

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.

(B) Lent 4

March 14, 2021



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1-3

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that our experiences of suffering lead us to doubt your promise and power. In the depth of our darkness, we do not see your Light. In our isolation we do not feel your nearness. Forgive us, God. For you gave up your own Son for us, and never promised a world without suffering, but that you would bear us through it. Release us from all bitterness and doubt, and renew us in your merciful Spirit. 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 - #445)

THE PEACE

As those who have been forgiven, let us forgive our brothers and sisters.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

*One Great Hour of Sharing
The Blessings Box*

Jenna Langvardt

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

What Wondrous Love is This?
Rick Munson, soloist

SECOND LESSON

John 3:14-21

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
the promises of God were kept.
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.**

**But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is the ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.**

**In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

from, A Declaration of Faith
(P.C.U.S. 1977)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Interlude (Instrumental - #749)

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 DEDICATION & THANKSGIVING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Ephesians 2:7

POSTLUDE

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 at your convenience.

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 anything you would like to have put into the **April** newsletter please email the information to the church office no later than March 19th, 2021. Our email address is 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 Rick Munson for providing our Special Music this morning.

Bible studies- Seeking Sisters meet on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm via zoom. Noon bible study meets Wednesdays at 12:30 pm via zoom.

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 flowers today are to the glory of God and in thanks to everyone who helps with the services online from Sandy and Vic Wong.

The 2021 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.

Reminder-the Easter Egg Hunt for our youth will be held at the Heldstab's next Sunday, March 21st, at 1:00 pm.

The Deacons are starting to collect Hygiene kit items from March 14th until April 25th. The box is in the Narthex. Items needed are:

Comb

Brush

Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

Body Wash

Underwear

Toothbrush and Toothpaste



- Our members and friends who are living in nursing home, assisted living or are partially or fully "home-bound"
- Lisa Nabus & family
- Connie Newcomb's son Frank
- Pastor Tim's brother Gary
- Glenna McCaleb
- Stan Gauntt
- Roger Lawson
- Tim Avery and family
- Our Teachers, Staff and Students

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



Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase an Easter flower,
please complete this form and **return it to the
church office by Sunday, March 28, 2021**

Cost of Flowers is \$12.00

Memorials and other expressions will be printed
in the bulletin on
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

**Please pick up your Easter flowers
following worship service Easter Sunday.**

**Any flowers not picked up will be distributed
as the church deems best.**

Name: _____

Number of flower(s) ordering _____

BULLETIN INSCRIPTION

(Name(s) given in memory of or in honor of)

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____
