



- 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 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.

October 20, 2024

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things;

People: So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

Leader: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

People: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

People: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that

we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty.

Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 Operation Christmas Child Jenna Langvardt

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON *Psalms 91:9-16*
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

HYMN #693 *Though I May Speak*

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE *Mark 10:35-45*
“A Life of Stewardship”

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

Many: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! 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 #694** *Great God of Every Blessing*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**

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@gmail.com

If you want to put anything into the **December** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **November 20, 2024**. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Wednesday	
12:30 pm	Bible Study
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Sunday	
8:30 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
8:55 am	Sunrise Sunday School (Adult only)
9:30 am	Sunday School (Adult and Youth)
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
12:00 pm	Trunk or Treat meal (for children and parents)
12:45 pm	Trunk or Treat-manse parking lot

Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning’s worship:
Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber
Worship Leader: Vannessa Osbourn
Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley
Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley
Organist: August Siefkes
Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith
Key Deacon for October transportation: Don Kracht (785-238-3066)
Elder on call the week of October 20: Heather Oentrich (785-479-1867)
Head Usher for October: Janet Parrish
Acolytes for Oct. 20 are: McKinleigh Blaisdell and Toby Yascavage

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.

This morning's flowers in the sanctuary are provided by the **Haynes family** to the glory of God and in the loving memory of Joseph Gary Haynes.

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

Join us for our lunchtime bible study with Elaine Dill leading a study on Max Lucado’s book *Fearless*. This class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 pm on Wednesdays in room 206.

Reminder: Church Potluck following service today in the dining room. Everyone is welcome!



Operation Christmas Child is coming!

Operation Christmas Child is a global mission that is organized by Samaritan's Purse. We will be collecting shoe boxes with various items for a child to receive. There is more information on what can be included in the boxes in the narthex and online at [Operation Christmas Child](https://www.operationchristmaschild.org/). Boxes are available to use in the narthex, as well as a flyer to better explain the process.

We hope you'll join us this year in spreading the love of Christ around the world. It is needed now more than ever! Team up with a friend, and have the kids help with ideas!

Our goal for this year is at least 50 boxes! Boxes can be brought to church on Sundays or left in the church office through Nov. 17!

SUNRISE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

JOIN US SUNDAYS, BEGINNING OCTOBER 20

8:55AM-9:30AM

MEET DOWNSTAIRS IN THE DINING ROOM

LED BY PASTOR KEMPER

CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE NURSERY

Spiritual, but Not Religious?

By: Eugena Anne Gamble



Can one be spiritual and not religious?

In this study, participants will explore the meaning and use of these key terms: *spiritual* and *religious*. Then participants will examine the distinctive nature of being religious and Christian.



Can you host Cookie Fellowship?

The dates available are November 24, and December 8, 2024. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, contact Annette Ray at 785-210-4490 or Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

GIVING THANKS

First Presbyterian Church
2024 Stewardship Campaign

“Be joyful always; pray continually; and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV)

Paul is reminding the members of that church (and ours) that because we have been loved, uplifted, embraced, and given eternal life through the life, ministry, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus; that we live joyful prayerful lives of thanksgiving that will bring glory and honor to God for all God has done for us.

As First Presbyterian Church begins her annual stewardship campaign, your Stewardship Committee asks that every member take time to recognize and give thanks for all God has done in your lives. What are you thankful for? What joy does being a member of this church family bring you? And how do we respond to this joy and our many blessings.

During the Stewardship Campaign, the First Stewardship Committee asks you to prayerfully consider your role as a part of our thankful church family. As we each pray about and move toward making our financial commitments to God’s work in and through our church, the committee calls everyone who views First as their church home to join us in **“Giving Thanks.”** Let each of us contribute according to what God has given us, with generous hearts and loving commitment, to what God is doing through our church.

Stewardship Commitment Sunday will be November 3rd. On this day we will collect the pledges from our members and friends. Before we get to this special day, we will hear from members about their personal giving, hear from committees about the programs and opportunities they would like to offer next year, and Pastor Kemper will examine and discuss stewardship during our Sunday worship time together.

Join your church family on this journey of thankfulness.

First Presbyterian Church

BIBLE STUDY

**NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 &
DECEMBER 6, 13**

NOON - 1:00PM

**113 W. 5th St.
Junction City, KS**



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