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Committee Meetings :

- December 2, Staff Meeting
- December 3, Deacons, Finance, Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship
- December 4, Worship
- December 5, Christian Education
- Session Meeting—
December 17, 7:00 pm

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Church News

First Presbyterian Church - Junction City

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.



Christmas Eve Service

First Presbyterian Church

5:30 P.M.

Musical Performance at 5:00 P.M.

December Birthdays

- 1 Leah Ervin, Bob Haynes, Annette Ray
- 2 Brad White
- 3 Sue Lawson, Brock Nabus
- 4 McKinleigh Blaisdell, Kelly Landes
- 6 Krista Blaisdell
- 7 Abbygale Artigue, Jill Langvardt
- 10 Chris Heldstab
- 12 Marilyn Hellerud, Vannessa Osbourn
- 13 Sheila Markley
- 14 Harrison Haynes
- 16 Samuel Kilpatrick, Connie Langvardt
- 17 Linda Brungardt, Bob Jeffrey
- 19 Duaine Hoff, Kyler Langvardt
- 20 Eunice Rolfs
- 22 Jace Goggins
- 23 Andrew Haynes
- 25 Pearl Barnicle, Carolyn Gaston
- 27 Hannah Custer
- 28 Amelia Strauss, Charlie Strauss
- 30 Blake Proietti, Laura Rook
- 31 Jordan Biggs, Brenda Edleston, Cale Jensen

If your name is not on our birthday list please let the office know. We want to recognize you on your special day!



Current Visitation List



Valley View Cottonwoods & Senior Living

Graham Stevens #60
1417 W Ash
Junction City, KS 66441

Valley View Estates

Vivian Bruce #116
Barby Craft #122
Webb Davis #110
1440 Pearl Drive
Junction City, KS 66441

Brookdale Living

Glenna McCaleb #105B
Roy Taylor #110
Nellie Stone #120
1022 Caroline Ave.
Junction City, KS 66441

Via Christi Villages

Muriel Johnson Rm AL 19
2800 Willow Grove Rd.
Manhattan, Ks. 66502

*Their descendants shall be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
Isaiah 61:9 NRSV*

Isaiah declares that the new Kingdom ushered in with the arrival of the Long-awaited Messiah will be known throughout the world (the Nations). And everyone who follows this Messiah will be part of this Kingdom, they would be offspring, they would be family. And Isaiah proclaims that this Kingdom, this family will be recognized and acknowledged by anyone who sees them.

How will we be recognized? By the name over our church door? By how high our steeple is? By our polity and form of government? By the type of music we include in our worship services? No!

Isaiah tells us that we will be recognized as children of the Messiah's Kingdom when others look at us and see that we have been blessed by the Lord. What does this look like? The culture of Jesus' day (and unfortunately a little today) believed that to be blessed meant that you were rich! You had lots of material stuff! That is not how our Messiah defined being blessed.

Simply put, Jesus said you can recognize someone who is blessed because they are a blessing to others. We are known as children of the Kingdom by how we treat others.

I challenge you to find a way to be a blessing for someone else this Christmas season. Let the world know you are blessed, and a member of the new Kingdom the Messiah initiated!

Merry Christmas!

In Christ's service,
Pastor Kemper

Upcoming Events

Newsletter Info: If you have anything you would like to have put into the **January** newsletter please email the info to the church office no later than December 20, 2024. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

Bulletin Info: If you have information you would like in the bulletin, please let the church office know by noon on the Wednesday before the Sunday you would like it included. You may call 238-1191 or email your info to office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

Church services are streamed. Please go to our webpage at <https://www.fpcjc.com> where you will find links to our Facebook page and YouTube. You can access our bulletin on our website at <https://www.fpcjc.com/publications>.

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

When **inclement weather** is forecast there are three ways you can find out if the church worship service has been cancelled: WIBW (website or T.V.), our First Presbyterian Church-Junction City Facebook page, and - if we have your email address - email from the church.

Per Capita for 2025 is \$38.

