



- 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 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.

March 9, 2025
1st Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days...* by Lani Smith

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Joe & Sheila Markley

Unison Prayer: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #443

There Is a Redeemer (verse 1)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean

heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

***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 91:1-2, 9-16*
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHANCEL CHOIR *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name...by Fettke*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE “Bread” *Luke 4:1-13*

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle’s Creed pg. 35

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 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word...by Tom Birchwood*

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

***COMMUNION HYMN #510** *We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #783** *When We Are Tested*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies...by Gerald Peterson*

***People stand as they are able**

Confirmation Schedule

March 2 @ 9:30 AM

March 9 @ 9:30 AM

March 23 @ 9:30 AM

March 30 @ 9:30 AM

April 6 @ 9:30 AM

April 13 @ 9:30 AM

Confirmation Sunday will be

April 20 @ 10:45 AM

Please contact Pastor Kemper or Dawn Avery if you are interested in signing up for these classes.

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

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber

Worship Leader: Dennis Proietti

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for Mar. transportation: Janet Parrish (785-226-0239)

Elder on call the week of Mar. 9: Randy Heldstab (785-223-1227)

Head Usher for March 9: Rick Munson

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by: Bill & Carol Powers

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 today are from Vic and Sandy Wong to the glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones and friends.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with March 30. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, contact Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

This is just a reminder that there will be **no Confirmation Class or Sunday School (all ages) next Sunday, March 16.**

Join us in the dining room for the **Sunrise Adult Sunday School class** at 8:55 am.

Please join us for hot coffee, breakfast snacks, warm fellowship, and great discussions every Sunday in room 206 at 9:30 am for the **Pathfinders Adult Sunday School class.**

Join us for our Wednesday noon Bible study with Janet Parrish leading a study on Margaret Feinberg's book *James, What You Do Matters*. This class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in room 206.

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.

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 **April** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **March 20, 2025**. 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	
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Wednesday	
10:00 am	Presbytery Preparation 4 Ministry Meeting
12:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday	
6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper and Meditation on Hope
Saturday	
9:00 am	Presbytery Session Record Review
Sunday	
8:30 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
	Coffee Fellowship