



- 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.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.

May 4, 2025

PRELUDE

Christ for the World We Sing! by Lani Smith

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time to sing the good news of God:

People: who awakens us with dawn's embrace, who surrounds us with joy and life.

Leader: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

People: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment with a gentle hand and a word of hope.

Leader: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

People: We will sing the good news of Easter! We will rejoice in the God who loves us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, now that Easter is done and gone, we no longer hear the special music, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains. We no longer walk those straight paths of joy and wonder, but wander the crooked streets to our old haunts. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done.

Fortunately, you are the God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us as you did your disciples, to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and 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 30

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

If We Ever Needed the Lord Before by Dorsey

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN #187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

John 21:1-19
"Feeding Sheep"

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 those seated in the pews. Gifts or 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

Holy Gifts We Offer by James Southbridge

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #720

Jesus Calls Us

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Way of the Cross Leads Home by Paul Davis

***People stand as they are able**

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

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber

Worship Leader: Susan Erichsen

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for May: Kimberly Williams (785-307-5297)

Elder on call the week of May 4: Sheila Markley (785-280-0595)

Head Usher for May 4: Rick Munson

Acolytes for May 4: Haiden Edleston, Harper Lankas & Grayson White

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Duaine & Kathy Hoff and De Wolf

Children Are Welcome in Worship. We joyfully welcome all children and youth to stay and participate in the worship service as we experience God together. If you prefer, our nursery is available, and our caring staff is ready to lovingly receive your child.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are provided by Harold and Susan Erichsen to the glory of God and in the loving memory of Harold and Joann Erichsen.

Join us **today after worship** for the final **Jelly** meet up until September. We will be making Mother's Day crafts. We hope to see you there.

All Choirs Picnic - Wednesday, May 14, 6:30 pm
Markley Home, 240 West 5th, JC

All Choirs Invited:
Chancel Choir
Glory Ringers

Bring delicious potluck foods, table utensils, lawn chairs, and frisbees!
Drinks will be provided!

All undesignated offerings this morning will be collected for the Geary County Food Pantry.

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**.

If you have information you would like included in the bulletin, please contact the church office by **noon on Wednesday**.

 Call: 785-238-1191

 Email: office@fpcjc.com

Newsletter Reminder:

If you have any announcements, updates, or events you'd like included in the **June/July church newsletter**, please send the information to the **church office** by **May 20, 2025**.

 **Email:** office@fpcjc.com

Thank you for helping us keep everyone informed!

Church Services Online:

You can stream our church services at: <https://www.fpcjc.com>

 Links to our **Facebook** and **YouTube** pages are available on the site.

 The **worship bulletin** can also be found there.

Weather-Related Worship Service Cancellations:

When inclement weather is in the forecast, there are **three ways** you can find out if a worship service has been canceled:

1. **WIBW** – Check the **WIBW website** or watch **WIBW TV** for cancellation notices.
2. **Facebook** – Visit our **First Presbyterian Church - Junction City** page for updates.
3. **Email** – If we have your email address on file, we'll send a cancellation notice directly to your inbox.

Stay safe and connected!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

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

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:30 pm Finance Committee
5:30 pm Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship Committee
6:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday

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

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal
8:55 am Sunrise Sunday Bible Study (Adults)
9:30 am Sunday School (All ages)
10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship



JOIN US ON
May 11th
9:30am – Last Day of Sunday School (all ages)
10:45am – Graduation Celebration & Volunteer Appreciation
Refreshments will be served after worship to celebrate our Graduates