



- 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 10, 2024

PRELUDE

Bringing in the Sheaves... by Robert W. Thygerson

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Kay Munson

Leader: Our souls long for you, O God.

People: When shall we behold your face?

Leader: Our souls are uneasy.

People: When shall hope lead us to praise you again?

Leader: During the day, your steadfast love sustains us.

People: During the night, your song washes over us.

Leader: Our hope leads us to praise you.

People: We praise you, our song of hope.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Carolyn Zumbrunn

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. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Carolyn Zumbrunn

***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** Carolyn Zumbrunn
(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace and reconciliation)

MINUTE FOR MISSION Deacon Year End Review Krista Blaisdell

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON Psalm 146 Don Kracht
Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM God Is So Good...arr. Wagner

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Mark Rombold

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE Les Fehr
Mark 12:38-44

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle’s Creed pg. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN #496 Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 Break Thou the Bread of Life...by Tom Birchwood

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

GO IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #693** Though I May Speak

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE We, Your People, Praise You...by Dan R. Edwards

***People stand as they are able**

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.

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: Deacons

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 10: Bob Haynes
(785-761-1834)

Head Usher for November 10: Bill & Carol Powers

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 in the sanctuary today are provided by Richard Sutter to the glory of God and in honor of all Veterans.

There will be a congregational meeting after service on November 17 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 **on Sunday, November 24** to decorate the church for the holidays. Nursery care will be available.

Please join us after service today for a luncheon provided by the Deacons.

Thank you to our **2024 Deacons** for their commitment to service. Krista Blaisdell, Brenda Boyd, Les Fehr, Chris Jeffrey, Ashley King, Don Kracht, Jennifer Lankas, Mary Kay Munson, Lisa Nabus, Mark Rombold, Marty Rombold, and Carolyn Zumbrunn.

Operation Christmas Child!

Operation Christmas Child is a global mission organized by Samaritan's Purse.

We will be collecting shoe boxes with various items for a child to receive. More information on what can be included in the boxes is available in the narthex and online at [Operation Christmas Child](#).

A flyer to better explain the process and boxes are available in the narthex

We hope you'll join us this year in spreading the love of Christ around the world. It is needed now more than ever! Team up with a friend, and have the kids help with ideas!

Our goal for this year is at least 50 boxes! Boxes can be brought to church on Sundays or left in the church office through Nov. 17!

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

10:00 am

Staff Meeting

6:00 pm

Cub Scouts

Tuesday

9:00 am

Presbytery Meeting-Salina

Wednesday

8:30 am

Worship Committee

12:30 pm

Bible Study

6:30 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm

AA Meeting

Friday

Noon

Bible Study

Sunday

8:30 am

Glory Ringers Rehearsal

8:55 am

Sunrise Sunday School (Adult only)

9:30 am

Sunday School (Adult and Youth)

10:45 am

Worship, child care available

Coffee Fellowship

After Service

Congregational Meeting

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-up sheet in the narthex. Please let us know if you will participate and how many nativities you will share.



GIVING THANKS

2024 Stewardship Campaign

We are wrapping up our annual stewardship commitments. The Stewardship Committee thanks all those who have already submitted their commitments for 2025. Your support enables us to continue our ministries in the church and the community. Thank you!

If you have not done so yet, we encourage you to submit a commitment for 2025 by the end of the year. Please prayerfully consider how you can generously participate in the life of First Presbyterian Church with a commitment of your time, talent, and treasure.

With Gratitude,
The Finance/Stewardship Committee



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)**