

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that at the Lord's Supper
the community of believers is renewed.
Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.

We accept his promises and gifts
and depend on his life to sustain ours.

In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving
to the risen Lord who has conquered death.

So we celebrate his victory here and now
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.
Reunited around one loaf and cup,
we receive strength and courage
to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

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

*The Congregational Response #643 (verse 2)
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

POSTLUDE

*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.*

(C) Ordinary 2
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

January 15, 2023

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 40:3,5*

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

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, one by one the disciples left all they had to follow the long-awaited Messiah. You promised them hardship, rejection, a loss of comfort, hostility, suffering, and finally, a cross to carry. We give lip service to following you but complain when it is difficult; worry when we cannot see where you are leading; question "why" when suffering inevitably comes; and choose to ignore the parts of the gospel that disrupt our sense of security.

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our selfish desire to have it both ways — to follow but at no cost; to claim you but not risk anything on your behalf; to embrace new life without experiencing the garden of Gethsemane. Remind us that we live not for ourselves but for the world, in your stead. We are entitled to share in your joy only as we share also in your suffering. Give us boldness and courage, by the power of your Spirit, to be your disciples in truth and deed, not just in word. 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 FELLOWSHIP Covered Dish Meal & Congregational Meeting
Mission, Fellowship & Evangelism

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. You have called us into this community, the church. Though we are imperfect men and women, still we are your church, capable of beauty and goodness through the work of your grace. Renew, O God, our zeal for your church. Pull us together, set our course for life, and help us to run the race with joy and determination; together. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Soon and Very Soon...by Crouch

A CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

THE SERMON TEXT

John 1:29-31, 35-39a

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S 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

Psalm 40:5, 6

Offering plates will be passed to persons seated in pews. However, you may also leave your pledges, gifts and other offerings in the boxes located at the sanctuary doors. 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)

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN #494** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* (Verses 1, 3, 5)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"...for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 4:28)



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Roger Lawson**
- **Bob Jeffrey & family**
- **Kohlmann family & friends**
- **Pete Young**

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 all the parts and pieces of this morning's worship:

Pastor: Tim Maguffee

Worship Leader: Susan Erichsen

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Matthew Pickering

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith & Sam Markley

Key Deacon for Jan. transportation: Krista Blaisdell (785-323-7174)

Elder on call for the week of January 15th is Joe Markley (479-0321)

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Randy & Colleen Smith

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.

Can you host an after-church coffee fellowship? Check the bulletin board for available dates. If you have questions, please contact Annette Ray at 785-210-4490. Thank you, Fellowship/Evangelism Committee.

Per Capita for 2023 will be \$36.00.

Would you like to help out with the church service by becoming a Worship Leader? If you are interested, please let the office know prior to the end of the day on Friday, January 20th. You may call or email the office at 238-1191 or office.fpcjc@gmail.com

The Church Office will be closed on Monday January 21st in celebration of Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Sunday, January 29th, following worship, will be the **annual congregational meeting**. We will have a **pot luck meal following** the meeting hosted by M-E Fellowship Committee.

The American Red Cross Community Blood Drive will be on Thursday January 19, 2023 from 11:30 am through 6:00 pm and on Friday January 20, 2023 from 8:00 am through 1:00 pm at the Junction City Municipal Building located at 700 N Jefferson.

If you have information you would like in the **February** newsletter, please let the church office know by January 23rd. You may also email your information to office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

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

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

All Day Church Closed

Tuesday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday

12:30 pm Lunch Bible Study
6:30 pm J.A.M.
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Saturday

11:00 am Diana Gauntt Memorial Service

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Practice
9:00 am Confirmation Classes
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship, child care available
After Service Congregational Meeting
After Meeting Pot luck hosted by MEF committee

Hello Church Family!

Please join us for this uplifting study we are offering during the season of Lent. You will find it intriguing, comforting and the perfect time to be with our church family to share and grow. You may contact the church office to enroll and order your book on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

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HOPE

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Hope is not a prediction

HOPE IS WHAT WE DO

Something to live for

Each Monday-February 27th - April 3rd
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Frist Presbyterian Church
Childcare is available