



- 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 31, 2025

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God calls us to service,

People: Rather than honor.

Leader: God calls us to love the unknown,

People: Rather than the familiar.

Leader: We come to this time of worship,

People: Trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

Leader: Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #634

To God Be the Glory

*THE PEACE

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

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God invites us to mutual love. But to find that mutuality, we must release our need for honor, our desire for privilege. In humility let us seek forgiveness, trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and

mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength.

Leader: Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. We pray 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

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Duetto No. VI, Opus 101...by Joseph Haydn
Flute Duet, Kathy Jo Hitchman & Ann Hoover*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN #722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Derived from John 14*

**We believe in God, creator of all that is and all that is to come.
In God's house are many rooms, and God prepares a place for us, so that where God is, we may be also.**

We believe in God; we believe also in Christ, who is our way, our truth and our life. Through him we have seen God, who lived and worked in him.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives and works in us; so that we may do the works that Jesus does, and even greater works; so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 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

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #343**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Verses 1-2, 6

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**

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.

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

Pastor: Nathanael Hood

Worship Leader: Krista Blaisdell

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Joe Markley

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for September: Carolyn Zumbrunn (785-209-1597)

Elder on call the week of August 31: Rick Munson (785-375-3940)

Head Usher for August 31: 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 in the sanctuary this morning are provided by Linda and Tom Brungardt to the glory of God and in honor of Ashley King, Margaret Kilpatrick, Chris Heldstab and Joe Markley for their work on the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Thank you to Kathy Jo Hitchman & Ann Hoover for providing our Special Music this morning.

The church will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 2, at 9:00 a.m.



Acolyte Training: All 1st–5th graders are invited to join us on Sunday, September 14, for candle lighting practice. We'll meet following choir practice with Sheila Markley around 9:45 AM in the Sanctuary.

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”.

The **Wednesday lunch bible study** resumes on September 10, 2025 at 12:30 pm. Elaine Dill will be leading us on Proverbs, using “A Woman of Wisdom” by Dee Brestin. Let Annette Ray know if you would like her to order you a book (about \$13).
We'd love to have you join us!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
All Day	Church Closed for Labor Day
Tuesday	
1:30 pm	Finance Committee
5:30 pm	Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship Committee
6:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	
8:30 am	Worship Committee
6:30 pm	Choir Practice
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday	
11:00 am	Christian Education Committee
4:00 pm	Facilities Committee
Saturday	
8:35 am	Men’s Breakfast
Sunday	
8:30 am	Glory Ringers Bell Practice
9:30 am	Sunday School (all ages)
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
After Service	Church Potluck

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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Church



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!

