



- 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 15, 2024

PRELUDE

My Faith looks up to Thee... by Robt. J. Hughes

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God,
People: We celebrate God's abundant and powerful love.
Leader: Day by day, and night by night,
People: God watches over us, loving and healing us.
Leader: Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.
People: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #409** *God Is Here!* (verses 1,3, & 4)

***INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow you; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to you does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away. Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim your healing mercies and your transformational love. 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)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 116:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus Paid It All...Arr. Howard Helvey

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN #720**

Jesus Calls Us

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

Mark 8:27-38

"King of the Hill!"

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

Pleading Savior...by David Paxton

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #724**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Praise to God the Father...by Franklin Ritter

***People stand as they are able**



Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning on October 6, 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.

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.

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.

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
Tuesday	
5:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	
12:30 pm	Bible Study
4:00 pm	Facilities Committee
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Sunday	
8:30 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship, child care available Coffee Fellowship

Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning’s worship:
Pastor: Kemper Huber
Worship Leader: Elaine Dill
Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley
Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley
Organist: Rhoda Frasier
Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith
Key Deacon for September transportation: Krista Blaisdell (785-323-7174)
Elder on call the week of September 15: Rhoda Frasier (785-479-1867)
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 Pathfinder Adult Sunday School Class is 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 has begun, 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.

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

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).

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**





Junction City Community Sickle Cell Blood Drive

Wednesday – September 18, 2024 AND Thursday –
September 19, 2024

12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Junction City Municipal Building - Gym

700 North Jefferson, Junction City KS 66441

Cleanliness is next to Godliness! It's no *Secret* the Deacons are **REACHing** out for your help! We are **campaigning to collect travel-size shampoos, conditioners, body washes, deodorants** (preferably spray, but all welcome), **and boys' and girls' underwear** ranging in sizes from Youth 4 to Youth XL and women's Adult Small to Adult Large, to donate to the schools for USD 475.

Look for the red tub in the Narthex and drop off your items any time through Sunday, September 29. Monetary donations are welcomed as well, please indicate your donation is in support of the Deacon Hygiene Kit project. We **SURE** appreciate it!

