



- 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.

September 14, 2025

PRELUDE

Flourish on "Lobe den Herren"...by Douglas Wagner

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*THE PEACE

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

INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Sisters and brothers,

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God
Every time we turn toward our home and remember whose
we are; With open hearts, let us pray.

People: Creator of the universe,

**We imagine that we are in familiar territory,
That we know what to expect of this hour,
That we will leave much the way that we came.**

Leader: Do not abandon us to our foolishness.

People: In judgment, illumine our darkness.

Leader: In mercy, bear us home—
People: **Until we recognize your presence wherever
Evil is confronted,
Truth is spoken,
And life is restored.**

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 OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON *1 Timothy 1:12-17*
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM *Remember Me...by Govenor*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE *Luke 15:1-10*

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 *Offertory on "Pleading Savior" ...by David Paxton*

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

***COMMUNION HYMN #497** *Bread of Life from Heaven (verses 1,3,5)*

***GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also, with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God....
Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,
we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**God of grace, you invite us to your table and welcome us as part
of your family.
You feed us with your body and satisfy our deepest hunger.
We thank you for these gifts.
Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit
that we may be your witnesses, sharing the life-giving news of
the gospel. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #22** *God of the Sparrow (verses 1, 4, 6)*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #748** *Go with Us, Lord*

POSTLUDE *Sacrament...by Michael Shea*

***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

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.

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

Pastor: Nathanael Hood

Worship Leader: Stephanie Lindey

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for September: Carolyn Zumbrunn (785-209-1597)

Elder for the week of September 14: Rick Munson (785-375-3940)

Head Usher for September: Rick Munson

Ushers for September 14: Peter & Marty Rombold

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by: Mitch & Jenna Langvardt

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, and our caring staff is ready to lovingly receive your child.

The flowers today are given by Hugh and Elaine Dill in celebration of the beginning of a new school year.

LIBRARY NOTES—Pastor Nate has contributed a few **new books** to the library and they are presently in the window: **SABBATH IN THE CITY; CHURCHLESS; MAKING VISION STICK**. There are also two copies of **LISTENING TO YOUR LIFE**, a daily devotion from Frederick Bueckner.



Cookie Fellowship:

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open starting October 5, 2025. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette, or contact Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815 with any questions.

The **Wednesday lunch bible study** meets on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm. Elaine Dill is leading us on Proverbs, using “A Woman of Wisdom” by Dee Brestin. Let Annette Ray know if you would like her to order you a book (about \$13). We'd love to have you join us!

The Pathfinders Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30 am in Room 206. The first 5 sessions (Sept 7-Oct 5) of the class will be based on the Max Lucado study “Help is Here, Finding FRESH STRENGTH and PURPOSE in the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Using a video message and study guide, Pastor Max Lucado’s “Help is Here” course will remind us of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Pastor Max states that “when we feel powerless, help is here in the presence of the Holy Spirit”.

Participants in this study will learn more about this helper, whom we know as the Holy Spirit. When you feel powerless to calm life’s chaos, remember: Help is Here!

As stated in the study guide, “this class will give you the tools and encouragement you need to become joyful, enthusiastic, and empowered as you draw closer to God; learn who the Holy Spirit is and how he can help you; find true rest and peace as you let him carry your burdens; and discover your unique gifts to further God’s kingdom”.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	
7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	
12:30 pm	Noon Bible Study
6:30 pm	Choir Practice
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Sunday	
8:30 am	Glory Ringers Bell Practice
9:30 am	Sunday School (all ages)
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
	Coffee Fellowship