



- 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 22, 2024

PRELUDE

Faith of our Fathers

Glory Ringers

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

People: **We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.**

Leader: Pretense, disharmony, and greed have no place in discipleship.

People: **Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.**

Leader: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

People: **Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we live our lives as best we can; dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right

answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives,
we just move ahead.

**Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your
wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace.
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)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Peace Offering Finance Committee

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 1*
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM *Not Unto Us, O Lord...by Quilter*

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

***HYMN #451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE *Mark 9:33-37*
“The Faith (and Trust) of a Child”

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall
tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness
or peril or sword?

**Many: No! In all things, we are more than conquerors through
the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death
nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things
present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able
to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord. Thanks be to God! 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 *Angelicus* Glory Ringers

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

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #840** *When Peace Like a River*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**

If you would like to be part of the Thanksgiving Meal Planning Committee there will be a meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 11:00 am in room 206. All are welcome.

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 **November** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **October 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	
11:30 am	PEO Meeting
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
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:

- Transitional Pastor:** Kemper Huber
- Worship Leader:** Krista Blaisdell
- Chancel Choir Director:** Joe Markley
- Music Coordinator and Handbell Director:** Sheila Markley
- Organist:** August Siefkes
- Video Preparer/Operator/Sound:** Colleen Smith
- Key Deacon for September transportation:** Krista Blaisdell (785-323-7174)
- Elder on call the week of September 22:** Rhoda Frasier (785-479-1867)
- Head Usher for September:** Rick Munson
- Acolytes for September 22 are:** Rory King and Ally Lankas
- Coffee Fellowship** this week is hosted by Harold & Susan Erichsen

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.

This morning's flowers in the sanctuary are provided to the glory of God and in memory of Russell Gaston Jr. by Carolyn Gaston and her family.

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.

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!



Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning on November 3, 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.

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!

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**

Can you host

