are surely
coming.**



- **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**
- **Annessa Locke and family**
- **The family and friends of Doris McClaird-Nelson**

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: Terrah Stroda

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for November transportation: Lisa Nabus (785-761-4895)

Elder on call for the week of November 12th: Jenna Langvardt (785-761-5815)

Head Usher for November 12th: Sheila Markley

Acolytes for November 12th: Haiden Edleston and Quint Lindey

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Sue Steinfort and Chris Jeffrey

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 Rod Craft.

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.

Junction City Community Blood Drive:

Monday Nov. 20, 11:30am-6:00pm or Tues. Nov. 21, 8:00am-1:00pm at the Municipal Building. Walk-ins welcome. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and schedule an appointment.

Hanging of the Greens. We need volunteers to stay following worship **next Sunday, November 19th** to decorate the church for the holidays. Nursery care will be available.

Christmas is coming! Poinsettias are available for purchase for \$10 a plant. Forms can be found in the bulletin and in the narthex on the table.

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 **December** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **November 23rd, 2023**. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.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

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday

12:30 pm Noon Bible Study

6:30 pm JAM

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday

11:00 am CGMCG

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal

9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)

10:45 am Worship, childcare available

Coffee Fellowship

After Service Hanging of the Greens

Operation Christmas Child is coming!

Operation Christmas Child is a global mission that is organized by Samaritan's Purse. We will be collecting shoeboxes with various items for a child to receive. There is more information on what can be included in the narthex and online at samaritanspurse.org.

Boxes are available to use in the narthex, as well as a flyer to better explain the process.

We hope you'll join us this year in spreading the love of Christ around the world. It is needed now more than ever! Team up with a friend, have the kids help with ideas!

Our goal for this year is at least 10 boxes! Boxes can be brought to church on Sundays or left in the church office through Nov. 12th!



Poinsettias

The church office will begin taking orders for Poinsettias to be used in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

Cost is \$10.00 each (which includes tax).

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Monday, **December 4th**. Checks should be made out to: First Presbyterian Church and noted "Poinsettias"

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday December 17th for the 10:45 service, and for both of the Christmas Eve service, Sunday, December 24th.

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 17th.

Please pick up your Poinsettia following the **evening** worship service Christmas Eve.

Any Poinsettias not picked up will be distributed as the church deems best.

Name: _____

Number of Poinsettia(s) ordering: _____

Bulletin Inscription: (name(s) Given in memory of or in honor of)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

The Deacons are happy to let you know that our church is a drop-off location for the Winter Coat Drive for the schools in our community. A box was placed at the west door for coats to be dropped off. The Coat Drive is from now until November 17th. While your Deacons will be buying 40 or more coats to be donated to this drive in our church's name, you may also want to donate a new coat. If you would rather do a monetary donation on a Sunday, just write in your check memo area that it is for the Deacon's Winter Coat Drive.



3rd ANNUAL WINTER COAT DRIVE October 14-November 17, 2023

Join The House of Ruth in making a difference this winter! We cordially invite you to participate in our 2023 Winter Coat Drive for Children. Your contribution can make a world of difference by providing a brand-new winter coat to a child in need. Every coat you help us purchase will be lovingly delivered to handpicked elementary schools within USD 475.

Your kindness will ensure that many families keep their little ones warm during the chilly season. We extend our heartfelt gratitude in advance for your support in keeping children cozy this winter with The House of Ruth.

Drop-off locations:

V.F.W. Post 8773
1215 S Washington St,
Junction City, KS 66441
Saturdays 10AM-1PM

First Presbyterian Church
of Junction City
113 W 5th St,
Junction City, KS 66441
Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM

Geary County 4H Senior Center
1025 S Spring Valley Rd,
Junction City, KS 66441
Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM

Organizer: Linda Gibson | (785) 375-0096 | houseofruth1@outlook.com

Bearing Fruit for Jesus

Members Respond to Annual Stewardship Appeal

We are wrapping up our annual stewardship commitments. We thank all those who have already submitted their commitments for 2024. Your support enables us to continue our ministries in the church and the community. Thank you!

If you have not done so yet, we encourage you to submit a commitment for 2024 by the end of the year. Making a financial commitment is part of the commitment that we make to the Lord and to each other as members of our church. God has brought us together ... let's all do the best we can for the Lord!



NEW NEWS ABOUT OUR YOUTH!!

Upcoming Dates for Parents:

- **Wednesday, November 22nd** - NO JAM or MS/HS Youth Group
- **Sunday, November 26th** - NO Sunday School
- **Sunday, December 3rd** - PJ & Movie Day (all ages)
- **Sunday, December 10th** - During Sunday School, we will practice candle lighting for Christmas Eve Service with Margaret (K-5)
- **Sunday, December 17th** - Christmas Pageant during worship service. Practice candle lighting for Christmas Eve Service with Margaret *after* worship service (K-5)
- **Wednesday, December 20th** - Christmas Caroling & Hot Cocoa (JAM & MS/HS)
- **Sunday, December 24th** - NO Sunday School
- **Wednesday, December 27th** - NO JAM or MS/HS Youth Group
- **Sunday, December 31st** - NO Sunday School
- **Wednesday, January 3rd** - No JAM or MS/HS Youth Group



Save the Date!

**Fruit of the Spirit VBS
July 29 - August 1, 2024**

***WE ARE CURRENTLY
LOOKING FOR YOUTH
VOLUNTEERS**