

**Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to God's kingdom:
to serve as he has served us;
to take up our cross,
to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.**

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (Verses 1-2)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve.

**People: We take up our cross to follow in the way of Jesus,
our Lord.**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #39** Verse 3

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed they hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

POSTLUDE *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies...* by Gerald Peterson

***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 2

February 25, 2024

Our Favorite Hymn(s)-Sing Sunday

PRELUDE

Martyrdom... by Hugh Livingston Jr.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

Sheila Markley

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Hymn 645 (Verse 1)

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory!

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

***HYMN OF PRAISE #267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (Verses 1-2)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you have given us everything; we have failed to respond with gratitude. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your Word; we answer with empty promises and lies. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your light; we try to hide ourselves from your glory. In Jesus Christ, you have given us your life; even this precious gift we have not received. Have mercy on us, O God; forgive us. In Jesus Christ, give us the faith and power to become what you created us to be: beloved children, full of grace and truth. 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

**God of every blessing, we rejoice that you have chosen us from
long ago, adopted us as your beloved children, and gathered us
into your presence. Now make known in our hearts and lives
your eternal purpose for heaven and earth so that we may live,
this day and always, for the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 22:23-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian Education Committee

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

THE WORD IN MUSIC – OUR FAVORITE HYMNS Joe & Sheila Markley

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word...by Tom Birchwood

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

***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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We affirm that the universe exists
by the power of God's Word and Spirit.
God has chosen to give it reality
out of the love we have come to know in Christ.**

**Each of us beholds on the cross
the Savior who died in our place,
so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him.**

**We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.
He demonstrated the new humanity
God promises to give us through him.**



- **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**
- **Stephanie Lindey and family for the loss of her aunt Jeneta Turner**

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: Susan Erichsen

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. 25: Linda Brungardt (785-223-3903)

Head Usher for Feb. 25: Sheila Markley

Acolytes for Feb. 25 are: Mallory King and Rory King

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Jade White

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 given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dean and Dorothy Cassity on the occasion of Dean's birthday by their children Erin Cassityhailes and Arthur and Andrea Cassity.

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 at 785-238-8809. Thank you.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with April 4. 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

Per Capita for 2024 will be \$37.00.

If you have anything you would like to put into the **April** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **March 23, 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/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

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

Thursday

11:00 am PNK Preparation for Ministry Committee

Saturday

8:35 am Men's Breakfast

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!!!!

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!



Easter Flowers



If you would like to purchase an Easter flower, please complete this form and **return it to the church office by Sunday, March 24, 2024**

Cost of the Flowers is \$12.00

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Please pick up your Easter flowers following worship service Easter Sunday.

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

Name: _____

Number of flower(s) ordering _____

BULLETIN INSCRIPTION

(Name(s) given in memory of or in honor of)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Children and Youth News

What are the kids learning about?

JAM: "Love Like Jesus" - Kids will go on a journey where they'll see Jesus' love in Bible stories and their daily lives, show His love through kind actions, talk about His love to others, and celebrate His love through worship and art.

MS/HS Youth Group: "Genesis" - Students are going through the bible, chapter by chapter, followed up by thought-provoking questions. They are currently at Genesis, Chapter 8.

Pre-K-5th Grade Sunday School: "More Parables Jesus Told" - Jesus teaches us through parables.

MS/HS Sunday School: Students are studying "TOUGH QUESTIONS" from RE:form

Preschool: Our younger students are also learning about "More Parables Jesus Told" with our wonderful nursery worker, Brianna Talley

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, March 10 - No Sunday School due to Spring Break

Wednesday, March 13 - No JAM or MS/HS Youth Group due to Spring Break



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, March 24th, immediately after church. Ages 0-5th grade are invited to bring their baskets and join us for some egg-hunting fun in the grassy areas around the church! In case of bad weather, we will move the event inside.

The Easter Sunrise Service for our Middle and High School students will be Sunday, March 31st at Terrah Stroda's house.



*Please note there is childcare available in the nursery during Sunday School and worship service.

Contact Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com