

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #450** *Be Thou My Vision* (Verses 1 & 4)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE# 542** *God Be with You*

**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, up-hold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**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.*

**(A) Ordinary 25**

**September 24, 2023**

**Our Favorite Hymn(s)-Sing Sunday**

**PRELUDE**

**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS– Sheila Markley**

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #403** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"  
**Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer;  
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace.**

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

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

**ALL: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #687**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
(Verses 1, 3 & 4)

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done for us. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to be willing to share our gifts and always to remember to follow you, O God. In Jesus' 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 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**

*Peace Offering*  
Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship Committee

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*Socktober*  
Christian Education Committee

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

O God who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and some of our wants. You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts and talents you have given us, for the glory of your name. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

*Exodus 16: 2-15*

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Christian Education Committee

**SECOND LESSON**

*Psalms 145: 1-8*

**THE WORD IN MUSIC – OUR FAVORITE HYMNS**

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN #658**

*God is So Good*

(Verses 1-4)

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

**"Lord in your mercy, hear our 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. 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)



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

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

**Pastor:** Position Vacant

**Worship Leader:** Elaine Dill

**Chancel Choir Director:** Joe Markley

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

**Organist:** Joe Markley

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

**Key Deacon for Sept. transportation:** Jennifer Lankas (785-320-3035)

**Elder on call for the week of Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** is Gary Miles (785-223-5894)

**Head Usher for September 24<sup>th</sup>:** Bob Haynes

**Acolytes for September 24<sup>th</sup> are:** Haiden Edleston & Quint Lindey

**Coffee Fellowship** this week is hosted by Sue Steinfort & 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 Lindey family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Douglas White.

**Can you host Cookie Fellowship?** Dates are open beginning with November 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 or Jenna Langvardt at 785-61-5815.

**The noon bible study** will begin on September 27<sup>th</sup>, with Elaine Dill leading a study called "Importance of the Holy Spirit." This class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in room 206.

**If you would like to be part of the Thanksgiving Meal Planning Committee** there will be a meeting on Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of September at 11:00am in room 206. All are welcome.

**Mark Your Calendars for Trunk or Treat!** It will be Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to have a trunk for the kids this year, please let Dawn Avery know or sign up on the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board.

**There will be a congregational meeting** after service on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Nominating Committee will be announcing the nominees for the upcoming year.

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

If you have anything you would like to put into the **November** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **October 23rd, 2023**. 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-if we have your email address-email from the church.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

### Tuesday

1:00 pm Communications Committee  
1:30 pm Personnel Committee

### Wednesday

12:30 pm Noon Bible Study  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group  
6:30 pm JAM  
8:00 pm AA Meeting

### Friday

11:00 am Thanksgiving Planning Committee

### Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal  
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)  
10:45 am Worship, childcare available  
Coffee Fellowship



Sunday School begins 9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Our Sunday School Lessons are themed with the Growing in God Bible. Our Youth Education Coordinator, Dawn Avery, has created Units that pertain to the Life of Jesus and His followers. It's going to be one incredible season!

- September 17th-October 15th -- **Jesus: Beginnings**
- October 22-November 12th -- **Who Is Jesus**
- November 19th -- **More Parables Jesus Told/Advent Lesson**
- **Every Sunday -- Chat with the Children** will be hosted by your Christian Education Committee Members

#### OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS to Place on YOUR Calendars!

**Jesus and Me (JAM)** is held every Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. \*(unless otherwise noted due to other scheduling) \* Scripture Lessons, Crafts, Games and of course SNACKS! Meet in room 109 to join all the JAM kids for this fun Wednesday youth activity.

**MS/HS Youth Group** is held every Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

**October 8 - Socktober!** Socktober is a nationwide movement to collect socks for people who are currently experiencing homelessness, poverty and to show that we care for our elders in local Nursing Facilities. STAY TUNED for the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> **Grade Sunday School Youth** to share their exciting Service Project! Donating a pair of socks makes a bigger difference than some may think and socks are the **most needed & least donated** item to shelters.

**Sunday, October 15** — Middle School/High School Youth will lead the Worship Service.

**Wednesday, October 25** — Trunk or Treat! Reserve your Manse Parking Lot SPOT now! Contact Dawn: [edcoordinator.fpcjcgmail.com](mailto:edcoordinator.fpcjcgmail.com) or 785-238-1191. What will your theme be this year?

**Wednesday, December 13** — JAM Caroling Party

**Sunday, December 17** — Our Sunday School and JAM Youth will present a Christmas Pageant during our worship hour, "**A Very Mixed-Up Christmas**"

**Cleanliness is next to Godliness!** It's no *Secret* the Deacons are **REACH**ing out for your help! We **Aim** to collect 300 toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, travel size deodorants, and various feminine hygiene products to donate to the schools in USD 475.

Look for the red tub in the Narthex and drop off your items any time until Sunday October 1.

We **SURE** will appreciate it!

