



- **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@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.

August 4, 2024

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (instrumental)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From God came the sustenance for people who wandered in wilderness places.

People: **That was the bread from heaven!**

Leader: From God comes Jesus Christ, the eternal bread that sustains our lives.

People: **Christ is the Bread of Life!**

Leader: Let us praise God for such wondrous gifts of life.

People: **Let us sing and raise our voices in gratitude for all that God does for us. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #310**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

***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 51:1-12*
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT VBS Showcase

HYMN #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE *John 6:24-35*
"Jesus Bread"

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Derived from Ephesians 3
We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us

with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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 #744** *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**

2024 Church Pledge/Budget Update

The bi-annual pledge statements were mailed out after the 1st of July for your information. Please review your giving to date and if you did not receive a statement or if you have any questions regarding your pledges, please contact our Financial Secretary, Chris Munson.

The church’s budget for the first half of the year looks good, however, remember we were not paying for a pastor until mid-May. This also takes into account some pledges have already been paid for the entire year. Our church keeps running through the summer so please review your giving to date and keep your pledges coming in to help keep the bills paid. As a reminder, pledges can be paid online at

<https://www.fpcjc.com>

The Finance Committee thanks you for your continued financial support!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

4:30 pm Facilities Committee

Tuesday

2:30 pm Finance Committee
5:30 pm Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship
6:00 pm Deacons

Wednesday

8:30 am Worship Committee
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday

10:00 am Children’s Hand Chime Practice
10:45 am Worship, child care available

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

Pastor: Kemper Huber
Worship Leader: Rick Munson
Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley
Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley
Organist: Rhoda Frasier
Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith
Key Deacon for August transportation: Jennifer Lankas (785-320-3035)
Elder on call the week of August 4: Margaret Kilpatrick (785-762-2780)
Head Usher for August: Sheila Markley

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.

All undesignated offerings this morning will be collected for Fresh Start.

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 have anything you would like put into the **September** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **August 20, 2024**. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Holy Cow!

The C.A.T. survey is coming !

Congregational Assessment Tool



We need your voice!

This survey is your opportunity to share your experiences and priorities for our congregation.

If you subscribe to our website you will receive a web link to complete the assessment. Computers and paper copies will also be available at the church.

All of our worshippers are asked to participate.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HOLYCOW! CHURCH ASSESSMENT TOOL (CAT) PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

Our church has entered into a time of discernment during which we are gathering information to guide our decisions for our future. Recently, you have heard and read about one aspect of this process: *The Church Assessment Tool* (CAT). This tool will provide a clearer picture of who we are as a church and what directions might be important for our future. Your response is very important to us.

This email indicates that you have been selected to participate in the CAT. It is not transferable; please do not forward it. We ask that you take the online assessment as soon as possible but before August 20th.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. The assessment will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Please set aside enough time to complete the survey all at one time. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

When you are ready, click on this link and begin.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPCKANSAS>

If you have questions or prefer a paper copy, please contact Pastor Kemper or Melissa at the church office.

Many thanks,
First Presbyterian Church Session