

Welcome to



Sunday, December 4th, 2022

Second Sunday in Advent

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12



Indicates to rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Aaron Wolz, Viola Solo

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Lisa Schoonover

OPENING SONG

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

A voice cries out in the wilderness.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

God has promised us a new creation

where righteousness will be at home.

Blessed is the Holy One our God,

who has sent a mighty Savior to redeem us.

PRAISE SONG

"Shout to the Lord"

Praise Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY **BCW 177**

Liturgist

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised, in days to come
the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,
and a little child shall lead them.



CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

A voice is crying out in the wilderness:
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgement.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world.



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Lisa Schoonover

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom.
The people of God will return with joy and singing.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)"

Chord progression for the first system: Eb, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Cm7.

Chord progression for the second system: Bb, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb.

Chord progression for the third system: Eb, Bb7, Eb, Bb7, Eb.



PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Lisa Schoonover

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM

JCPC Adult Choir

"Children, Go Where I Send Thee"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lisa Schoonover

Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Matthew 3:1-12 (NIV)

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"^[a]

⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with^[b] water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with^[c] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

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Psalms 72:1-7 (NIV)

Of Solomon.

¹Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.

²May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.

³May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

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- ⁴ May he defend the afflicted among the people
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he endure^[a] as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain falling on a mown field,
like showers watering the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

SERMON

Lisa Schoonover

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#124: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Kim Van Buren

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Lisa Schoonover

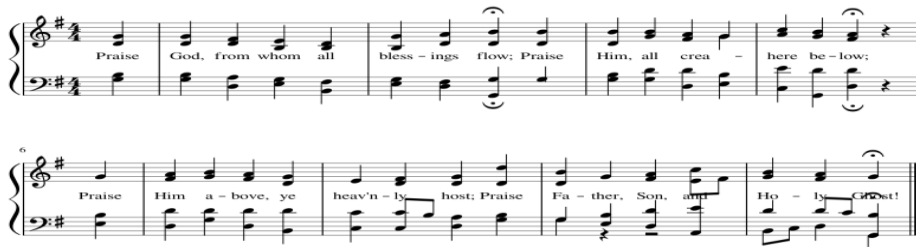
Let us magnify the Lord, rejoicing in the one
who scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly,
and fills the hungry with good things.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

May your Spirit of generosity rest upon us, Caring God, so that our giving does not end here, but only begins to flow forth in a baptism of hope, of grace, of healing, and of peace to all around us, as well as those we may never meet. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

✠ DOXOLOGY



HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Matt Miller

Hallelujah! The Lord our God the Almighty reigns!
Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory,
for the marriage of the lamb has come.

**Blessed are those who are invited
to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

SONG OF PREPARATION

#322: "In Remembrance"

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING **BCW 170**

Lisa Schoonover

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Lisa Schoonover

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **BCW 174**

Lisa Schoonover

CLOSING SONG

"Shine On Us"

Praise Team



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Lisa Schoonover

May the God of hope
fill you with joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord!
Thanks be to God.



Indicates to rise in body or in spirit

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay	Allison Van Buren
Kathy Doty	Koda Hook
Elva Holder	Mary Smith
Rev. Dr. John R. Shear	Bob Messersmith
Kinquist Family	

Members in a Care Facility

Arlene Walters

Friends of Our JCPC Family

Junia Thompson and Family- Missionaries in Indonesia
Randy Gross- C. Lay brother
Denise Kinquist- S. Kinquist sister
Friend of Heather Wolz
Carole Greer- Barclay's neice
Lois Smith- Myers neighbor
Mark Kesner, K. Doty's cousin
Melanie Williams-Harvey, R. Kinquist sister
Charles Barnes, S. Tyler's son-in-law
Amelia Sanchez, S. Tyler's great granddaughter
Kelly Koch, H. Wolz' uncle
Bill Gross & Marie, C. Lay's father & stepmother
Lola- H. Wolz niece
Helen Mustell- S. Tyler sister
Stephanie Rothe- K. Van Buren friend
Mark Krogmeier- Jennifer Hardy's father
Sheri Levy and Sam Aday- Lisa Schoonover's friends

*For prayer requests and updates,
please contact Marion Elliot at (314) 739-5372
or email office@jcpchurch.org*



Community Gospel Choir will present a selection of traditional Christmas spirituals and contemporary Gospel Christmas favorites sung by more than 60 glorious voices.

