



- **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.

April 27, 2025

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Faith never comes easy. Thomas, a faithful disciple of Jesus, doubted the post-Resurrection appearance and needed to see Jesus for himself.

People: How we are like Thomas! We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!

Leader: How blessed are the ones who, never having seen, yet have come to believe.

People: Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you, that, although we have not seen the risen Christ, we may believe fully in him. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #248**

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Must we see you in order to believe you, Lord? Is seeing truly believing? Are we to be prisoners of our senses, distrusting and rejecting whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear? Yet you are faithful; you give sight to the blind, you carry us when we are weary, you call us to your side. The locked room of our hearts opens at the turn of your key.

Forgive our doubt. Speak your words of life to us again: "Do not doubt, only believe." Speak your words of life, that we might live. 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 150

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

The New 23rd...by Carmichael

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN #239**

Good Christian All, Rejoice and Sing!

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

John 20:19-31

"See and Believe!"

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 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

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #238**

Thine Is the Glory

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**



JOIN US FOR JELLY

MAY 4TH

**K-12TH GRADE
12 PM - 1:15 PM**

**COME FOR A MEAL &
MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTS**



JOIN US ON

May 11th

**9:30am – Last Day of Sunday
School (all ages)**

**10:45am – Graduation Celebration
& Volunteer Appreciation**

**Refreshments will be
served after worship to
celebrate our Graduates**



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

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber
Worship Leader: Elaine Dill
Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley
Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley
Organist: Joe Markley
Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith
Key Deacon for May: Kimberly Williams (785-307-5297)
Elder on call the week of Apr. 27: Jim Ray (785-307-5188)
Head Usher for April 27: Bob & Pam Haynes
Acolytes for April 27: Quint Lindey & Delilah Standlee
Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Deanna Munson

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.

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

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

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

Newsletter Reminder:

If you have any announcements, updates, or events you'd like included in the **June/July church newsletter**, please send the information to the **church office** by **May 20, 2025**.

 **Email:** office@fpcjc.com
Thank you for helping us keep everyone informed!

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.

Stay safe and connected!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Wednesday	
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday	
11:00 am	Christian Education Meeting
Saturday	
8:35 am	Men’s Breakfast
9:00 am	Presbytery Meeting (Minneapolis)
Sunday	
8:30 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
8:55 am	Sunrise Sunday Bible Study (Adults)
9:30 am	Sunday School (All ages)
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
	Coffee Fellowship
12:00 pm	Jelly