



- 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](mailto: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.*

**December 29, 2024**

### PRELUDE

### GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is born!

**People: Give him glory!**

Leader: Christ has come down from heaven!

**People: Receive him!**

Leader: Christ is now on earth!

**People: Exalt him!**

Leader: O earth, sing to the Lord!

**People: Praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast

us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with  
your bountiful Spirit.

**\*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**

**CAROL #113**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**PRAYER**

**FIRST LESSON**      *Psalms 148*  
Leader: The Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**\*HYMN #124**      *Still, Still, Still*

**THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE**      *Luke 2:41-52*  
“Not Lost

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in  
Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for  
good for those who love God, who are called according to  
God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor  
life, nor angels, nor rulers, 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. 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 #134**      *Joy to the World*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*People stand as they are able**

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 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.

**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](mailto:office.fpcjc@gmail.com)

If you want to put anything into the **February** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **January 20, 2025**. Our email address is [office.fpcjc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                               |
| All Day          | Church Closed                 |
| 8:00 pm          | AA Meeting                    |
| <b>Saturday</b>  |                               |
| 8:35 am          | Men’s Breakfast               |
| <b>Sunday</b>    |                               |
| 8:30 am          | Glory Ringers Rehearsal       |
| 10:45 am         | Worship, child care available |
|                  | Coffee Fellowship             |

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

**Transitional Pastor:** Kemper Huber  
**Worship Leader:** Brenda Edleston  
**Chancel Choir Director:** Joe Markley  
**Music Coordinator and Handbell Director:** Sheila Markley  
**Organist:** Rhoda Frasier  
**Video Preparer/Operator/Sound:** Colleen Smith  
**Key Deacon for Jan. transportation:** Marty Rombold (785-761-3323)  
**Elder on call the week of December 29:** Jim Ray (785-307-5188)  
**Head Usher for December 29:** Margaret Kilpatrick  
**Acolytes for December 29 are:** Quint Lindey & Delilah Standlee  
**Coffee Fellowship** this week is hosted by Randy & Colleen Smith

**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.

**Per Capita for 2025 will be \$38.00.**

**Reminder: No Sunday School (youth or adult)** on January 5. We will not meet for JELLY on January 5. Classes will resume on January 12

**The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1. Happy New Year Everyone!**

**If your term of service** as an Elder or Deacon ends, please turn your notebooks into your chairperson or the Church Office. Thank You.

**Can you host Cookie Fellowship?** Dates are open beginning with January 12. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, contact Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

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