

The Message Text and Message

John 20:1-18

Respond To God's Word

Prayer Requests, Joys, and Concerns

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

*Easter Joy...*by John A. Behnke
Glory Ringers

***Doxology and Prayer** (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

Go In God's Name

***Hymn of Commitment #254** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response #236** *The Strife is O'er [Alleluia Response]*

Postlude

*Jesus Has Risen as He Said...*by Gerald Peterson

***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 5, 2026
Easter Sunday**

Prelude

Easter Selections

Gather In God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved church,
Behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God!

***Procession Hymn #232**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

***The Peace**

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)

***Invitation to and Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God has opened to us the gates of righteousness
That we may enter through them.
Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit
We have been raised from the waters of baptism
To share in your glorious resurrection.

People: Yet we have not lived as Easter people.

Leader: We are unsure of your promise,
Confused about your will,
And afraid in the face of danger.

**People: Like Mary, we weep at the tomb,
But do not recognize your presence**

Leader: Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.

In your holy name we pray, amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In the grace and love of God, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

***Response to Forgiveness** *Gloria Patri* *Hymn #581*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Hallelujah Chorus

(Note: Please remain seated)

Children's Moment



- **Our members and friends who are living in a nursing home, assisted living, or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Janet Parrish-health concerns**
- **Joyce Miles as she undergoes chemotherapy treatments**
- **Pia Ison as she undergoes chemotherapy treatments**
- **Brenda Edleston-health concerns**
- **Maritza Gibson-health concerns**

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.

Thanks to all who assisted in this morning's worship service:

Pastor: Nathanael Hood

Worship Leader: Stephanie Lindey

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for April: Melissa Goble (785-226-0697)

Elder for the week of April 5: Margaret Kilpatrick (785-762-2780)

Head Ushers for April 5: Bob & Pam Haynes

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 for ages infant to pre-k. Our caring staff is ready to lovingly receive your child.

Attention Parents and Grandparents of High School and College Seniors

If you have a graduating senior this May, please submit their information to the church office at office@fpcjc.com no later than **Friday, April 17**. This information will be included in the May 10, 2026 bulletin and May 2026 newsletter.

Please provide the following details:

- Student Name
- School Graduating From
- Brief Plans for the Student's Future
- Your Relationship to the Student
- A senior photo of your student (for display on the screens)

Thank you for helping us celebrate this special milestone!

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

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 6, in observance of Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 7, at 9:00 AM. Have a blessed Easter!

The Wednesday Bible Study meets at 12:30 pm. Elaine Dill is leading us in a study on the book of Ecclesiastes. We'd love to have you join us!

On Sunday April 12th the **Adult Sunday School Class** will begin a new study focusing on the best known and most loved verse in the Bible, John 3:16. As stated in the printed material that accompanies this class, “if you know nothing of the Bible, start here; if you know everything in the Bible, return here”. The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 206. Please join us for refreshments, scripture readings, discussion and a 15-minute video on the topic of eternal life!

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

If you have any announcements, updates, or events you'd like included in the **May church newsletter**, please send the information to the **church office** by **April 17, 2026**.

 **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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

All Day	Church Closed for Easter Monday
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts

Tuesday

1:30 pm	Finance Committee
5:30 pm	Mission, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee
6:00 pm	Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

12:30 pm	Bible Study
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	AA Meeting

Sunday

8:30 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
9:30 am	Sunday School (All ages)
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
	Coffee Fellowship
1:00 pm	AA District Meeting

Join us for Children's Church

K-5th Grade

After the Children's Sermon,
during worship



We will meet 4 more times this Spring!

April 12

April 19

April 26

May 3

Join us on
May 10
for a day of Celebration!

**We will recognize our Graduates
and Volunteers during worship,
with refreshments to follow
in the Parlor**

