

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Church services will continue to be streamed on our Facebook page [First Presbyterian Church, Junction City](#) Sunday morning at 10:45 am. We will also post a link after the service is done for you to watch on other venues should you not have Facebook.

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

If you have information you would like in the **December newsletter** please let the church office know by Wednesday, November 18th. You may also email your information to office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

We would like to thank all those who are helping make our service possible each week. Pastor Tim Maguffee, Amanda Rolfs, Joe and Sheila Markley and our organists, Anne Otte and Matthew Meals.

Thank you to the Chancel Choir for providing our Special Music this morning. The recording is from 2004 and features soloists Emily Markley, Kate Shannon and Rick Munson.

Bible studies have resumed. Seeking Sisters meet on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm via zoom. Adult Sunday School is being led by Joe Markley at 9:30 am. Noon bible study meets Wednesdays at 12:30 pm both in person and via zoom. Masks will be required for all in-person classes.

We are so excited for J.A.M to have resumed! We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30pm-7:15pm, downstairs in the Education Wing (please wear your mask). There will be a fun lesson/activity to go along with what we are learning about that week in Sunday School. It is also a great time to connect and build friendships with one another, so bring your friends! We cannot wait to see you all there!!

Christmas is coming! Poinsettias are available for purchase for \$10 a plant. Forms can be found in the bulletin and in the narthex on the table.

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.

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.

(A) Ordinary 32
2020 Stewardship Campaign

November 8, 2020



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, merciful God. So often we say that we choose you, but our actions do not match our words. Our choices reflect our priorities; we continually choose work, sports, sleeping in and any number of activities and idols over you. We send mixed messages to our children about our faith, and we fail to instruct them in your ways and your law. Help us to be faithful. Turn our hearts to your Word. Keep our feet on the path you have set. We yearn to serve and obey you. Hear the prayers of our hearts. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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 (Instrumental - #444)

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

I invite you to share words of peace and greet one-another in Christ's name.
(Please remember some of your church family and friends may not feel safe with close proximity or physical contact. Please maintain safe social distance (6-feet) as we greet one-another in Christ's name)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP *Live Courageously* John Strain & Janet Parrish

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Blanket Sunday* Annette Ray

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Eternal God, you are our hope and our salvation, for in Jesus Christ you have conquered death. Baptized in him, we are raised to new life. Increase in us our

faith and keep us watchful, that we may welcome Christ with joy when he comes to set the whole world free. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 78:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Blessed, How Beautiful by Nygard

Soloists: Emily Markley, Kate Shannon and Rick Munson, 2004 Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Eternal God, hear our prayer."

Interlude (Instrumental - #726)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Boxes have been placed at the sanctuary doors for your pledges, gifts and other offerings. When the worship service concludes you may place your offering in one of these boxes as you leave the sanctuary. Gifts/pledges may also be sent to First Presbyterian Church by mail or through the "Giving" link on our website: <https://www.fpcjc.com/giving>

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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



- **Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"**
- **Lisa Nabus & family**
- **The Workman family**
- **Rob Edleston's mother Charlotte**
- **Our Teachers, Staff and Students**

Welcome to our Worship Service – please read on ...

To ensure church family members and friends feel as safe as possible, please wear a mask covering your mouth and nose, unless you are physically unable to do so. We also ask that you follow guidelines for maintaining safe social distance (6 feet) from your pew neighbors during the worship service – of course, families may sit together.

The first 4 rows of pews on the East side of the sanctuary are reserved to provide “safe” space for the person who is “streaming” our service ... and between singers, musicians and the congregation. Worship leaders will wear masks *except* when leading from the chancel or the floor directly in front of the chancel.

Following CDC and others’ guidance there will be no hymn-singing or congregational responses, until it is “safe.” Unfortunately, that may be quite some time! However, solo and small combos of vocalists will occasionally perform, along with a variety of instrumentalists. We’ll try to be creative.

At the conclusion of the worship service, please wait for the ushers to dismiss your row. Worship bulletins, communion ware or other personal items or trash should not be left in the pews. Ushers will collect used communion cups and trash as you leave your pew; deposit worship bulletins and other trash in appropriate collection cans after you leave the sanctuary. Also, please *do not* gather in the Narthex (outside sanctuary), hallways or other room, but make way for others to safely exit the building.

Families with young children who cannot wear a mask are encouraged to sit in the Parlor area, which will be open into the sanctuary. We will continue to assess and balance our need for nursery services with concerns for the safety of our staff.

These guidelines have been approved by your Session. Please follow these guidelines and help us ensure those who attend will feel comfortable and *safe*.

The Deacons are once again taking on the project of providing Hygiene Kits for students in need in USD 475. These much-needed kits can contain:

Shampoo/Conditioner-for all types of hair

Body Soap

Deodorant

Laundry Detergent

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

Combs/hair brushes-for all types of hair

Underwear-for boys and girls/all ages

The Hygiene Kit items will be packaged in a beautifully crafted homemade fabric bag that allows for discretion as they take these kits home.

Deacons will be gratefully accepting contributions through November 15th. Donations can be deposited in the Narthex in the Hygiene Kit Tote. If you are unsure about what to purchase, we are happy to receive donations (cash/check) and will make the purchases ourselves.

First Presbyterian Church congregation is always quick to help when there is a need. Children of our community need your help. Thank you for your generosity.

Questions? Call Janet Parrish 785.226-0239



THIS SUNDAY WILL BE "BLANKET SUNDAY" AND WE WILL BE ASKING FOR DONATIONS. AS WE'VE SAID FOR YEARS, IT ISN'T JUST ABOUT BLANKETS ANYMORE. AND THIS YEAR, IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19, CWS IS DISTRIBUTING HYGIENE KITS, CONTAINING SOAP, TOWELS, COMBS, TOOTHBRUSHES AND MORE, FOR \$15.

YOU WILL HEAR MORE ABOUT CWS'S COVID-19 RESPONSE DURING OUR CHURCH SERVICE THIS SUNDAY.



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 Sunday, December 6th. Checks should be made out to: First Presbyterian Church and noted "Poinsettias"

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday December 20th for the 10:45 service, and for the Christmas Eve service, Thursday, December 24th.

Memorials and other expressions will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 20th.

Please pick up your Poinsettia following worship service 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)

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