



- 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 14, 2025

Prelude

Gather In God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Deacons

Janet Parrish

Choral Introit

Still, Still, Still...arr. Luboff

Lighting of the third Advent Candle

Brenda and Haiden Edelston

Advent Candle Prayer

We thank you, O God, for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise #93**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

***The Peace**

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

Invitation To, and Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let the desert rejoice, and let the dry land be glad,
For God has come to save us. Let us confess our sin.

**People: God of majesty and glory,
We are thirsty for your grace.**

Leader: You made a way for us in the wilderness,
And still, in our foolishness, we go astray.

**People: We hide our eyes from your presence.
We do not listen to your word.**

Leader: We are lifeless when we ought to dance
And speechless when we out to sing.
Forgive us, O Lord, as we seek to follow in your holy way.
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

Luke 1:47-55

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

The Snow Lay on the Ground... An Irish Carol

Welcome to Bethlehem

Christmas Pageant

Please see insert for the congregation's participation in music

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

***Doxology and Prayer** (Offertory Response, Hymn #606)

Go In God's Name

***Hymn of Commitment #113** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response #88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Chorus)
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 **January church newsletter**, please send the information to the **church office** by **December 20, 2025**.

 **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: Stephanie Lindey

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator & Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: August Siefkes

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for December: Mary Kay Munson (785-375-3189)

Elder for the week of Dec. 14: Susan Erichsen(785-223-3100)

Head Usher for December 14: Stephanie Lindey

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by: MS/HS Sunday School Class

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.

Mitch and Jenna Langvardt have provided the **flowers in the sanctuary today**, to the glory of God and in honor of the wonderful family he has blessed them with!

Today is our annual Christmas Cookie Exchange! After service, stop by the parlor and fill a plate full of Christmas cookies. We'll provide the "to-go" containers. *Mission/Evangelism Committee*

Thank you to our Sunday School Youth, our Sunday School/CED Leadership, and August Siefkes for helping put on the Christmas Pageant today.

The Per Capita for 2026 will be \$40.00.

Reminder: 1st-5th graders participating in candle lighting for the Christmas Eve Service will need to stay after worship today to practice. We will practice again on 12/21 at 9:30am.

The Christmas Eve Service will start at 5:00 pm with a pre-service Christmas Recital, followed by the service at 5:30 pm. We encourage parents and grandparents to bring children of all ages to this worship service. Childcare will be provided.

 **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 your term of service as an Elder or Deacon is ending, please turn your notebooks into your chairperson or the Church Office. Thank You!



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!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday 6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
Tuesday 7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday 12:30 pm 6:30 pm 8:00 pm	Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal AA Meeting
Saturday 10:00 am	Roger Lawson Memorial Service
Sunday 8:30 am 9:30 am 10:45 am	Glory Ringers Rehearsal Sunday School (Adult and Youth) Worship, child care available Coffee Fellowship

“Welcome to Bethlehem”

Part I: Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus

Haiden Edleston as Mary and Toby Yascavage as Joseph

As Christ Child’s family comes down the aisle, join in singing

Still, Still, Still

Hymn 124

***Narrator**

Dawn Avery

Part II: The Animals

Hadlee Fochtman and Harrison Haynes as the Animals

As the animals see Baby Jesus, join in singing

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn 128

***Narrator**

Dawn Avery

Part III: Angels

Cameron King, Ally Lankas, and Ramona Shifkowski as the Angels

As the angels praise baby Jesus, join in singing

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymn 143 (Verse 1)

***Narrator**

Dawn Avery

Part IV: Shepherds

Parker Avery and Aniston White as the Shepherds

As Shepherds come to adore Jesus, join in singing

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Hymn 136 (Verses 1-2)

***Narrator**

Dawn Avery

Part V: Wisemen and Star

**Rory King, Harper Lankas, and Haisley White as the Wisemen/Delilah
Standlee as the Star**

As the Wisemen present their gifts to Jesus, join in singing

We Three Kings

Hymn 151 (Verse 1)

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