



- Our members and friends who are living in a nursing home, assisted living, or are partially or fully "home-bound"
- All those battling cancer
- Family and friends of Roger Lawson

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 21, 2025

Prelude

He Is Born... Arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing...Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Glory Ringers

Gather In God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Tower Ringing

Lighting of the fourth Advent Candle

Tom & Linda Brungardt

Advent Candle Prayer

Lord God, your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise #147**

The First Nowell

***The Peace**

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

Invitation To, and Prayer of Confession

Leader: Shepherd of Israel, God of hosts,
We have turned away from you.

**People: We have neglected the welfare of your creation,
Ignoring the plight of your people,
Trampling on the creatures and the plants you have
made, taking from earth what we cannot give back.**

Leader: We have not helped our neighbors in need,
Kept peace within our families,
Or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives.

**People: Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life.
In your compassion, turn us to your way.**

Leader: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Let your face shine upon us,
And we shall be saved. 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 *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

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

Good King Wenceslas an English Carol

Sunday School Youth Singers & Ringers *Silent Night, Holy Night*

The Message Text and Message

Matthew 1:18-25

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

Carol of the Bells...by Leontovych/Wilhousky

Arr: Ivelis Becker

Ivelis Becker, Kathy Jo Hitchman, Ann Hoover, flutes

*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. Elaine Dill is leading us on Proverbs, using "A Woman of Wisdom" by Dee Brestin. We'd love to have you join us!

The Pathfinder Adult Sunday School meets Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 206. The class has started a new Advent study titled "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado. 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: 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 December: Mary Kay Munson (785-375-3189)

Elder for the week of Dec. 21: Linda Brungardt (785-223-3903)

Head Usher for December 21: Margaret Kilpatrick

Coffee Fellowship hosted by: Chris Heldstab & Margaret Kilpatrick

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.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and Friday December 26. Merry Christmas Everyone!

The Per Capita for 2026 will be \$40.00.

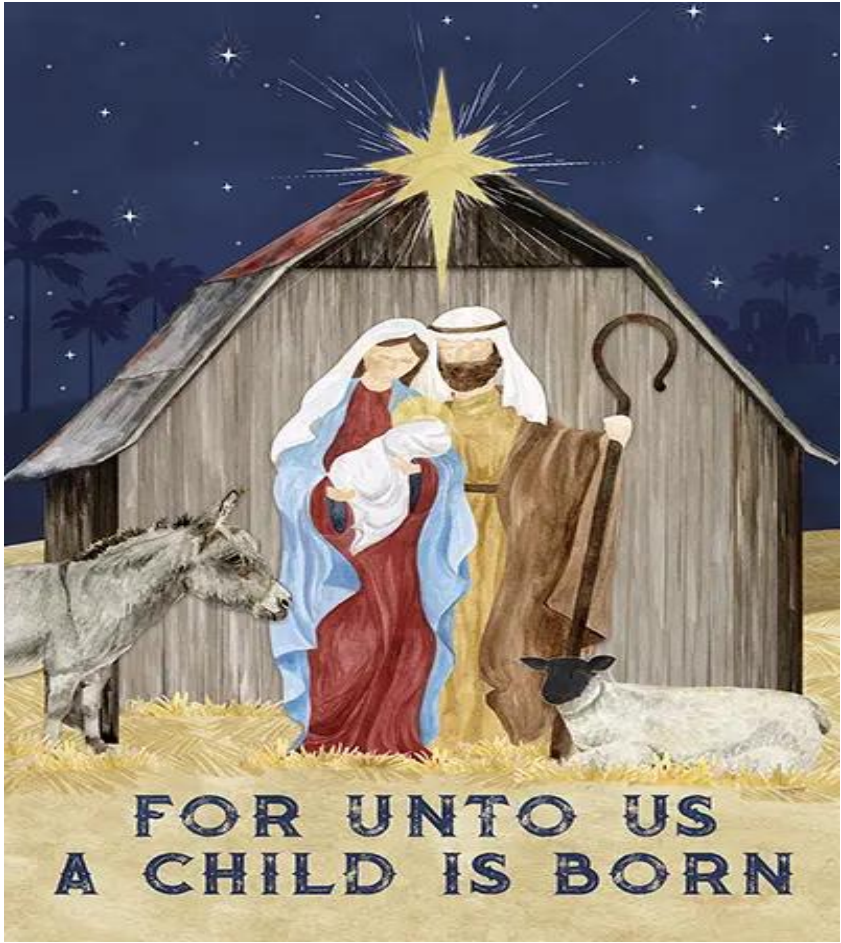
Coffee Fellowship Hosts Needed!