Men's Breakfast group will meet on Saturday, December 7, at 8:35 am in the dining room. All are welcome.

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

The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, **December 25** for Christmas and Wednesday, **January 1** for New Year's Day.



Sunday December 15 is "Bell Sunday"

If you have a special bell of your own you would like to ring during the Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" be sure and bring it with you. There will be bells available for everyone.



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 would like to purchase a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Monday, **December 8**.

Checks should be made out to: First Presbyterian Church and noted "Poinsettias"

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday December 22 for the 10:45 service, and for the Christmas Eve service, Tuesday, December 24.

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22.

Please pick up your Poinsettia(s) following the 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 _____

December Youth Events

December 1

🎄 **9:30am** - K-5th will practice for the Christmas Pageant during Sunday School

🎄 **12-2pm** - JELLY

December 8

🎄 **9:30am** - K-5th will practice for the Christmas Pageant during Sunday School

December 15

🎄 **9:30am** - K-5th will practice for the Christmas Pageant during Sunday School

🎄 **10:45am** - Christmas Pageant during worship

🎄 **12-12:30pm** (or immediately after worship) - Practice candle lighting for the Christmas Eve Service with Margaret (participating 1st-5th)

December 22

🎄 **9:30am** - K-5th Christmas Party during Sunday School

🎄 **12-12:30pm** (or immediately after worship) - Practice candle lighting for the Christmas Eve Service with Margaret (participating 1st-5th).

🎅 MS/HS Class needs to plan to stay as well to go over their candle lighting duties with Pastor Kemper.

December 24

🎄 **5:00pm** - Christmas Eve Service, beginning with music
Stay tuned for more details if your child is participating

December 29 - January 5

No Youth Programming during this time. This includes JELLY on 1/5. Sunday School Classes will resume on January 12.

The background is a light cream color with faint, stylized swirls and cloud-like patterns. Scattered throughout are various gingerbread cookies: a star with a snowflake, a star with a holly leaf, a Christmas tree, a candy cane, a star with a snowflake, a star with a holly leaf, and a Christmas stocking. Small, light-colored stars are also scattered around.

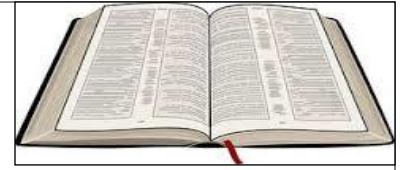
Join us to celebrate

CHRISTMAS

With a Christmas Cookie Exchange! Bring 3 dozen of your favorite homemade goodies to the parlor before church. After Church, there will be a container for you to fill with 3 dozen assorted goodies to enjoy this holiday season!

15 December

Daily Lectionary Readings for December



Sunday, December 01, 2024: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Monday, December 02, 2024: Psalm 90; Numbers 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18

Tuesday, December 03, 2024: Psalm 90; 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Revelation 22:12-16

Wednesday, December 04, 2024: Psalm 90; Isaiah 1:24-31; Luke 11:29-32

Thursday, December 05, 2024: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12; Philippians 1:12-18a

Friday, December 06, 2024: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18; Philippians 1:18b-26

Saturday, December 07, 2024: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6

Sunday, December 08, 2024: Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Monday, December 09, 2024: Psalm 126; Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 8:22-25

Tuesday, December 10, 2024: Psalm 126; Isaiah 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15

Wednesday, December 11, 2024: Psalm 126; Isaiah 35:3-7; Luke 7:18-30

Thursday, December 12, 2024: Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 6:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Friday, December 13, 2024: Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 8:4-12; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Saturday, December 14, 2024: Isaiah 12:2-6; Amos 9:8-15; Luke 1:57-66

Sunday, December 15, 2024: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Monday, December 16, 2024: Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:1-19; Hebrews 13:7-17

Tuesday, December 17, 2024: Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:20-35; Acts 28:23-31

Wednesday, December 18, 2024: Isaiah 11:1-9; Micah 4:8-13; Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, December 19, 2024: Psalm 80:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:10-18

