



- 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.

August 24, 2025

PRELUDE *I have Decided to Follow Jesus...* by Robert W. Thygerson

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Hygiene Kits Deacons

MINUTE FOR MISSION Blessing Box MEF Committee

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With great rejoicing we come to the house of the Lord today!

People: God is our refuge and our stronghold.

Leader: The power and love of God flow through this gathering.

People: We place our whole trust in God's mighty compassion for us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

People: Let us celebrate the presence of God here in this place and in all our lives. AMEN.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*THE PEACE

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

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds

of structures. We easily relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us.

People: **We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. "Let someone else do the work," we proclaim. And in that proclamation, we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples. Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts.**

Leader: Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is nowhere in creation where your love is not needed. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In the grace and love of God, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

***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.**

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 71:1-6

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mitch Langvardt, Soloist

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN #69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

Luke 13:10-17

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Derived from Ephesians 3

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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

Lord, I want to Be a Christian...by Dan R. Edwards

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Bring Your Thanks to God...by Paul Taylor

***People stand as they are able**



Sunday School

Teachers Needed

Kindergarten through 2nd grade.



We need ONE volunteer each week.



**Lessons are already
prepared for you!**



If you can help, please get in touch with Dawn Avery by email at youth@fpcjc.com. Thank you.

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

Pastor: Nathanael Hood

Worship Leader: Elaine Dill

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for August: Les Fehr (785-226-1522)

Elder on call the week of August 24: Rhoda Frasier (785-479-1867)

Head Usher for August 24: Sheila Markley

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 today are to the glory of God and in honor of and memory of friends and family by **Vic and Sandy Wong**.

Thank you to Mitch Langvardt for providing our Special Music this morning.

Reminder: After service all youth are invited to join us for a meet and greet with Pastor Nate. Pizza will be provided.

Picnic Time!



Chancel Choir Members, Bell Choir Members, Potential Choir Members and Church Friends:

To celebrate the end of summer and beginning of the Autumn season, we are having a Potluck Picnic at the Markley home, 240 West 5th, August 27 at 6:30 pm. This is for all of our Choir members, their families, and our friends. Please bring your picnic baskets packed and join us for this annual tradition. Table service, drinks and chairs will be provided.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Joe's cell is 785.479.0321. Sheila's cell is: 785.280.0595. Hope to see you there.

Thank you, Sheila Markley

Adult Sunday School begins Sunday, September 7th

Everyone is invited to attend our Adult Sunday School Class that will reconvene on Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 am in Room 206. The first 5 sessions (Sept 7-Oct 5) of the class will be based on the Max Lucado study “Help is Here, Finding FRESH STRENGTH and PURPOSE in the POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Using a video message and study guide, Pastor Max Lucado’s “Help is Here” course will remind us of the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Pastor Max states that “when we feel powerless, help is here in the presence of the Holy Spirit”. Participants in this study will learn more about this helper, whom we know as the Holy Spirit. When you feel powerless to calm life’s chaos, remember: Help is Here!

As stated in the study guide, “this class will give you the tools and encouragement you need to become joyful, enthusiastic, and empowered as you draw closer to God; learn who the Holy Spirit is and how he can help you; find true rest and peace as you let him carry your burdens; and discover your unique gifts to further God’s kingdom”.

We are pleased to announce that as of August 16 you have generously given \$13,595 towards our Pastor Search Gift Campaign goal of \$20,000. This is a special one-time fund campaign for you to make a monetary gift to-help defray the expenses of the pastor transitional process. The additional costs include severance pay for Pastor Kemper, travel for candidates to JC and moving expense for Pastor Nate. You can give by check or using our church website at <https://www.fpcjc.com> and clicking on the “Give Now” button. Be sure to note on your gift “**Pastor Search Gift**”.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

- Monday**
6:00 pm Cub Scouts
- Wednesday**
6:30 pm Choir Potluck at the Markley’s
8:00 pm AA Meeting
- Sunday**
10:45 am Worship, child care available

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

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.

Potluck *Event*

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 7th after church for a potluck meal!
Mission/Evangelism/Fellowship will provide a main dish, you
bring a favorite side or dessert to share!



Sun., Sept. 7th
After Church



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Join us for Celebration Sunday on September 7!

Sunday School classes will
begin at 9:30 am. There will be
a celebration with the youth
during worship.

*3rd Graders will receive their
bibles during worship*

The Deacons are requesting your help! We are **campaigning to collect black hair ties, lice shampoo and lice kits, and boys' and girls' underwear sizes 4T – Adult XL** to donate to the schools for USD 475.

The red tub is in the Narthex, where you can drop off your items any time through Sunday, **September 14, 2025**. Monetary donations are welcomed as well; please indicate that your donation is in support of the Deacon Hygiene Kit project. We appreciate your support!