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.

There will be **no Sunday School** (youth or adult) on December 28 or January 4. Classes will resume on January 11.

If you have contributions to the church that you would like deposited for 2025, please have them to the church by Sunday, December 28.

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!



Join your First Presbyterian Church family as we celebrate **Christmas Eve**

🎵 **Special Christmas music** begins at **5:00 pm**
✚ **Worship service** begins at **5:30 pm** and includes Carols, a Christmas Message, Communion, and Candle Lighting

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday	
5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Concert
5:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday	
All Day	Church Closed for Christmas Day
Friday	
All Day	Church Closed for Christmas Day
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!**



2025 Christmas Poinsettias

Chrystal Artigue & children	In Memory of Tim DonLevy, beloved father & grandpa In Memory of my brother Patrick Noles
Pearl Barnicle	In Memory of Bill Barnicle In Memory of Nina Gill In Memory of Irene Jeffries In Memory of Madge Kennedy In Memory of Margaret Shane In Memory of Betty Waters
Tom & Linda Brungardt	In Memory of Lester & Pauline Voran In Memory of Shirley Voran In Honor of Sally Irons
Hugh & Elaine Dill	In Memory of J. Mark & Flo Dill In Memory of William & Nadine Edie
Harold & Susan Erichsen	In Memory of Albert & Ruth Erichsen In Memory of Carl Ehlers
Bob & Rhoda Frasier	In Memory of our parents and grandson In Honor of our children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren
Lonny & Melissa Goble	In Memory of Chris Reeser In Memory of Robert (Bobby) Taylor
Robert & Pamela Haynes	In Memory of Joseph Gary Haynes In Memory of Robert & Donna Mae Haynes In Memory of Gary Langvardt

Margaret Kilpatrick	In Memory of my parents Steadman & Emma Canady In Honor of my daughters Kim & Karren and grandchildren Nick & Jordan Heath
Andrew & Ashley King	In Memory of Rodney King
Ann Langvardt	In Memory of Howard Langvardt In Memory of LaVern & Marie Langvardt In Memory of Lawrence & Hazel Kamm
Deanna Munson Family	In Memory of Fred & Lucile Michaels In Memory of Chuck Munson In Memory of Ralph & Bernice Munson
Robert & Chris Munson	In Memory of Vaudene Field In Memory of Chuck Munson In Memory of Ralph & Bernice Munson In Memory of Ed J. Rolfs In Memory of Rev. Ted Lester In Memory of Bob & Betty Waters
Bill & Carol Powers	In Memory of Walter & Tina Powers In Memory of Richard & Thelma Maxwell In Honor of Pearl Barnicle
Eunice Rolfs	In Memory of Ed J. Rolfs In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Munson In Honor of Ed C. Rolfs In Honor of Tom Rolfs
Andrea Sayler Siefkes	In Memory of Esther Deckert Sayler
Nancy Stemhagen	In Memory of my parents Harvey & Opal Wenger In Memory of my husband Robert Stemhagen In Memory of my son Robert Heaney
Scott & Alice Stuckey	In Memory of LeRoy & Pat Stuckey In Memory of John & Margaret Wheat