



- 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.

**March 30, 2025
4th Sunday in Lent**

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Kim & Aaliyah Williams

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 #410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

*INVITATION TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it is interesting that it is easy for us to identify with today's scripture about the "Prodigal Son". Some of us are easily reminded of our own selfishness and stubbornness when we willfully sought our own way. Others are reminded about how angry we were when others were not held accountable for their actions, when we have been so careful not to displease anyone.

Still others can identify with the father who, feeling the loss of his son, welcomes him home again, reminding the brother that he has always been in the love and care of the Father. We hear

this story and it's a pleasant memory. But do we really understand what it is about?

Do we know that we have also been stubborn and selfish, angry and unforgiving, sorrowful and caught between two conflicting factions? We are no different from these characters, in our own unique way. Yet, in God's infinite love, we also are forgiven and healed. We are called to turn our lives back to God's care, which is always extended to us.

Forgive us and heal us, gracious God. Open our hearts and our spirits to truly receive the blessings of your healing love. For it is in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, that 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION Annual Easter Egg Hunt Dawn Avery

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 32*
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

CHANCEL CHOIR *Give Me Jesus...a spiritual*
Soloist Sheila Markley

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Recognizing Quint

***HYMN #442** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE *Luke 15:1-3, 11-32*
"The Prodigal in All of Us"

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 *How Can I Keep From Singing?...arr. Alfred B. Sherman*
Glory Ringers

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #649** *Amazing Grace*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE
***People stand as they are able**

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!



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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

5:30 pm Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship Committee
5:45 pm Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 am Worship Committee
12:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

11:00 am Christian Education Committee
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper and devotional on Hope

Saturday

8:35 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal
8:55 am Sunrise Sunday School (Adults only)
9:30 am Confirmation Class #5
9:30 am Sunday School (Adult and Youth)
10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship
12:00 pm Jelly-Holy Stations

The Maundy Thursday service and meal will be on April 17 in the dining room. The meal will be our final soup supper for Lent and is hosted by the Mission, Evangelism, and Fellowship Committee. The meal will begin at 6:00 pm, and the service and communion will begin at 7:00 pm.

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 great discussions every Sunday in room 206 at 9:30 am 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.

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: August Siefkes

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

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

Elder on call the week of Mar. 30: Randy Heldstab (785-223-1227)

Head Usher for March 30: Rick Munson

Acolytes for March 30: Delilah Standlee and Grayson White

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Harold & Susan Erichsen

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.

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 no later than 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 on April 6 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!



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 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 _____

