



- 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.

November 17, 2024

PRELUDE

Hymn to Joy...arr. Edward Broughton

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*Morning Song of Praise...by Derek Hakes
Glory Ringers*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is no holy one like God above.

People: There is no rock like our God.

Leader: There is no hope like the hope of God's strength for us.

People: There is no hope like our God.

Leader: There is no promise like the promise of Christ's mercy and grace.

People: There is no promise like our God.

Leader: There is no love as great as the love God offers today and all days.

People: There is no love like our God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge, and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed

by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through 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 16

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM *Just a Little Talk With Jesus...*by Cleavant Derricks
Men's Ensemble

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Blessing of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

***HYMN #357**

The Days Are Surely Coming

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

Mark 13:1-8
“Is the End Near?”

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

*Jubilee...*by Arnold Sherman
Glory Ringers

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

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***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.

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.

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 **December** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **November 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: Mary Kay 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 November transportation: Lisa Nabus
(785-761-4895)

Elder on call the week of November 17: Bob Haynes
(785-761-1834)

Head Ushers for November 17: The Proietti Family

Acolytes for November 17: Delilah Standlee & Toby Yascavage

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 will be a congregational meeting after service today to elect 2025 officers and the new pastor nominating committee. Please plan to attend if you are able.

Hanging of the Greens. We need volunteers to stay following worship **next Sunday, November 24** to decorate the church for the holidays. Nursery care will be available.

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

Junction City Community Blood Drive:

Wednesday, November 20 – 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 21 – 8:30 am to 1:30 p.m.

at the Municipal Building. Walk-ins welcome. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appt.

Mark Your Calendars!



November 24 - No Sunday School (for all ages)

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



December 15 - Christmas Pageant during worship

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday

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

Friday

Noon Bible Study

Sunday

10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship
After Service Hanging of the Greens

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 _____

Thanksgiving Help

The community-wide free Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this year with some changes. We will serve dinner by **delivery*, inside pickup*, or in-person dining**. Let Margaret or the church office know if you want to donate a 20–25-pound turkey. You can also donate \$25.00 and Margaret will purchase the turkey. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and put “Thanksgiving Dinner” on the memo.

Questions: Margaret Kilpatrick at skilpatrick@cox.net or 785-762-2780. The church office at office.fpcjc@gmail.com or 785-238-1191.

Volunteers are always needed to help. If you are willing to work in any way, please sign on the signup sheets on the bulletin board across from room 206.

Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024

Pickup time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am

(inside the church-enter rear door)

Deliveries will begin at 10:30 am and continue until complete

Dine-in time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

***(pickup/delivery only for those who have reserved a meal)**

Report of the 2024 Nominating Committee

November 17, 2024

Ruling Elders – Class of 2027

Susan Erichsen

Bob Haynes

Ashley King

Jenna Langvardt

Deacons – Class of 2027

Chrystal Artigue

Lisa Nabus

Vannessa Osbourn

Kim Smith Williams

Deacons – Class of 2025

Melissa Goble

Nominating Committee – 2025

Joe Markley

Peter Rombold

Colleen Smith

Sue Steinfort

Pastor Nominating Committee – 2025

Linda Brungardt

Chris Heldstab

Ashley King

Joe Markley

Margaret Kilpatrick