



- **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**

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.

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 4

March 10, 2024

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheila Markley

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE #744**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, we confess that our experience of suffering lead us to doubt your promise and power. In the depth of our darkness, we do not see your Light. In our isolation we do not feel your nearness. Forgive us, God. For you gave up your own Son for us, and never promised a world without suffering, but that you would bear us through it. Release us from all bitterness and doubt, and renew us in your merciful Spirit. 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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Thank you for calling us to be your people, O God. We are grateful that you give us gifts and skills and abilities. We rejoice in our imagination, in our creativity; and we rejoice in that most powerful gift of all: your love, which is restless until it reaches out into the world. Be with us in our time of worship. Unite our hearts with your heart; our spirits with your Holy Spirit. Speak to us and help us to hear the word you have for us today. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

gnus Dei...by Wagner

THE SECOND LESSON

John 3:14-21

SERMON

“For God So Loved the World”

Elder, Clarke Sanders

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN #451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

Glory to God p. 35

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell;

heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

The Gift of Love...arr. Hal Hopson

Glory Ringers

***DOXOLOGY**

(Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #215**

What Wondrous Love Is This
(Verses 1-2)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***The Congregational Response #166 (Verse 1)**

**Lord, who through-out these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able.**

Children and Youth News

What are the kids learning about?

JAM: "Wandering Heart: Figuring out faith with Peter"; A Lenten Study. This curriculum has kinesthetic scripture retellings and further engagement with the theme through crafts, books, and games.

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 9.

Pre-K-5th Grade Sunday School: "Wandering Heart: Figuring out faith with Peter"; A Lenten Study.

MS/HS Sunday School: "Wandering Heart" Lenten Study, made for MS/HS students specifically. It includes reading scripture, discussing it, and finding creative ways to express their understanding of it.

Preschool: Our younger students are also doing the "Wandering Heart" Lenten Study, with our wonderful nursery worker, Brianna Talley.

Upcoming Dates:

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

Thanks to those who have assisted in all the parts and pieces of this morning's worship:

Pastor: Position Vacant

Worship Leader: Terrah Stroda

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for March transportation: Les Fehr (785-226-1522)

Elder on call for the week of March 10: Sheila Markley (785-280-0595)

Head Usher for March 10: Rick Munson

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by: the Lindey Family

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 today are from Vic and Sandy Wong to the glory of God and in honor of Chloe's 40th birthday, which is today.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with April 7. 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.

There will be a Maundy Thursday service and meal on March 28. The meal, which will be provided by the Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship committee, will be pizza, salad, and dessert starting at 6:15 pm. The service and communion will also be held in the dining room and will begin at 7:00 pm.

Just a reminder that **JAM and MS/HS Youth Group are canceled on Wednesday, March 13**, due to Spring Break.

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 **April** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **March 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/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

Wednesday

11:00 am	Ram Exterminators
12:30 pm	Lunch Bible Study
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir
8:00 pm	AA Meeting

Sunday

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



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 _____

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