



- **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.

May 18, 2025

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Love Excelling by Peter Benjamin

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus reminded the disciples

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

Leader: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

People: Love one another as I have loved you.

Leader: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

People: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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

Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, our spirits.

Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient

love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus' words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. 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 24:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Down in the River to Pray arr. by Mennicke

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN #316**

Where Charity and Love Prevail (verses 1,2,4,5)

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

John 13:31-35

"No Greater Love"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are God's. We belong to The One who creates all things,
in whose image all people are made.**

**We are Christ's. He has loved us, healed us, called us and
anointed us with his Spirit. We belong to his death and
resurrection and ministry.**

**We are the Spirit's. We belong to the church, the Body of
Christ. God gives us the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection,
and eternal life, and the gift of participating in the healing of
the world by God's grace.**

**As God's beloved, we devote ourselves to God and to God's
will, wholly, joyfully and with the help of Christ. 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

The Love of God is Steadfast by Colin Curtis

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #300**

We Are One in the Spirit

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

O Jesus, I have Promised by Steven Scott

***People stand as they are able**

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	
7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Sunday	
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 & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for May: Kimberly Williams (785-307-5297)

Elder on call the week of May 18: Sheila Markley (785-280-0595)

Head Usher for May 18: Rick Munson

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Randy & Colleen Smith

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.

The flowers are provided today by Margaret Kilpatrick to the glory of God and in honor of our high school and college graduates.

Reminder: The church will be **closed on Monday, May 26**, in observance of **Memorial Day**. We will **reopen on Tuesday, May 27, at 9:00 AM**. Thank you, and have a safe and meaningful holiday!

Junction City Blood Drive

Thursday, May 22 – 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 23 – 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

@ The Junction City Municipal Building. Please sign up at www.redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-733-2767, or download the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

If you have information you would like included in the bulletin, please contact the church office by **noon on Wednesday**.

 Call: 785-238-1191

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