



- **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@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 contact 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.

November 3, 2024

PRELUDE

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

People: **Let us shout our songs of thanksgiving to Almighty God!**

Leader: For God has done wonderful things for us.

People: **God's love and blessings have been showered upon us.**

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord!

People: **Let us sing songs of great joy to God. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #634**

To God Be the Glory

***STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT PRAYER**

***INVITATION TO, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

How often, O Lord, have we believed that the greatest commandment is our love for ourselves solely? We have not heard the cries of those in need; we have turned our backs on opportunities to serve you by serving others. Many times, we have thought only of our own wants and desires and ignored the needs of others. Help us to truly understand the commandments to love you with all our heart, soul, strength,

and mind. Let us care for our neighbors both far and near.
Bring us back to your loving light. For we ask these things in
the name of our Savior, 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 119:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Casting Our Crowns...by Shackley

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jenna Langvardt

***HYMN #693**

Though I May Speak

THE MESSAGE TEXT AND MESSAGE

Mark 12:28-34

"The Commandment of Love"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Philippians 2:5-11*

**We believe in Jesus Christ who, though he was in the form of
God, did not regard equality with God as something to be**

**exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness. And being found in human
form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point
of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly
exalted him and gave him the name that is above every
name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every
tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory
of God the Father. 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

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

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #63**

The Lord Is God

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

***People stand as they are able**

Junction City Community Blood Drive:

Wednesday, November 20 – 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 21 – 8:30 am to 1:30 p.m.

at the Municipal Building. Walk-ins welcome. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

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

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

Join us for our 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 on Wednesdays 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 **December** newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **November 20, 2024**. 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.

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

Transitional Pastor: Kemper Huber

Worship Leader: Susan Erichsen

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley

Music Coordinator and Handbell Director: Sheila Markley

Organist: August Siefkes

Video Preparer/Operator/Sound: Colleen Smith

Key Deacon for November transportation: Lisa Nabus
(785-761-4895)

Elder on call the week of November 3: Bob Haynes
(785-761-1834)

Head Usher for November: Sheila Markley

Acolytes for November 3 are: Rory King and Grayson White

Coffee Fellowship this week is hosted by Alice Stuckey

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.

All undesignated offerings this morning will be collected for the Food Pantry.

There will be a congregational meeting after service on November 17 to elect 2025 officers and the new pastor nominating committee. Please plan to attend if you are able.

Reminder: JELLY will meet today, November 3 from 12 -2 pm. K-12th grade are invited to join us and parents are being asked to stay for the first part to help kids sign up for jobs for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Hanging of the Greens. We need volunteers to stay following worship **on Sunday, November 24** to decorate the church for the holidays. Nursery care will be available.

Operation Christmas Child!

Operation Christmas Child is a global mission organized by Samaritan's Purse.

We will be collecting shoe boxes with various items for a child to receive. More information on what can be included in the boxes is available in the narthex and online at [Operation Christmas Child](#).

A flyer to better explain the process and boxes are available in the narthex

We hope you'll join us this year in spreading the love of Christ around the world. It is needed now more than ever! Team up with a friend, and have the kids help with ideas!

Our goal for this year is at least 50 boxes! Boxes can be brought to church on Sundays or left in the church office through Nov. 17!

Mark Your Calendars!



November 24 - No Sunday School (for all ages)

December 1 - Christmas Caroling & Hot Cocoa
Party during JELLY (12-2pm)



December 15 - Christmas Pageant during worship

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday

4:00 pm

Facilities Committee

6:00 pm

Cub Scouts

Tuesday

2:30 pm

Finance Committee

6:00 pm

Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

12:30 pm

Bible Study

6:30 pm

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm

AA Meeting

Thursday

9:30 am

Christian Education Committee

Friday

Noon

Bible Study

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

Advent / Christmas Study

“Finding Our Place at the Manger” will be offered at both the 8:55 and 9:30 Adult Sunday school classes during Advent (Sundays December 1, 8, 15, and 22nd). We will look at the different characters in our Nativity scenes and see how they can speak to us today.

To enhance this study, the Worship Committee would like to invite the First Presbyterian Church family to share their favorite Nativity with the congregation. These nativities will be displayed all around the sanctuary for everyone to view and enjoy. The more nativities we have, the better!

Please bring your nativity on or before Sunday, November 24th. Following worship, we will hold the “Hanging of the Greens” as we decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. We would like to set up the nativities as part of this decorating for Christmas. We will have a place for every size from very small to much larger scenes. A note sharing where the Nativity is from or any special meaning for the Nativity (perhaps handed down for many years) would be helpful. Please help the church celebrate this special season by sharing your Nativity scenes.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please let us know if you will participate and how many nativities you will share.



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 want to purchase a Poinsettia, please complete the form below and return it to the church office by Monday, **December 8th**. Checks should be made out to: First Presbyterian Church and noted “Poinsettias”

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

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

Please pick up your Poinsettia following the **evening** 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

Thanksgiving Help

The community-wide free Thanksgiving Dinner will be held this year with some changes. We will serve dinner by **delivery***, **inside pickup***, or **in-person dining**. Let Margaret or the church office know if you want to donate a 20–25-pound turkey. You can also donate \$25.00 and Margaret will purchase the turkey. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church and put “Thanksgiving Dinner” on the memo.

Questions: Margaret Kilpatrick at skilpatrick@cox.net or 785-762-2780. The church office at office.fpcjc@gmail.com or 785-238-1191.

Volunteers are always needed to help. If you are willing to work in any way, please sign on the signup sheets on the bulletin board across from room 206.

Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024

Pickup time: 10:30 am – 11:30 am
(inside the church-enter rear door)

Deliveries will begin at 10:30 am and continue until complete

Dine-in time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

***(pickup/delivery only for those who have reserved a meal)**

First Presbyterian Church

BIBLE STUDY

NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22 &
DECEMBER 6, 13

NOON - 1:00PM

113 W. 5th St.
Junction City, KS



Sign up
today!

Bring a lunch and discover how to move on and make peace

LYSA TERKEURST
#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *Uninvited*

#1 New York Times Bestseller

FORGIVING WHAT YOU CAN'T FORGET

DISCOVER HOW TO MOVE ON, MAKE PEACE
WITH PAINFUL MEMORIES, AND CREATE A LIFE
THAT'S BEAUTIFUL AGAIN

With
ASHLEY KING