



- **Our members and friends who are living in a nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **All those battling cancer**
- **Joyce Miles has recently been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep Joyce, Gary and their family in your prayers.**

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 contact 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 24, 2024
Christ the King Sunday**

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God...by Lani Smith

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The King of Kings is raised in glory.

People: **Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

People: **Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #263**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

***INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we are intoxicated by power; the power to dominate, the power to control, the power to punish, the power to reward, the power to have our own way. We live in a powerful country with powerful leaders and a powerful military.

Forgive us when we lose sight of what true power is all about. Forgive us when we forget that Jesus is our true and only King. Help us refasten our gaze on Christ's kingdom,

that we might work to bring this kingdom here on earth. In the name of the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, we pray. 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 93*
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

***HYMN #269** *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE *John 18:33-37*
“A Different Kind of King”

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and

resurrection, we see the deepest truth of life. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. 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 *Chorus of Thanks*

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

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *All Thanks and Praise to God...by Lani Smith*

***People stand as they are able**

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

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

Join us for our Wednesday lunchtime Bible study with Elaine Dill leading a study on Max Lucado's book *Fearless*. This class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in room 206. This Bible study will not meet on November 27, 2024

Join us for our Friday lunch Bible study with Ashley King leading a study on Lisa Terkeurst's book *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*. This class meets from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in room 206. This Bible study will not meet on November 29, 2024

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 **January** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **December 20, 2024**. 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.

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

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber

Worship Leader: Sandy Wong

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

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

Elder on call the week of November 24: Bob Haynes
(785-761-1834)

Head Ushers for November 24: The Nabus Family

Acolytes for November 24: Haiden Edleston & Quint Lindey

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.

The flowers in the service were given by Hugh and Elaine Dill to glorify God for all of his blessings.

Hanging of the Greens. We need volunteers to stay after worship **today** to decorate the church for the holidays. Pizza and Nursery care will be provided.

The Church will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. We re-open at 9:00 am on Monday, December 2.

Reminder: There will be no Bible study on Wednesday, November 27, or Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Both will resume the following week.

Mark Your Calendars!

December 1 - Christmas Caroling & Hot Cocoa
Party during JELLY (12-2pm)



December 15 - Christmas Pageant during worship



Sunday, December 15 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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday 9:00 am	Community Thanksgiving Preparation
Tuesday 8:30 am	Community Thanksgiving Preparation
Wednesday 10:00 am 8:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Preparation AA Meeting
Thursday All Day 12:00 pm	Church Closed Community Thanksgiving Meal
Friday All Day	Church Closed
Sunday 8:30 am 8:55 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 12:00 pm	Glory Ringers Rehearsal Sunrise Sunday School (adult only) Sunday School (adult and youth) Worship, child care available Coffee Fellowship Jelly

Advent / Christmas Study

"Finding Our Place at the Manger" will be offered at both the 8:55 and 9:30 Adult Sunday school classes during Advent (Sundays December 1, 8, 15, and 22nd). We will look at the different characters in our Nativity scenes and see how they can speak to us today.

To enhance this study, the Worship Committee would like to invite the First Presbyterian Church family to share their favorite Nativity with the congregation. These nativities will be displayed all around the sanctuary for everyone to view and enjoy. The more nativities we have, the better!

Please bring your nativity on or before Sunday, November 24th. Following worship, we will hold the "Hanging of the Greens" as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. We would like to set up the nativities as part of this decorating for Christmas. We will have a place for every size from very small to much larger scenes. A note sharing where the Nativity is from or any special meaning for the Nativity (perhaps handed down for many years) would be helpful. Please help the church celebrate this special season by sharing your Nativity scenes.

There is a sign-narthex. Please participate and you will share.



up sheet in the
let us know if you will
how many nativities



Poinsettias

The church office will begin taking orders for Poinsettias to be used in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.

Cost is \$10.00 each (which includes tax).

If you want to purchase a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Monday, **December 8th**. Checks should be made out to: First Presbyterian Church and noted "Poinsettias"

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 22nd for the 10:45 service, and for the Christmas Eve service, on Tuesday, December 24th.

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22nd.

Please pick up your Poinsettia following the **evening** worship service on Christmas Eve. Any Poinsettias 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 _____

In Honor of _____