



- **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.

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.

January 4, 2026

Prelude

Carols of the Star...by Lani Smith

Gather In God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
For God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

**Many: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
For God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.**

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
For God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

Many: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

***Hymn of Praise #121**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

***The Peace**

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy Refugee of Israel, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power.
But too often we have turned away from those who need us. Too often we have bent to the powers that be, resigning ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us be brave enough to do your will.

Assurance of Pardon

One: God calls to us from wherever we are.

Many: God's love shines like a beacon.

One: God's voice echoes in our souls, "We are forgiven!"

*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 for Illumination

First Lesson

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 63:7-9

*Hymn of Praise #151

We Three Kings

Children's Moment

The Message Text and Message

"It's a Baby: The Three Wisemen"

Elder Libby Adams

Matthew 2:1-12

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

*We Three Kings...*by Steven Scott

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

Go In God's Name

*Hymn of Commitment #128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(Chorus only)

Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

Postlude

*March of the Kings...*by Robert W Thygerson

*People stand as they are able

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

Pastor: Nathanael Hood

Worship Leader: Rick Munson

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for January: Kim Williams (785-307-5297)

Elder for the week of January 4: Randy Heldstab (785-223-1227)

Head Usher for January 4: Bob Haynes

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by: Randy & Colleen Smith

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.

Let's give a warm welcome and a big thank you to Elder Libby Adams for being our pulpit supply today. We're grateful to have her leading us in worship.

All undesignated offerings this morning will be collected for the Fresh Start Emergency Shelter.

The Per Capita for 2026 will be \$40.00.

Next Sunday, after service, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Please stay if you can help.

Next Sunday will be the Ordination and Installation of our new 2026 officers.

Sunday School classes will resume on January 11.

If your term of service as an Elder or Deacon is ending, please turn your notebooks into your chairperson or the Church Office. Thank You!

 **Coffee Fellowship Hosts Needed!**
The new Coffee Fellowship sign-up sheet is now posted. Hosting dates run from **January 11 through May 24, 2026**. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette, or contact **Jenna Langvardt (785-761-5815)** with any questions.

The **Wednesday lunch bible study** meets at 12:30 pm. The class will resume on January 7, 2026. We'd love to have you join us!

On January 11th, the Pathfinder Adult Sunday School Class will begin a new study based on the Book of Colossians. An additional study resource (after the actual scripture) will be a Study Guide and video entitled "Christ Above All; the Book of Colossians" by Dr. David Jeremiah. The first three Sundays of the class will feature guest leaders Pastor Nate Hood on January 11th and January 25th, and Reverend Bob Frasier on January 18th.

The class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 206. Please join us!

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 **February church newsletter**, please send the information to the **church office** by **January 20, 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 6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 1:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Finance Committee Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship Committee Deacons Meeting
Wednesday 12:30 pm 8:00 pm	Noon Bible Study AA Meeting
Thursday 11:30 am 4:00 pm	Christian Education Committee Facilities Committee
Sunday 8:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 am After Service	Glory Ringers Rehearsal Sunday School (all ages) Worship, child care available Coffee Fellowship Unhanging of the Greens