



- 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 7, 2025

PRELUDE

God Leads Us Along... by Lyndell Leatherman

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength.

People: Shout for joy to the Lord of Life.

Leader: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: Glory to God forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*THE PEACE

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

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the Lord who is our helper.

People: Lord, all that we have is a gift from you, yet we do not live lives of gratitude.

Leader: We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need.

People: We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us.

Leader: Forgive our foolish ways, O God, and restore us to you.

People: That we may walk in the way of love. 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 #580*

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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Oh, How He Loves You and Me...*by Kaiser

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Celebration Sunday

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

Jeremiah 18:1-11

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

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

*Pastorale...*by Richard Lau

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #286**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #748**

Go with Us, Lord

POSTLUDE

*A Joyful Trumpet...*by Patricia Lou Harris

***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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday

12:30 p m 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)
9:30 am Acolyte Training (1st-5th grade)
10:45 am Worship, child care available
 Coffee Fellowship

Thank you 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 September: Carolyn Zumbrunn (785-209-1597)

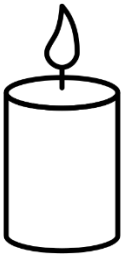
Elder for the week of September 7: Rick Munson (785-375-3940)

Head Usher for September: Rick Munson

Ushers for September 7: Dennis and Marcie Proietti

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 in the sanctuary this morning are provided by **Eldon and Sue Steinfort** to the glory of God and in honor of their **69th wedding anniversary**.



Acolyte Training: All 1st–5th graders are invited to join us on Sunday, September 14, for candle lighting practice. We'll meet following choir practice with Sheila Markley around 9:45 AM in the Sanctuary.

All undesignated offerings this morning will be collected for the Blessing Box.

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** resumes on September 10, 2025 at 12:30 pm. Elaine Dill will be 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!

Everyone is invited to attend our Adult Sunday School Class that will reconvene on Sunday, September 7th 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”.

We are pleased to announce that as of August 31 you have generously given **\$18,995** towards our Pastor Search Gift Campaign goal of \$20,000. Thank you to everyone who has generously given to this campaign during this time of transition for our church!

This is a special one-time fund campaign for you to make a monetary gift to help defray the expenses of the pastor transitional process. The additional costs include severance pay for Pastor Kemper, travel for candidates to JC and moving expense for Pastor Nate.

You can give by check or using our church website at <https://www.fpcjc.com> and clicking on the “Give Now” button. Be sure to note on your gift

The Deacons are requesting your help! We are **campaigning to collect black hair ties, lice shampoo and lice kits, and boys' and girls' underwear sizes 4T – Adult XL** to donate to the schools for USD 475.

The red tub is in the Narthex, where you can drop off your items any time through Sunday, **September 14, 2025**. Monetary donations are welcomed as well; please indicate that your donation is in support of the Deacon Hygiene Kit project. We appreciate your support!



Celebration Sunday

Events to Look Forward to this Year:

Fun & Fellowship:

- Trunk or Treat
- Christmas Pageant
- Youth Lock-in
 - Including a flashlight scavenger hunt, vesper service, and so much more!
- Easter Egg Hunt

Service Projects:

- Trick or Treat for Cans
- 3rd - 5th Grade Hosting Coffee Fellowship
- Christmas Caroling
- MS/HS Sock Drive
- MS/HS Youth Led Worship
- MS/HS Hosting Coffee Fellowship
- Thanksgiving Community Dinner

Sunday School Curriculum:

- MS/HS: The Whys of Church, Holy Habits, & more
- Elementary & Pre-K: Growing in Grace and Gratitude

Adult Studies:

- Pathfinders
- Noon Bible Study