

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

DOXOLOGY (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: In this moment of worship we embrace your presence again,
O God

People: and we offer you our love.

Leader: In this moment of prayer we proclaim again your purpose for the
world, O Savior,

People: and we offer you our resources.

Leader: In this moment of giving we hear your call again, O Lord,

People: and we offer you ourselves.

Leader: Use us—all that we have and all that we are—to touch the world.

People: God is love. God is with us. God will never leave us. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
(Verses 1-2)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #803 (Verse 3)

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

POSTLUDE

Tower Ringing

Glory Ringers

***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.

(B) Easter 4

April 21, 2024

PRELUDE

Processional by Margaret Tucker

Glory Ringers

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheila Markley

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: Lift your hearts, raise your voices,
and join the heavenly host who forever sing:

**People: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment, but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not your ways, O Creator, and they are an affront to the work of your hands. Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus just as he does at his table. 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**

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

MS/HS Youth

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Make us faithful followers of the Good Shepherd.

When we stray keep us from serious danger and lead us gently back to you.

Lead us to the places in life where there is enough calm and quiet that we find renewal, but provide us enough challenge to bring out the best in us.

In those places of life where we become fearful and anxious be with us, keep us safe from danger, and lead us through the valleys of the deep shadows.

In those times when we face economic uncertainty and worry about tomorrow remind us that "you prepare a table before us."

Give us the ability to trust your faithfulness to us. And in those times when we take a longer look at life and beyond help us to trust that "goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life" and to know that we are yours forever. We pray for those with special needs.

Be with those whom we send to war whose lives are filled with great danger, sorrow, and tragedy. Be with the sick and the dying. Be with the needy. Be with those who are faced with temptation. Hover over them all Lord, and provide comfort and courage. Amen

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 23:1-6

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Marching to Zion...arr. Hopson

THE SERMON TEXT

John 10:11-18

SERMON

"The Good Shepherd"

Elder, Gary Miles

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: What does it mean to be a child of God?

People: That I belong to God, who loves me.

Leader: What did God create?

People: God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.

Leader: What is special about human beings?

People: God made us, male and female, in God's own image.

Leader: What do we mean when we pray to God "in heaven?"

People: We mean that God draws near to us from beyond this world, and hears our prayers.

Leader: What do we ask when we pray "Hallowed be your name?"

People: We pray that God's name will be honored in all the world and everywhere treated as holy, because God's name really stands for God.

Leader: What do we ask when we pray "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven?"

People: We ask God to fulfill God's purpose for the whole world. We also ask God to make us able and willing to accept God's will in all things, and to do our part in bringing about God's purpose.

Leader: What does it mean to pray "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever?"

People: We praise God for being able and willing to do everything we have asked in this prayer. We give ourselves to God's wise and gracious care; because we know that God can be trusted to make all things work together for good, now and forever.

from, "Belonging to God: The First Catechism"
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Children and Youth News



THANK YOU to every person that donated peanut butter, jelly, and/or cereal!! The MS/HS class and Food Pantry are so grateful for all your gifts of food. Stay tuned for an announcement on the final count!

Important Dates at a Glance:

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

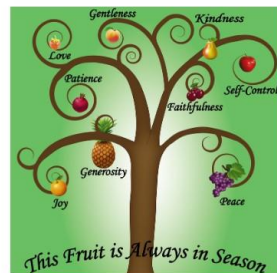


Camp Chippewa currently has open spots for Summer camp if you're interested in that! Some of our youth are already signed up, so if you would like those dates, just email Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com. Limited funds ARE available. They are also hiring older youth to work at the camp! Visit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

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

Pulpit Supply: Gary Miles

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 April transportation: Chris Jeffrey (785-307-1243)

Elder on call for the week of April 21: Susan Erichsen (785-223-3100)

Head Usher for April 21: Janet Parrish

Acolytes for April 21 are: Haiden Edleston and Ally Lankas

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by: Harold & Susan Erichsen

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 Carolyn Gaston and family to the glory of God and in memory of Russell Gaston, Jr.

We want to extend a warm welcome to Gary Miles who is our Pulpit Supply for this week. Gary Miles is a ruling elder, deacon, and member of the First Presbyterian Church of Junction City, Kansas. He is currently serving on the session as a member of the finance committee.

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 Frisbee's!
Drinks will be provided!

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 be found at <https://www.fpcjc.com>.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday

12:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm MS/HS Youth Group
7:00 pm JAM
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Saturday

8:00 am PEO Meeting

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Practice
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship



- **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

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.