



- 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.

September 1, 2024

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has given us this day for praise!

People: Praise be to God for this most generous gift!

Leader: God has given his Son to us that we might learn ways of peace and mercy.

People: Let the words of God's own Son, Jesus, enter our hearts and transform our lives!

Leader: Come, let us worship this great God of abundant mercy and love!

People: Let our songs, our words, and our thoughts reflect God's healing and restoring love. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #63

The Lord Is God

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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)

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 15*
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Wayfaring Stranger...*Arr. Joe Markley
Men's Ensemble

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*
“What it Means to be Clean”

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
We believe there is one God, whose nature is love; revealed in one Lord Jesus Christ, by one Holy Spirit of grace. We believe the authenticity, genuineness, and inspiration, of the Holy Scriptures; that both the Old and New Testaments contain the revealed will of God and that the Bible is the supreme written authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We believe that Jesus is the Son of the Living God. He came in the flesh, died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures. We believe, that holiness and true happiness are inseparably connected; and that believers should do that which is right, and strive to maintain order, and practice good works, for these things are good and profitable to all people. 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 #756** *O God of Every Nation*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

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 **October** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **September 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	
All Day	Church Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday	
2:30 pm	Finance Committee
4:30 pm	Facilities Committee
5:30 pm	Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship
6:00 pm	Deacons
Wednesday	
8:30 am	Worship Committee
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday	
9:30 am	Christian Education Committee
Saturday	
8:35 am	Men’s Breakfast
Sunday	
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
12:00 pm	Church Potluck
12:00 pm	Jelly

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 September transportation: Krista Blaisdell (785-323-7174)
Elder on call the week of September 1: Margaret Kilpatrick (785-762-2780)
Head Usher for September: Rick 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 this morning are provided by Eldon and Sue Steinfort to the glory of God and in honor of their 68th wedding anniversary. Eldon and Sue were married in this church 68 years ago on September 2, 1956, by the Reverend Dan Hiett.

Thank you to the following members of the Men's Ensemble for providing our Special Music this morning: Bob Haynes, Josh Haynes, Kemper Huber, Joe Markley, Sam Markley, and Rick Munson

All undesignated offerings this morning will be collected for the Blessing Box.

Acolyte training for 1st-5th graders will be during Sunday School on September 15. Plan to meet in the Sanctuary that day.

Chancel Choir will begin rehearsal at 6:30 pm on September 4. We will start singing for the Sunday services on September 8.

The first rehearsal for the **Glory Ringers Bell Choir** will be at 8:30 am, Sunday, September 8.

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.



Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning on September 22, 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 785-61-5815.



Church Potluck! MEF is hosting a potluck after service on September 8! The committee will grill hot dogs and hamburgers, and provide beans, chips, and watermelon. Please bring a dish to share!

The Pathfinder Adult Sunday School Class will resume meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 9:30 AM in Room 206. Our resource for the first sessions of the class will be "A Life Beyond Amazing; 9 Decisions That Will Transform Your Life Today" by Dr. David Jeremiah.

Dr. Jeremiah is a pastor and biblical scholar who produced "The Jeremiah Study Bible" and has written several books and Bible studies. In this Sunday School Class, we will use Dr. Jeremiah's materials to study the traits that Jesus demonstrated in his life—traits that if we imitate—can make our life a life beyond amazing! This series will provide us with a roadmap to being a person of character patterned after the character of Christ. We hope that you can join us!

The noon bible study will begin on September 11, with Elaine Dill leading a study on Max Lucado's book *Fearless*. This class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in room 206.



Sunday School
Teachers Needed
Kindergarten through 2nd grade.



We need ONE volunteer each week.



**Lessons are already
prepared for you!**



If you can help, please get in touch with Dawn Avery by email at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com. Thank you.

Join us for our NEW YOUTH GROUP!!

(This is replacing our regular Wednesday night programming)



WHO: Kindergarten - 12th Grade

WHEN: 1st Sunday of the Month, immediately following worship (12-2pm). **The first meeting will be on September 8, due to Labor Day.**

WHERE: Meet downstairs in the dining room

WHAT: We will begin with a meal and fellowship with all the kids, then will split up into age groups to work on that month's community project!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 27
after worship

DECORATE YOUR VEHICLE AND SHARE SOME FUN WITH OUR KIDS!! SIGN UP TODAY!

Trick or treating is open to all kids **birth-5th grade**. Bring your friends!! Wear your costume to church if you'd like!

Families & kids - we will offer pizza and salad downstairs in the dining room before we "trick or treat"

Volunteers - we will bring pizza and water to you while you decorate your vehicles!

**MANSE PARKING LOT (WEST OF THE CHURCH)
START SETTING UP VEHICLES AFTER WORSHIP
KIDS WILL COME OUT AFTER THEIR MEAL**

PLEASE PROVIDE PACKAGED CANDY/TREATS FOR OUR TRICK OR TREATERS AND DROP CANDY IN BAGS.

***IN CASE OF RAIN, THE EVENT WILL BE MOVED INSIDE**



**Join us for Celebration Sunday
on September 8!**

Sunday School Classes will begin at 9:30am and there will be a celebration with the youth during worship as well.

3rd Graders will receive their bibles