

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

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

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
(Verses 1 & 6)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #88** (verse 7)

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

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) Advent 2

December 4, 2022

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Let us pray together the words in the bulletin:

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
(Verses 1-2, 5)

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kin-dom. 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* Hymn No. 113 (refrain)

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

***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

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

*Food Pantry & Food Drive
Mission Committee*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious God, the busiest time of the year is back again, and we already feel the pace quickening out there, as well as in here. We're starting to worry (again) about getting it all done. On this second Sunday of Advent, O God, slow us down. Speak your word of love to us; help us to focus on what is important and on what our loved ones truly need. Startle us with your truth and open our hearts to your word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the Word of our God will stand forever.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Rise Up...a Spiritual

TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN**

O Promised One of Israel

(see insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In Christ we are given a glimpse of the new creation
God has already begun and will surely finish.**

We do not know when the final day will come.

**In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that
the renewal of all things is under way.**

**We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world,
the church, or our own lives.**

But we see Jesus as Lord.

**As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.**

He will judge all people and nations.

Evil will be condemned

and rooted out of God's good creation.

There will be no more tears of pain.

All things will be made new.

**The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected. Amen.**

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



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Roger Lawson**
- **Pete Young**
- **Tim Sullivan (Danette Story's brother) and all those battling cancer**
- **Greg Lindy has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (brother of Edward Lindey)**
- **Mary Lovett**
- **Family and friends of Ramona Printz-Smith**

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: Tim Maguffee

Worship Leader: Sandy Wong

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 December transportation:

Lisa Nabus (785-761-4895)

Elder on call for the week of December 4th:

Mary Kay Munson (785-375-3189)

Head Usher for December 4th: Barby Craft

Acolytes for December 4th: Ally Lankas and Case Proietti

Second Sunday Advent Candle-lighters: Dawn Avery, Maddox Butler, Brock Nabus, Logan Nabus, Morgan Nabus, Ava Oentrich, Grady Oentrich, Eliot Oentrich, Blake Proietti, Tyler Proietti, Braxton Stroda, and Braedon Stroda

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Jennifer & Jason Lankas

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 the Langvardt Family to the glory of God and in honor of the blessings the Lord has given the Langvardt Family through family, friends, and our church!

Today's loose coins and change will again be collected for the Blessing Box.

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, 2022**. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

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

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.

During this time of giving, the Mission Evangelism and Fellowship committee is having a food drive to benefit the Geary County Food Pantry. Our goal is 500 pounds of food!! The food pantry serves over 800 of the hungriest individuals in our community each month distributing thousands of pounds of food. The drive will run December 4 through December 18.

The brown canvas bags will be passed out each Sunday to be filled with food and returned to be filled again! If you would prefer donations will also be accepted and go towards our goal.

Items needed are:
canned vegetables
canned soup
tuna
macaroni and cheese
pasta
canned tomato products
canned fruit
cereal
peanut butter
jelly
stove top meals
rice
dried beans

It will be an intense two weeks, but WE CAN DO IT!!!



Sunday December 18th is “Bell Sunday”
If you have a special bell of your own you would like to ring during the Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High” be sure and bring it with you. There will be bells available for everyone.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

3:00 pm Facilities Committee
5:30 pm Mission and Evangelism & Fellowship Committee
6:00 pm Deacon’s Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 am Worship Committee
12:30 pm Noon Bible Study
5:15 pm Christian Education Committee
6:30 pm JAM
6:30 pm Choir Practice
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Practice
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 5th**.

Checks should be made out to: First Presbyterian Church and noted "Poinsettias"

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday December 18th for the 10:45 service, and for the Christmas Eve service, Saturday, December 24th.

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18th.

Please pick up your Poinsettia following worship service Christmas Eve. Any Poinsettias not picked up will be distributed as the church deems best.

Name: _____

Number of Poinsettia(s) ordering: _____

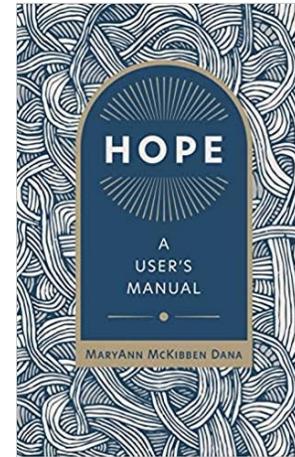
Bulletin Inscription: (name(s) Given in memory of or in honor of)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

2022 Winter Book Study!

HOPE —A User’s Manual
by MaryAnn McKibben Dana



What hope is, what hope isn't, and how to find it in hopeless times.

How do we cultivate hope to face each day? How do we find the energy to persevere, knowing things don't always work out OK, no matter what the platitudes say? How do we pursue the work of justice, knowing that the task is too big for any of us?

One thing is certain: real hope demands that we do something with it. That we live it out. That we use hope to participate in a bigger story playing out behind the bleak world we see on the news or in our social media feeds every day.

Whether you're a person of faith, or someone disillusioned with faith, or someone who hardly ever thinks about faith: if you're a human being who longs for a spiritual counternarrative to live by, this book points to one resilient enough to endure crises and crushing defeats. If you're tired of hearing about some heavenly hereafter amid the pressing need for justice here and now, this is a book about hope for this world.

– from Amazon.com listing for *Hope*

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas will offer a “presbytery-wide” Winter Book Study to build relationships-community across our presbytery (and discuss a timely book). The class will be offered in a variety of formats and most groups will meet 1 hour per week for 6 weeks. We also hope to arrange time for participants to have conversation (via Zoom) with the author.

Please join us! First Presbyterian Church will have an “in person” group –meeting on Monday evenings, 6:30–7:30 p.m., from January 9th through February 13th. If you would like to participate in the FPC-JC group, please call (785) 238-1191 or email us at office.fpcjc@gmail.com to register. Books may be purchased at Amazon.com and other online booksellers for approximately \$17 (new). If you would like the church to purchase a book for you, bring your payment to the church before December 19th.

Details about PNK class options will appear in the next issue of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas newsletter and our December newsletter.