



- Our members and friends who are living in a nursing home, assisted living, or are partially or fully "home-bound"
- 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 may be seen during children's sermons. If you have concerns, please get in touch with 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.

**April 6, 2025
5th Sunday in Lent**

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Chrystal Artigue

Unison Prayer: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

***CHORAL RESPONSE #443**

There Is a Redeemer (verse 1)

***HYMN OF PRAISE #630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

***INVITATION TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence which will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions.

Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** (Hymn #447) *We are Forgiven*
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

***THE PEACE**

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing MEF

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 126

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHANCEL CHOIR *The King of Love My Shepherd Is...* by Forrest

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN #833**

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE *John 12:1-8*
"Extravagant Love"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and resurrection, we see the deepest truth of life. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. 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 "Give Now" link on our website:
<https://www.fpcjc.com>

OFFERTORY

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

4:00 pm Facilities Meeting
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:30 pm Finance Committee

Wednesday

12:30 pm Bible Study
4:30 pm Christian Education VBS Planning Meeting
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper and devotional on Hope

Saturday

11:00 am Roy Taylor Memorial Service

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal
8:55 am Sunrise Sunday School (Adults only)
9:30 am Confirmation Class #6
9:30 am Sunday School (Adult and Youth)
10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship
After Service Annual Easter Egg Hunt

JOIN US FOR LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

Enjoy a warm meal and fellowship every Thursday between March 13 and April 17 at 6:00 pm during Lent. A short devotional on Hope will follow the meal. Everyone is welcome!



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| MARCH 13 | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE |
| MARCH 20 | SESSION |
| MARCH 27 | WORSHIP COMMITTEE |
| APRIL 3 | WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY |
| APRIL 10 | DEACONS |
| APRIL 17 | (MAUNDY THURSDAY) FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE |

Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning's worship:

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber

Worship Leader: Sandy Wong

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for Apr. transportation: Melissa Goble (785-226-0697)

Elder on call the week of Apr. 6: Jim Ray (785-307-5188)

Head Usher for April 6: Bob & Pam Haynes

Acolytes for April 6: Haiden Edleston and Toby Yascavage

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Deanna Munson

Children are welcome in worship. We welcome all children and youth to stay during the worship service and experience God. If you need your child to go to the nursery, our caretakers are ready to receive them.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are provided by Carolyn Gaston and family to the glory of God and in memory of Russell Gaston, Jr.

All undesignated offerings this morning will be collected for the Fresh Start homeless shelter.

Attention Parents and Grandparents of High School and College Seniors- If you have a graduating senior from high school or college this May, contact the church office at office@fpcjc.com by Friday, April 18, with the information below for the bulletin and newsletter.

Student Name:

School Graduating From:

Brief Plan for Student's Future:

Your Relationship to the Student:

Senior picture of your student for showing on the screens



Attention K-12th graders! Join us after worship today for JELLY, where we'll take an interactive journey through the Stations of the Cross. You won't want to miss this engaging and meaningful experience!

The Maundy Thursday service, including communion and meal, will take place on April 17 in the dining room at 6:00 pm. The meal will be our final soup supper for Lent and is hosted by the Mission, Evangelism, and Fellowship Committee.

Join us in the dining room for the **Sunrise Adult Sunday School class** at 8:55 am.

Join us for hot coffee, breakfast snacks, warm fellowship, and engaging discussions every Sunday at 9:30 am in room 206 for the **Pathfinders Adult Sunday School class**.

Join us for our Wednesday Bible study. Janet Parrish will lead a study on Margaret Feinberg's book James, What You Do Matters. The class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in room 206.

Church services are streamed at <https://www.fpcjc.com>. You will find our worship bulletin and links to our Facebook page and YouTube on this webpage.

If you have any 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.com

If you want to put anything into the **May** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **April 20, 2025**. Our email address is office@fpcjc.com.

When inclement weather is forecast, there are three ways you can find out if the church worship service has been canceled: WIBW (website or T.V.), our First Presbyterian Church-Junction City Facebook page, and email from the church if we have your email address.



Easter Flowers



If you would like to purchase an
Easter flower,
please complete this form and **return it to the
church office by Sunday, April 13, 2025**
The cost of the Flowers is \$12.00
Memorials and other expressions will be printed
in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

**Please pick up your Easter flowers
following the worship service on 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 _____

