



- 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 during children's sermons may be seen. If you have concerns, don't hesitate to 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.

May 26, 2024

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (please remain seated)

Leader: God's love is poured out on God's world.

People: From the foundations of time, God's love is woven into all things.

Leader: When we cry "Abba, Father!", God hears and lovingly responds to us.

People: Thanks be to God who forgives and lifts us up.

Leader: Now we are called to be born anew!

People: Open our hearts and our lives so that we may truly be born with hearts aflame with God's love. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #612

We Praise You, O God

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are so like Nicodemus, Lord. We come to you, hiding in the shadows of our own fears and terrors. We want you to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to know that everything will be all right; that the world will cease to be a place of terror and war. We want to be born again in a spirit of hope. But when we come it is for our own sake, and not to learn what you would have us be and do in this world. Forgive our selfishness, Lord. Calm our fears and heal our spirits. Let us truly listen to you so

that we may be witnesses to your peace and justice which you seek for the world. Saturate us with your light and wisdom. Empower us to be those who bring peace, which is not only an absence of war, but peace which promotes an attitude of love. Clear away the clutter in our lives and place us on paths of service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS** *(Hymn #447)*
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 29*
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Fireworks*
Mallory King, Dancer

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

***HYMN #462** *I Love to Tell the Story*

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE “Born Again?” *John 3:1-17*

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

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 “Giving” link on our website: <https://www.fpcjc.com>

OFFERTORY

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

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #634** *To God Be the Glory*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able.**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

All Day Church Closed for Memorial Day
8:30 am Mason’s Memorial Day event

Wednesday

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Saturday

8:35 am Men’s Breakfast

Sunday

10:45 am Worship, child care available

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

Pastor: Kemper Huber
Worship Leader: Susan Erichsen
Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley
Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley
Organist: Joe Markley
Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith
Key Deacon for June transportation: Carolyn Zumbrunn (785-209-1597)
Elder on call for the week of May 26: Chris Heldstab (785-375-7351)
Head Usher for May 26: Rick Munson

Children are welcome in worship. We welcome all children and youth to stay during the worship service and experience God. If you need your young child to go to the nursery, our caretakers are ready to receive them.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are provided by Stan and Betty Lewis to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Philip & Erma Kummer and Edward & Ruth Lewis.

The church will be closed, tomorrow, Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day. We will open back up on Tuesday, May 28, at 9:00 am.

Church services are streamed at: <https://www.fpcjc.com>. You will also find links to our Facebook page and YouTube on this webpage. The worship bulletin can also be found here.

When inclement weather is forecast there are three ways you can find out if the church worship service has been cancelled: WIBW (website or T.V.), our First Presbyterian Church-Junction City Facebook page, and - if we have your email address - email from the church.

Children and Youth News



We have a few kids who will be performing a **hand chime ensemble** this summer! Do you have a 3rd-12th grader that is interested in joining? Email Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com to sign up today! Kids will plan to meet with Chrystal Artigue at 10am on Sundays to practice.

July 29th - August 1st, 9:00am-11:30am we will hold our annual Vacation Bible School. This year's topic is the Fruit of the Spirit and we are so excited for this curriculum! Scan the QR Code below or go to vbspro.events/p/fruitofthespirit to sign up today! Volunteers (6th grade - adult) and participants (3 and potty trained - completed 5th grade) can sign up here.



*Please note there is childcare available in the nursery during worship service.
Contact Dawn Avery at edcoordinator.fpcjc@gmail.com



Date.....
Preacher/Teacher.....
Sermon Topic.....

I'm inspired to...

Main Verse

Other Verses

My Thoughts...

Love it!

Notes