

OFFERTORY

***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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns
(Verses 1-3)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #748

**Go with us, Lord and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.**

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) Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Our Favorite Hymn(s)-Sing Sunday**

November 26, 2023

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

Sheila Markley

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty—

**People: Praise to the One who loves us and freed us from
our sins by his blood; who made us to be a kingdom,
priests serving God the Father—**

Leader: Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
the ruler of all rulers of the earth—

People: to Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever!

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #2** *Come, Thou Almighty King* (Verses 1, 2 & 4)

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come to you as people who long to walk your ways of grace and love, O God, but many times we get discouraged. We are afraid of difficult experiences. We despair at challenges that are given to us. The roads we walk often leave us weary and confused. O God, forgive us and show us other roads and new possibilities. Take our road-weary lives and infuse us with new hope and resolve to be your faithful people. 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

Gracious God, you are great beyond our imaging, wise beyond our understanding and loving beyond our deserving. We thank you for your love which sustains us, for your judgment which corrects us and your grace which heals us. Bless now our time of worship. Grant that we may hear your voice and respond. Help us always to be open to your claim of our lives. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 1:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal...arr. Hayes

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian Education Committee

THE SECOND LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

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

A Paupers Prayer – Jade White

HYMN #15 *All Creatures of our God and King* (Verses 1-3)

A Poet Challenges Convention – Ashley King

HYMN #223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

A Stone of Contention – Krista Blaisdell

HYMN #430 *Rock of Ages* (Verses 1-3)

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Lord has taken the initiative
and addressed his word to human kind in many ways.**

**God's story is still unfolding
and in faith we make it our own.
It forms our memory and our hope.
It tells us who we are and what we are to do.**

**We trust in God, who,
like a mother will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father runs to welcome the prodigal home.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

from, The Book of Confessions
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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>



- **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**
- **Anessa Locke and family**
- **The family and friends of Doris McClaird-Nelson**
- **Brianna Talley and family**

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: Jim Ray

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for December transportation: Janet Parrish (785-226-0239)

Elder on call for the week of November 26th: Jenna Langvardt (785-761-5815)

Head Usher for November 26th: Sheila Markley

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Pam & Katie Haynes

Acolytes this week are: McKinleigh Blaisdell and Delilah Standlee

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 this morning are provided by Hugh and Elaine Dill to celebrate a special lady, Betty Waters, 97th birthday!

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with January 7th. 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 785-761-5815.

Christmas is coming! Poinsettias are available for purchase for \$10 a plant. Forms can be found in the bulletin and in the narthex on the table.

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 **January** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **December 23rd, 2023**. 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

Monday

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

1:00 pm Communications Committee

Wednesday

8:30 am Worship Committee

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

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

After Service Coffee Fellowship



Poinsettias

The church office will begin taking orders for Poinsettias to be used in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

Cost is \$10.00 each (which includes tax).

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Monday, **December 4th**. Checks should be made out to: First Presbyterian Church and noted "Poinsettias"

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday December 17th for the 10:45 service, and for both of the Christmas Eve service, Sunday, December 24th.

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 17th.

Please pick up your Poinsettia following the **evening** worship service Christmas Eve.

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

Name: _____

Number of Poinsettia(s) ordering: _____

Bulletin Inscription: (name(s) Given in memory of or in honor of)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____



Join us to celebrate

CHRISTMAS

With a Christmas Cookie Exchange! Bring 3 dozen of your favorite homemade goodies to the parlor before church. After Church, there will be a container for you to fill with 3 dozen assorted goodies to enjoy this holiday season!

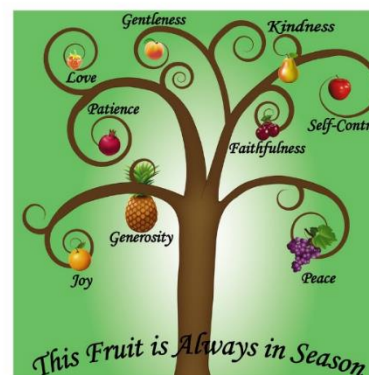
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NEW NEWS ABOUT OUR YOUTH!!

Upcoming Dates for Parents:

- **Sunday, December 3rd** - PJ & Movie Day (all ages)
- **Sunday, December 10th** - During Sunday School, we will practice candle lighting for Christmas Eve Service with Margaret (K-5)
- **Wednesday, December 13th** - JAM will be from 5:45pm-7:00pm. We will be practicing for the Christmas Pageant.
- **Sunday, December 17th** - Christmas Pageant during worship service. Practice candle lighting for Christmas Eve Service with Margaret *after* worship service (K-5)
- **Wednesday, December 20th** - Christmas Caroling & Hot Cocoa (JAM & MS/HS)
- **Sunday, December 24th** - NO Sunday School
- **Wednesday, December 27th** - NO JAM or MS/HS Youth Group
- **Sunday, December 31st** - NO Sunday School
- **Wednesday, January 3rd** - No JAM or MS/HS Youth Group



Save the Date!

Fruit of the Spirit VBS
July 29 - August 1, 2024

***WE ARE CURRENTLY
LOOKING FOR YOUTH
VOLUNTEERS**