Friday, December 20, 2024: Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 42:10-18; Hebrews 10:32-39

Saturday, December 21, 2024: Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 66:7-11; Luke 13:31-35

Sunday, December 22, 2024: Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Monday, December 23, 2024: Psalm 113; Genesis 25:19-28; Colossians 1:15-20

Tuesday, December 24, 2024: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Wednesday, December 25, 2024: Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Wednesday, December 25, 2024: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14

Thursday, December 26, 2024: Psalm 148; 2 Chronicles 24:17-24; Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60

Friday, December 27, 2024: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24

Saturday, December 28, 2024: Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7

Sunday, December 29, 2024: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Monday, December 30, 2024: Psalm 147:12-20; 2 Chronicles 1:7-13; Mark 13:32-37

Tuesday, December 31, 2024: Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19



Find us on social media:

Click on images above or links below to go to our social media pages!

Webpage- <https://www.fpcjc.com>

YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchofj8677>

Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/fpcjcks>

Our Staff

Transitional Pastor—Kemper Huber
 Administrative Assistant—Melissa Goble
 Youth Education Coordinator—Dawn Avery
 Chancel Choir Director—Joe Markley
 Music Coordinator—Sheila Markley
 Bell Choir Director—Sheila Markley
 Organist—Rhoda Frasier
 Organist-August Siefkes
 Treasurer—Annette Ray
 Financial Secretary—Chris Munson
 Nursery Attendant—Brianna Talley

Ministers-All who worship and serve the Lord!

KEY DEACONS

December

Mary Kay Munson

785-375-3189

ELDER ON CALL

December

December 1-Jim Ray

785-307-5188

December 8-Jim Ray

785-307-5188

December 15-Jim Ray

785-307-5188

December 22-Jim Ray

785-307-5188

December 29-Jim Ray

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Opportunities to Serve

- Lead a Sunday School Class one time a month
- Coffee Fellowship
- Be a part of a Mission Project
- Work with Middle School and High School Youth Group Events
- Offer to be Worship Leader
- Organize a Church Work Weekend to clean out gutters, paint, dust, organize
- Usher
- Help with youth events
- Serve on a committee as a member at large

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday of Advent 8:30am - Glory Ringers 8:55am - Sunrise Sunday 9:30am - Adult 9:30am - Youth Sunday 10:45am - Worship	2 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Cub Scouts @ 6:30pm - Pastor	3 2:30pm - Finance 5:30pm - Mission, 6pm - Deacon's Meeting	4 8:30am - Worship 12:30pm - Ladies Bible 6:30pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - AA Meeting	5 9:30am - Christian Educ.	6 12pm - New bible study-	7 8:35am - Men's Breakfast
8 Second Sunday of Advent 8:30am - Glory Ringers 8:55am - Sunrise Sunday 9:30am - Adult 9:30am - Youth Sunday 10:45am - Worship 12pm - Coffee Fellowship	9 Feast of the Immaculate 6pm - Cub Scouts @	10	11 12:30pm - Ladies Bible 6:30pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - AA Meeting	12 Feast of Our Lady of	13 12pm - New bible study-	14
15 Cookie Exchange Third Sunday of Advent 8:30am - Glory Ringers 8:55am - Sunrise Sunday 9:30am - Adult 9:30am - Youth Sunday 10:45am - Worship	16 6pm - Cub Scouts @	17 7pm - Session	18 12:30pm - Ladies Bible 6:30pm - Chancel Choir 8pm - AA Meeting	19	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30am - Glory Ringers 8:55am - Sunrise Sunday 9:30am - Adult 9:30am - Youth Sunday 10:45am - Worship 12pm - Coffee Fellowship	23	24 Christmas Eve Christmas Eve 5pm - Christmas Eve 5:30pm - Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day Christmas Day Church Closed-Christmas 8pm - AA Meeting	26	27	28
29 8:30am - Glory Ringers 10:45am - Worship 12pm - Coffee Fellowship	30	31 New Year's Eve	1	2	3	4



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