



- Our members and friends who are living in a nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"
- All those battling cancer
- Webb Davis as he recovers from a compression fracture in his spine.
- The family and friends of Glenna McCaleb

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@gmail.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.

February 16, 2025

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is in the Lord.

People: **They are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by the stream.**

Leader: They have no fear of summer's heat, nor do they wither in the sun.

People: **In the year of drought, they are not anxious, for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.**

Leader: Come to the waters of life all you who trust in the Lord.

People: **We have come to worship and to send forth our roots into streams of God's living water!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (Hymn #447)** *We are Forgiven*
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

***THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 1

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHANCEL CHOIR *Soon I Will Be Done...A Spiritual arr. by Dawson*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN #172**

Blest Are They (verses 1,4, & 5)

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

Luke 6:17-26

"Blessed are who?"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

Many: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offering plates will be passed to persons seated in pews. Gifts/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 #547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**

Confirmation Schedule

March 2 @ 9:30 AM

March 9 @ 9:30 AM

March 23 @ 9:30 AM

March 30 @ 9:30 AM

April 6 @ 9:30 AM

April 13 @ 9:30 AM

Confirmation Sunday will be

April 20 @ 10:45 AM

Please contact Pastor Kemper or Dawn Avery if you are interested in signing up for these classes.

Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning's worship:

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber

Worship Leader: Susan Erichsen

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for Feb. transportation: Jennifer Lankas (785-320-3035)

Elder on call the week of Feb. 16: Jenna Langvardt (785-761-5815)

Head Usher for February 16: Joe & Sheila Markley

Acolytes for February 16: Mallory King & Delilah Standlee

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by: Pat & Kelly Landes

Children are welcome in worship. We welcome all children and youth to stay during the worship service and experience God. If you need your child to go to the nursery, our caretakers are ready to receive them.

Reminder-there is a Congregational meeting after service today.

The New 2025 Flower Calendar is posted in the hall by the church office. There are still plenty of Sundays available for you to sign up on the calendar. If you have any questions, you may call Vannessa at 785-238-8809. Thank you.

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with March 30. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, contact Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

Join us in the dining room for the **Sunrise Adult Sunday School class** at 8:55 am.

Please join us for hot coffee, breakfast snacks, warm fellowship, and great discussions every Sunday in room 206 at 9:30 am for the **Pathfinders Adult Sunday School class.**

Join us for our Wednesday noon Bible study with Janet Parrish leading a study on Margaret Feinberg’s book *James, What You Do Matters*. This class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in room 206.

Church services are streamed at: <https://www.fpcjc.com>. You will find our worship bulletin and links to our Facebook page and YouTube on this webpage.

If you have any information you would like in the **bulletin**, please let the church office know by **noon on Wednesday** for that week. You may call 785-238-1191 or email your info to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

If you want to put anything into the **March** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **February 20, 2025**. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

When inclement weather is forecast, there are three ways you can find out if the church worship service has been canceled: WIBW (website or T.V.), our First Presbyterian Church-Junction City Facebook page, and email from the church if we have your email address.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday

7:00 pm Session

Wednesday

12:30 pm Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal
8:55 am Sunrise Sunday School (Adult only)
9:30 am Sunday School (Adult and Youth)
10:45 am Worship, child care available
 Coffee Fellowship

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 XS-M (4-10/12)** 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, February 23, 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!



Join Us
for
WORSHIP!

February 23 @ 10:45 AM

You won't want to miss!!

Join the MS/HS Sunday School Class as they lead worship.

The Elementary Sunday School Class will host coffee fellowship following the service.

We hope to see you all there!