

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Philippians 2:5-11

We believe in Jesus Christ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Lift Thine Eyes, "Elijah"...by Mendelssohn
Glory Ringers

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #246** *Christ Is Alive!* (verses 1, 2, & 5)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Triumph! Resurrection! by Beethoven
A piano duet played by Sheila & Joe Markley

***People stand as they are able**

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.

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

The Easter Song...by Rob Roy Peery

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Festive Intrada...by Cynthia Dobrinski
Glory Ringers

EASTER CANDLE LIGHTING

King Family

One: Christ is Risen!
Many: **He is risen indeed!**

HYMN OF PRAISE AND FLOWERING THE CROSS

Please come forward and place a flower on the cross while we sing!

<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i>	#232
<i>The Day of Resurrection!</i>	#233
<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!</i>	#245

INVITATION TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit it Lord, we had our doubts. We have heard the Resurrection story, and for so many years it has remained just a nice story. But this time it is different. This time, we have walked the path with Christ. We have journeyed through the wilderness and valleys, to the mountaintops, to the courtyard, the garden, and the cross. Now you bring us to the empty tomb and to the joyous news of the truth of Christ.

Forgive us when we so easily doubt the truth of his resurrection. Forgive us when we feel we have to have absolute proof of everything. Your love in Jesus Christ is all the proof we need. You conquered death and sin; you brought us to new life. We praise your holy name and sing our unending song of hope and thanksgiving. Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia. 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

Isaiah 65:17-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Joyful, Joyful...arr. by Emerson
Soloist, Chris Heldstab

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Confirmation and Baptism

*HYMN #254

That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

THE MESSAGE TEXT

John 20:1-18
Morgan Nabus & Grady Oentrich

THE MESSAGE

"Moving Stones"



- 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.

**JOIN US FOR
JELLY**

MAY 4TH

**K-12TH GRADE
12 PM - 1:15 PM**

**COME FOR A MEAL &
MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTS**

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

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber
Worship Leader: Karen Cline
Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley
Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley
Organist: Rhoda Frasier
Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith
Key Deacon for Apr. transportation: Melissa Goble (785-226-0697)
Elder on call the week of Apr. 20: Jim Ray (785-307-5188)
Head Usher for April 20: Bob & Pam Haynes
Acolytes for April 20: Mallory & Rory King
Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Margaret Kilpatrick

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.

Reminder: Please remember to pick up your Easter flowers today after the service. Any flowers not picked up will be distributed at the church’s discretion. Thank you!

Reminder: The church will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 21, in observance of Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 22, at 9:00 AM. Have a blessed Easter!

Please join us in the Parlor today after worship for cake and refreshments **to celebrate our Confirmands.**

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

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
All Day	Church Closed for Easter 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 Bible Study (Adults)
9:30 am	Sunday School (All ages)
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
	Coffee Fellowship



The First Presbyterian family recognizes and welcomes 6 new confirmands this morning.

Abby Artigue

Eliot Oentrich

Case Proietti

Braxton Stroda

Josh Yascavage

Stella Yascavage

They have all completed the confirmation class and have been examined and approved by the Session. Three of the students expressed their desire to be baptized, Abby, Case, and Josh, and the Session has approved this Sacrament that will be a part of this morning's service. A reception will be held in the parlor following worship in their honor. Please stop in and congratulate these young members and welcome them to the family.