Special guests: The worship teams from BridgeWay Church and Iglesia Comunidad De Fe.

**SUNDAY
DEC. 4
4 PM**

**BridgeWay Church
Assembly of God
11950 Mark Twain Ln.
Bridgeton, MO 63044**

This concert is free.
A free-will offering will
be taken.

*Community
Gospel
Choir* of St. Louis
www.communitygospelchoir.org

its a **GOLDTIMERS**
christmas

Friday, December 9th | 11:30 AM

Sports Cafe
3579 Pennridge Drive
Bridgeton, MO, 63044

Sign-up sheet in Welcome Area.
Please bring a wrapped gift valued between \$20 and \$25.



CAROLING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

WITH

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



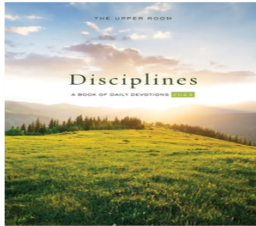
*Caroling led by Shirley Kaczmarshi
Words/music will be provided.*

Join the JCPC Mission Committee after worship on Sunday, December 11th for a time of caroling and gift giving at Room at the Inn and the Bridgeton Life Care Center!

We are asking for donations of \$15 Walmart Gift Cards that can be handed out to each resident at Room at the Inn during our time of caroling.

Donations can be given to Amy Brixey, Rosalea Vogler, Jane Jackson, or Bob Messersmith.

We look forward to having your voice join in our holiday caroling!



Living the Lectionary

Wednesday nights | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Join us for an engaging Bible study that will focus on the weekly lectionary texts in conjunction with the Upper Room

Disciplines 2023

We hope you will join us for this weekly Bible study beginning Wednesday, January 11th.

Community Helping Current Needs Ministry



Jelly
Peanut Butter
Canned Veggies
Rice and rice mixes
Tuna/Hamburger Helper/Dinner Mixes
Pasta Sauces

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24th | 11:00 PM

Join us on Christmas Eve for an evening of fellowship, carols and lessons, and candle lighting as we await the arrival of the promised Messiah.
All are welcome to join us!



Please submit announcements by Tuesday at 5:30 PM to jpcovd@gmail.com

CHURCH CALENDAR and BIRTHDAYS

December 2022

December 4th - December 11th

Sunday, December 4th

9:00 AM- Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM- Worship

12:00 PM- Dessert Auction

Monday, December 5th

7:00 PM- Boy Scouts Troop 766

Tuesday, December 6th

Wednesday, December 7th

Thursday, December 8th

Friday, December 9th

11:30 AM- Goldtimers Christmas Gathering

Saturday, December 10th

Sunday, December 11th

9:00 AM- Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM- Worship

12:00 PM- Caroling at Room at the Inn and Life Care Center

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

December Birthdays:

Wayne Myers	12/06
Allison Van Buren	12/06
Randy Clark	12/14
Jennifer Hardy	12/17
Lonnie Schoonover	12/19
Lisa Schoonover	12/19
Lisa Moore	12/23
Herm Heberer	12/27
Elva Holder	12/30

Welcome to John Calvin Presbyterian Church

We are so glad you are here!

- Please feel free to stop by our welcome area and get a nametag if you do not already have one.
- Our worship and communion services are open to all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your time with us more welcoming and comfortable.
- Please see any of our greeters or ushers if you have any accessibility needs/requests.
- **Restrooms** are located across the hall from the sanctuary entrance as well as in the fellowship area. Please see an usher if you need directions.
- Please feel free to join us for fellowship time following worship!

For more information on John Calvin Presbyterian Church, please visit JCPChurch.org!

Do you have a passion to serve?

We are always in need of members and volunteers to help serve in various ways at John Calvin Presbyterian Church! If you feel called to serve, please contact the church office, or see any of the worship stewards, and we will be happy to connect you with the appropriate team!

**"There is one body, but many parts. But all parts make up one body.
So it is with Christ."
-1 Corinthians 12:12-**

Thank you for your consideration!