



- 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 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.

March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY

Brad & Jade White

Unison Prayer: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence and help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE #443

There Is a Redeemer (verse 1)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you from our sinful ways.

A broken and contrite heart is the acceptable sacrifice to you, O God. And so we come before you today, as sinners in need

of your mercy. Grant us your forgiveness, O God. Help us turn from our old ways. Lead us into newness of life, that our actions may be found pleasing in your sight. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name 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 63:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHANCEL CHOIR

Turn Thy Face from My Sins...by Attwood

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN #441**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

Luke 13:1-9

"Good Fertilizer = Good Fruit"

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 #187** *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper and devotional on Hope

Saturday

10:30 am Cub Scouts Annual Pine Derby

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal
8:55 am Sunrise Sunday School (Adult only)
9:30 am Confirmation Class #4
9:30 am Sunday School (Adult and Youth)
10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship

JOIN US FOR LENTEN SOUP DINNERS

Enjoy a warm meal and fellowship every Thursday between March 13 and April 17 at 6:00 pm during Lent. A short devotional on Hope will follow the meal. Everyone is welcome!



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| MARCH 13 | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE |
| MARCH 20 | SESSION |
| MARCH 27 | WORSHIP COMMITTEE |
| APRIL 3 | WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY |
| APRIL 10 | DEACONS |
| APRIL 17 | (MAUNDY THURSDAY) FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE |

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

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber

Worship Leader: Rick Munson

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for Mar. transportation: Janet Parrish (785-226-0239)

Elder on call the week of Mar. 23: Randy Heldstab (785-223-1227)

Head Usher for March 23: Rick Munson

Acolytes for March 23: Mallory King, Rory King and Harper Lankas

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by: Bob & Rhoda Frasier

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 this morning are given to the glory of God by the Frasier family in honor of Bob & Rhoda's **50th Anniversary**.

Attention Parents and Grandparents of High School and College Seniors-If you have a graduating senior from high school or college this May, contact the church office at office.fpcjc@gmail.com no later than Friday, April 18 with the information below for the bulletin and newsletter.

Student Name:

School Graduating From:

Brief Plan for Student's Future:

Your Relationship to Student:

Senior picture of your student for showing on the screens



Attention K-12th graders! Join us after worship on April 6 for JELLY, where we'll take an interactive journey through the Stations of the Cross. You won't want to miss this engaging and meaningful experience!

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 Bible study. Janet Parrish will lead a study on Margaret Feinberg's book James, What You Do Matters. The class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. 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 **May** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **April 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.



Easter Flowers



If you would like to purchase an Easter flower,
please complete this form and **return it to the church office by Sunday, April 13, 2025**
The cost of the Flowers is \$12.00
Memorials and other expressions will be printed
in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

**Please pick up your Easter flowers
following worship service on Easter Sunday.**

**Any flowers not picked up will be distributed
as the church deems best.**

Name: _____

Number of flower(s) ordering _____

BULLETIN INSCRIPTION

(Name(s) given in memory of or in honor of)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

