



- **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.

November 23, 2025

Prelude

Gather In God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Enter into His Gates...by Joe Markley

Call to Worship

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

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

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

People: **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!**

***Hymn of Praise #839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

***The Peace**

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

Invitation To, and Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God,
We confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus
The king and model for our lives.

**People: We have been quick to call on others
To follow the ways of Christ
Yet slow to do the same.**

Leader: We have been bold in demanding generosity,
Mercy, and forgiveness.
Yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and
compassion.

**People: Forgive us, O God.
Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be
more Christlike
In word, in deed, and in spirit.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ 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 23:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Fount of Every Blessing...arr. Larson

Children's Moment

The Message Text and Message

Luke 23:33-43

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

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

Go In God's Name

***Hymn of Commitment #370**

This is My Father's World

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response #616**

Our God Is an Awesome God

Postlude

***People stand as they are able**

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: Sandy Wong

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: August Siefkes

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for November: Lisa Nabus (785-761-4895)

Elder for the week of Nov. 23: Linda Brungardt (785-223-3903)

Head Usher for November: Sheila Markley

Acolytes for Nov. 23: Haiden Edleston & Rory King

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by: Chris Jeffrey & Sue Steinfort

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are provided by Bob & Pam Haynes to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph, Robert and Donna Mae Haynes.

Hanging of the Greens: We need volunteers to stay following worship **today** to decorate the church for the holidays. Pizza will be served.

The Church will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will re-open at 9:00 am on Monday, December 1.

Reminder: There will be no Noon Bible study on Wednesday, November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Bible study will resume the following week.



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.

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. Beginning Sunday, October 12th the class will start a new study series on the life of the Apostle Paul entitled “The Call”. This study will be based on a book and accompanying video written and prepared by Adam Hamilton, the senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. Pastor Hamilton has written many books and has a national reputation as a Christian author and teacher. Everyone is welcome; please join us if this is of interest to you.

Members Respond to Annual Stewardship Appeal
We are wrapping up our annual financial stewardship campaign. We thank all those who have already submitted their commitments for 2026. Your support enables us to continue our ministries in the church and the community. Thank you!

If you have not done so yet, we encourage you to submit a pledge card for 2026 soon so we can finalize our budget for 2026. Making a financial promise is part of the commitment that we make to the Lord and to each other as members of our church.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
9:00 am	Community Thanksgiving Preparation
Tuesday	
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Wednesday	
9:00 am	Community Thanksgiving Preparation
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday	
All Day	Church Closed
12:30 pm	Community Thanksgiving Meal
Friday	
All Day	Church Closed
Sunday	
8:30 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
9:30 am	Sunday School (adult and youth)
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
	Coffee Fellowship



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:



Thanksgiving Help

The community-wide free Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this year with some changes. We will be serving dinner by ***delivery, *inside pickup, or in-person dining**. If you would like to/can donate a 20–25-pound turkey let Margaret or the office know. Or you can donate \$25.00 and Margaret will purchase the turkey. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and put “Thanksgiving Dinner” in the memo.

Questions: skilpatrick@cox.net or 785-762-2780
office@fpcjc.com or 785-238-1191

Volunteers are always needed to help. If you are willing to work in any way, please sign the slip below, indicating the hours you are available and give it to Margaret Kilpatrick or drop it off in the church office. Thank you.

I will work 9:00 am-11:00 am, Monday, November 24, 2025

I will work 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Tuesday, November 25, 2025

I will work 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Wednesday, November 26, 2025

I will work on Thursday, November 27, 2025

Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025

Delivery time: 11:00 am – 11:30 am

Dine-in time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Pickup time: 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm (church dining room)

***(pickup/delivery only for those who have reserved a meal)**

