



- 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.

December 28, 2025

Prelude

Gather In God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

One: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

Many: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

One: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

Many: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

One: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

Many: From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

One: May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun. May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

ALL: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

***Hymn of Praise #93**

Lift up your heads ye Mighty Gates

***The Peace**

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Ever-present God,
you became our Savior in all our distress.
In all the ways we hurt,
and all the ways we hurt others,
in all the ways we feel neglected
and all the ways we neglect others,
in all the ways we cry out
and all the ways we cause others to cry,
you are with us, comforting us and holding us to account.
In your love, redeem us once again.
Lift us up and grant us your mercy,
as you have throughout the generations.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: Christ came into this world for us: imperfect humans,
perpetual sinners,
trying, learning, striving. He came to be tested, so that he
might help us as we are tested,
to forgive us all our sins.

All: Praise be to our merciful and faithful high priest!

***Response to Forgiveness** *Gloria Patri Hymn #581*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Praise #143**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Children's Moment

The Message Text and Message

Elder Libby Adams

"It's a Baby: Simeon and Anna"

Luke 2:25-38

Respond To God's Word

Prayer Requests, Joys, and Concerns

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

***Doxology and Prayer** (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

Go In God's Name

***Hymn of Commitment #136**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response #88**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(Chorus only)

Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

Postlude

***People stand as they are able**

The **Wednesday lunch bible study** meets at 12:30 pm. The class is on break for the holidays until January 7, 2026. We'd love to have you join us!

The Pathfinder Adult Sunday School meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 206. Everyone is welcome; please join us if this is of interest to you.

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

 Call: 785-238-1191

 Email: office@fpcjc.com

If you have any announcements, updates, or events you'd like included in the **February church newsletter**, please send the information to the **church office** by **January 20, 2026**.

 **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.

Thanks to all who assisted in this morning's worship service:

Pastor: Nathanael Hood

Worship Leader: Sandy Wong

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for December: Mary Kay Munson (785-375-3189)

Elder for the week of Dec. 28: Linda Brungardt (785-223-3903)

Head Usher for December 28: Margaret Kilpatrick

Coffee Fellowship hosted by: The Exton and Power families

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 for ages infant to pre-k. Our caring staff is ready to lovingly receive your child.

Let's give a warm welcome and a big thank you to Elder Libby Adams for being our pulpit supply today. We're grateful to have her leading us in worship.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1 and Friday January 2. Happy New Year Everyone!

The Per Capita for 2026 will be \$40.00.

If you have contributions to the church that you would like deposited for 2025, please give them to the church today.

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

There will be **no Sunday School** (youth or adult) on January 4. Classes will resume on January 11.

☉ Coffee Fellowship Hosts Needed!

The new Coffee Fellowship sign-up sheet is now posted. Hosting dates run from **January 4 through May 24, 2026**. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette, or contact **Jenna Langvardt (785-761-5815)** with any questions.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday

All Day Church Closed for New Year's Day

Friday

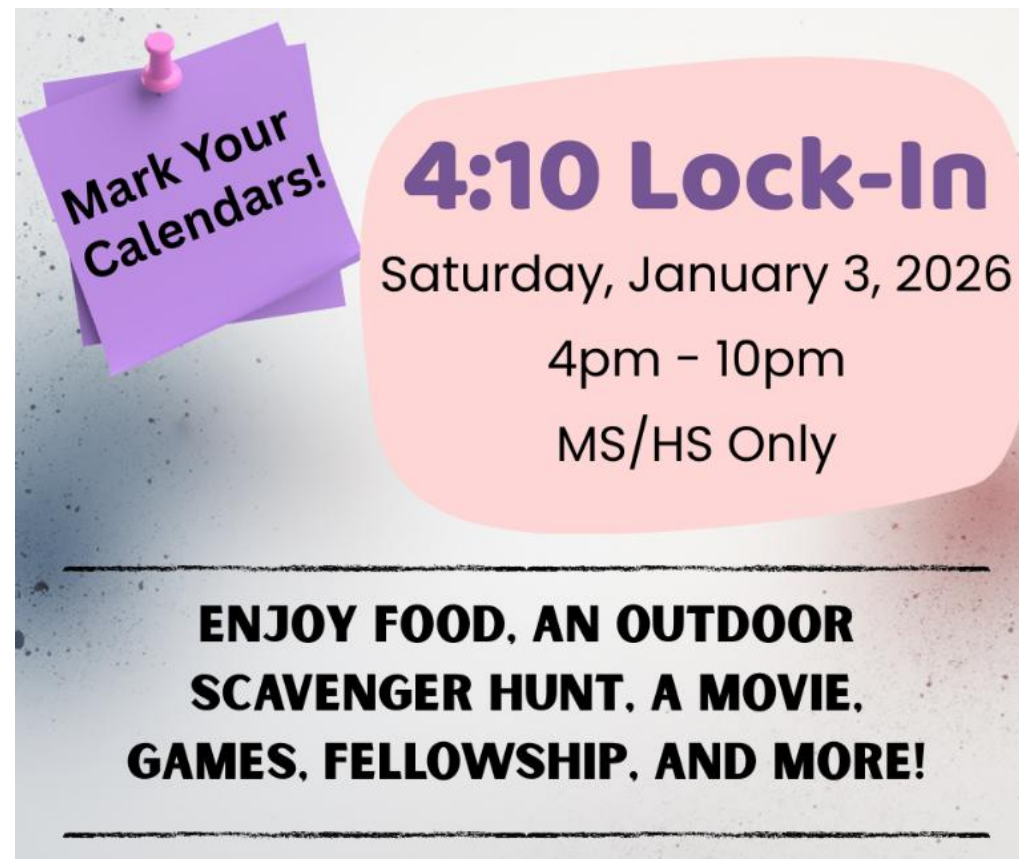
All Day Church Closed for New Year's Day

Saturday

8:35 am Men's Breakfast
4:00 pm Youth Lock-In (MS/HS only)

Sunday

8:30 am Glory Ringers Rehearsal
10:45 am Worship, child care available
Coffee Fellowship



Mark Your Calendars!

4:10 Lock-In
Saturday, January 3, 2026
4pm - 10pm
MS/HS Only

**ENJOY FOOD, AN OUTDOOR
SCAVENGER HUNT, A MOVIE,
GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, AND MORE!**
