



- Our members and friends who are living in a nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"
- All those battling cancer
- Nancy Sampson's family and friends

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@gmail.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.

January 5, 2025

PRELUDE

Carols of the Star...by Lani Smith

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: **Darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will rise upon you and his glory will be seen upon you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

People: **Violence shall no more be heard in your land, ruin, or destruction within your borders.**

Leader: The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.

People: **For the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #150

As With Gladness Men of Old

*INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our

sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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.

***THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 147:12-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHANCEL CHOIR

All My Heart Today Rejoices...by Ebeling

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN #673**

Jesus, Light of Joy

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

John 1:1-18
"The Word Became Flesh"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are God's. We belong to The One who creates all things, in whose image all people are made.

We are Christ's. He has loved us, healed us, called us and anointed us with his Spirit. We belong to his death and resurrection and ministry.

We are the Spirit's. We belong to the church, the Body of Christ. God gives us the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life, and the gift of participating in the healing of the world by God's grace.

As God's beloved, we devote ourselves to God and to God's will, wholly, joyfully, and with the help of Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offering plates will be passed to persons seated in pews. Gifts/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

We Three Kings...by Steven Scott

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #151**

We Three Kings

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

March of the Kings...by Robert W. Thygerson

***People stand as they are able**

Thanks to those who have assisted in this morning's worship:

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber

Worship Leader: Rick Munson

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: Rhoda Frasier

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for Jan. transportation: Marty Rombold (785-761-3323)

Elder on call the week of January 5: Gary Miles (785-223-5894)

Head Usher for January 5: Bob Haynes

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Kemper & Janet Huber

Children are welcome in worship. We welcome all children and youth to stay during the worship service and experience God. If you need your child to go to the nursery, our caretakers are ready to receive them.

Per Capita for 2025 will be \$38.00.

Reminder: Sunday School Classes will resume on January 12.

Reminder no Jelly today after church. We will resume on February 2.

Next Sunday, after service, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Please stay if you can help.

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

Can you host Cookie Fellowship? Dates are open beginning with February 9. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchenette. If you have any questions, contact Jenna Langvardt at 785-761-5815.

Please join us for hot coffee, breakfast snacks, warm fellowship, and great discussions every Sunday in room 206 at 9:30 am for the **Pathfinders Adult Sunday School class**.

Join us in the dining room for the **Sunrise Adult Sunday School class** at 8:55 am.

Join us for our Wednesday lunchtime Bible study with Elaine Dill leading a study on Max Lucado’s book *Fearless*. This class meets from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in room 206.

Church services are streamed at: <https://www.fpcjc.com>. You will find our worship bulletin and links to our Facebook page and YouTube on this webpage.

If you have any information you would like in the **bulletin**, please let the church office know by **noon on Wednesday** for that week. You may call 785-238-1191 or email your info to office.fpcjc@gmail.com

If you want to put anything into the **February** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **January 20, 2025**. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday	
10:00 am	Staff Meeting
4:30 pm	Facilities Meeting
6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday	
1:30 pm	Finance Committee
5:30 pm	Mission, Evangelism & Fellowship
6:00 pm	Deacons
Wednesday	
8:30 am	Worship Committee
12:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday	
9:30 am	Christian Education Committee
Friday	
11:00	Nancy Sampson Memorial Service
Saturday	
9:00 am	New Officer Training
Sunday	
8:30 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal
8:55 am	Sunrise Sunday School (Adult only)
9:30 am	Sunday School (Adult and Youth)
10:45 am	Worship, child care available
	Coffee Fellowship
After Service	Unhanging of the Greens