



- 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.

December 7, 2025

Prelude

The Day of Christmas...by Lani Smith

Gather In God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Christmas Joy Offering

Harold Erichsen

Choral Introit

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

David and Kayley Exton

Advent Candle Prayer

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise #82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***The Peace**

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

Invitation To, and Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious and welcoming God,
Have mercy on your people.

People: We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation.

We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do.

Leader: We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends
As beloved children whom you have made.

People: In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways.

Leader: We look to your power to heal us and raise us up,
So that, at the last, you will gather us to you
And give us peace. 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

Isaiah 11:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Ding Dong Merrily on High...an English Carol

Children's Moment

The Message Text and Message "Days of Christmas" *Luke 3:1-6* Elder Kathleen Marcisek

Respond To God's Word

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 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus...*by Edward Broughton

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

Go In God's Name

***Hymn of Commitment #88**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(Verses 1 & 3)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response #88**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(Verse 5)

Postlude

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice...*by Robert W. Thygerson

***People stand as they are able**

The **Wednesday lunch bible study** meets at 12:30 pm. Elaine Dill is leading us on Proverbs, using "A Woman of Wisdom" by Dee Brestin. We'd love to have you join us!

The Pathfinder Adult Sunday School meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 206. The class has started a new Advent study titled "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado. Everyone is welcome; please join us if this is of interest to you.

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 **January church newsletter**, please send the information to the **church office** by **December 20, 2025**.

✉ **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.

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

Pastor: Nathanael Hood

Worship Leader: Jim Ray

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for December: Mary Kay Munson (785-375-3189)

Elder for the week of Dec. 7: Susan Erichsen (785-223-3100)

Head Usher for December 7: Elaine Dill

Acolytes for Dec. 7: Ally & Harper Lankas

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by: Alice Stuckey

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.

We want to extend a warm welcome to Kathleen Marsicek who is our Pulpit Supply for this week.

The Christmas Eve Service will start at 5:00 pm with a pre-service Christmas Recital, followed by the service at 5:30 pm. We encourage parents and grandparents to bring children of all ages to this worship service. Childcare will be provided.

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

The Per Capita for 2026 will be \$40.00.



Sunday, December 14 is "Bell Sunday"
If you have a special bell of your own you would like to ring during the Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" be sure and bring it with you. There will be bells available for everyone.



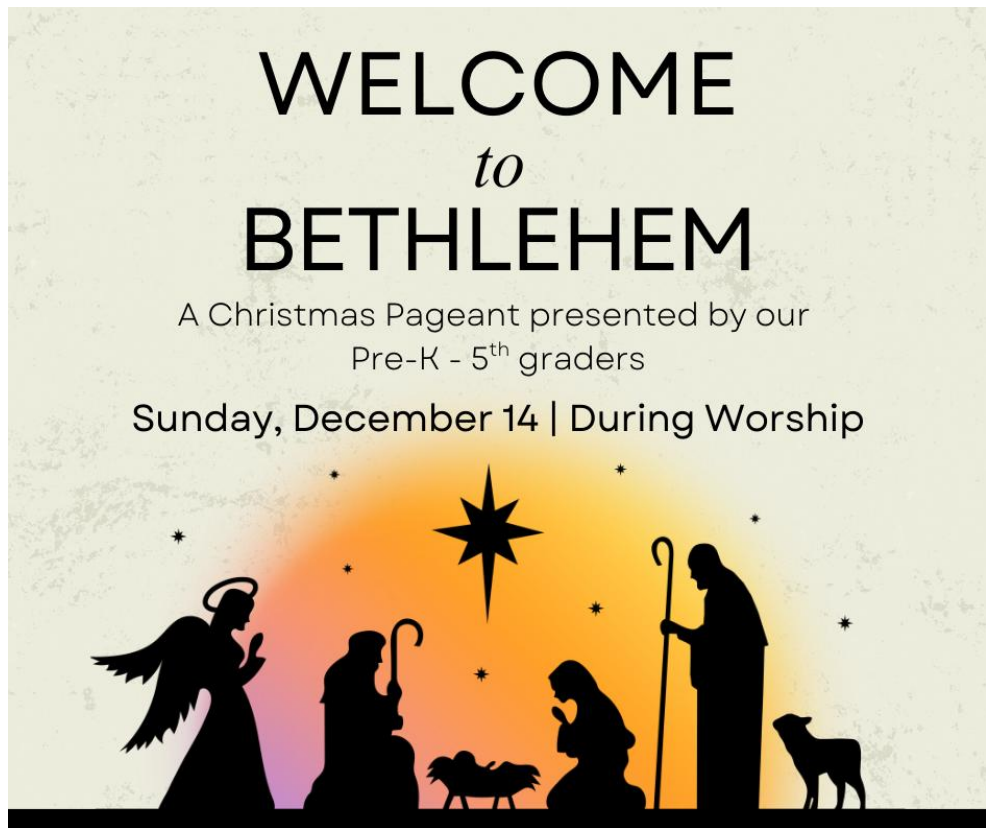
 Coffee Fellowship Hosts Needed!

The new Coffee Fellowship sign-up sheet is now posted. Hosting dates run from **January 4 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.

K-5th grade, please join us for **Christmas Caroling TODAY** after worship! We will meet downstairs in the Dining Room for lunch, then we will travel to Brookdale and Tallgrass Healthcare to sing.

There will be no Sunday School (youth or adult) on December 28 or January 4. 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!



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	
10:00 am	Staff 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 (Adult and Youth)
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
	Coffee Fellowship
After Service	Cookie Exchange (Parlor)



Christmas Poinsettias



The Church Office is now taking orders for Poinsettias to be used in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

Cost: \$10.00 each (includes tax)

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office by **Monday, December 8.**

Checks should be made payable to **First Presbyterian Church** and noted **“Poinsettias.”**

The Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary on **Sunday, December 21**, for the 10:45 service and on **Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24.**

Memorials will be printed in the bulletin on **Sunday, December 21.**

Please plan to pick up your Poinsettia following the **Christmas Eve evening service.** Any flowers not picked up will be distributed as the church deems best.

Name:

Number of Poinsettia(s) ordering:

Bulletin Inscription: (name(s) Given in memory of or in honor of)

In Memory of names:

In Honor of:

