**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #192**

 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** #748

 **Go with us, Lord, and guide the way**

**through this and every coming day,**

**that in Your Spirit strong and true**

**our lives may be our gift to You.**

**POSTLUDE** *This Little Light of Mine…*John Behnke

**\*People stand as they are able.**

**Children are welcome in worship.** We welcome all children and youth to stay during the worship service and experience God. If you need your young child to go to the nursery, our caretakers are ready to receive them. Children in grades K-5 are welcome to attend Children’s Worship in room 207 following the “Time for Children and Youth”.

**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) Transfiguration of the Lord February 23, 2020**

**PRELUDE** *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown…*Dale Wood
 *With the Saints in Glory Shining*…Edward Broughton

# **GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT** *Tower Ringing*

Intergenerational Handbell Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In a dark room, we seek the light of a lamp.

**People: In the dark of night, we await the light of dawn.**

Leader: When the moon disappears, we watch for the morning star.

**People: We seek, we await, we watch for the risen and glorified Christ.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless passions. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.** (silent prayers of confession)

**\*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***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.**

**\*THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR CHRISIAN EDUCATION** Amanda Rolfs

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

**Keep us, O God, from preoccupation with our sacred history, and from the tendency to build holy places, beliefs, and traditions that would delay us from going on to other encounters with you in places of human need. Reveal your glory to us in quiet places of meditation and in the noisy places of our daily lives. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**  *Exodus 24:12-18*

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* by Fettke

**TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**SECOND LESSON** *Matthew 17:1-9*

**SERMON** “Blinded By the Light”

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN #190** *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In concern for justice in the social order**

 **God has never forgotten the needs of individuals.**

**In the end the Lord will judge all persons**

 **by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness**

 **they did or failed to do**

 **for the least of their sisters and brothers.**

**We acknowledge God is at work here and now**

 **when people show personal concern for each other**

 **and work to make helping agencies,**

 **including the Church itself,**

 **more compassionate.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us**

 **personal lives that are centered in God**

 **and open to God’s reality and rule.**

**Life in God’s presence issues in life for others;**

 **for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,**

 **we cannot love God whom we do not see. Amen.**

 from A Declaration of Faith

 (P.C.U.S. 1977)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (sung)

**Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline thine ear to us; And grant us thy peace. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Deep River...*Marianne Kim

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Offertory Response, Hymn #607)

**Thanks to those who have assisted** in all the parts and pieces of this morning’s worship:

**Pastor:** Tim Maguffee

**Worship Leader:** Sandy Wong

**Chancel Choir Director:** Joe Markley

**Music Coordinator:** Sheila Markley

**Organist:** Anne Otte

**Head Usher:** Eldon & Sue Steinfort

**Acolytes:** Cameron & Teyah Workman

**Video preparer/Operators:** Randy &Colleen Smith

**Key Deacon for Mar. transportation**:Pete Young(785-492-9323)

**Elder on call** for the week of Feb. 23rdis Vernon Bohn (785-238-3857)

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Carolyn Zumbrunn.

**The Flowers in the Sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of WW2 Naval Lt. Dean R. Cassity on the advent of his 100th birthday. Loving husband, father, friend, son, and humble servant of God by his children Erin Lea and Arthur DeWitt Cassity.

**There will be no Acolytes next week due to communion being served.**  If you are able to help on any of the upcoming weeks please sign your children up, and remember to put your child’s first and last name as they will be listed in the bulletin. Please contact Lisa Nabus, Acolyte Coordinator with any questions.

**Library notes—**We have added some new titles to the library window: Help, Lord! I’m Having a Senior Moment; A Love That Lasts; Getting’ Old Ain’t for Wimps; and You’re Already Amazing.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study-** Our Easter study will be The Women of Easter by Liz Curtis Higgs.  Please get your own copy of the book.  Dates will be March 4th, 18th, 25th, April 1st and 8th.  Please call or message Jenna Langvardt with any questions!

**There is a signup sheet** on the bulletin board for head ushers for 2020.  Please feel free to add your name to the list.

**Mark your Calendars! Ash Wednesday February 26th.** Plan to join us in the dining room at 6:15 pm for a light meal prior to the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

**Thursday evening Bible Study** will continue with our Study of Christine Caine called 20/20, seeing people how God sees them.  We will meet February 27th, March 26th, April 30th and May 28th.  Studies are held at the home of members. Please call or message Jenna Langvardt with any questions!

**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.

**The New 2020 Flower Calendar** is posted in the hall by the church office. There are still plenty of Sundays available for you to sign up on the calendar. If you have any questions you may call Vannessa Osbourn at 238-8809. Thank you.

**For those that are interested, Session packets with committee minutes** are availableto view in the library. They are located in a binder next to the mailboxes. Please do not take the binder out of the library. Additionally, the most current Session minutes are posted on the bulletin board after they are approved by session.

If you have anything you would like to have put into the **April** newsletter please email the information to the church office no later than March 20th, 2020. Our email address is office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

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 information to office.fpcjc@gmail.com.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday**

8:30 am Glory Ringers Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am Confirmation Class

9:30 am Sunday School (Ages 4yo to Adult)

10:45 am Worship, child care available

 3:00 pm Boy Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet

 **Monday**

 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

 **Wednesday**

12:30 pm Bible Study

 6:00 pm Recovery Harbor

 6:15 pm Ash Wednesday Meal

 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

 8:00 pm AA Meeting

 **Thursday**

2:00 pm PNK Meeting

5:00 pm Weight Watchers

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