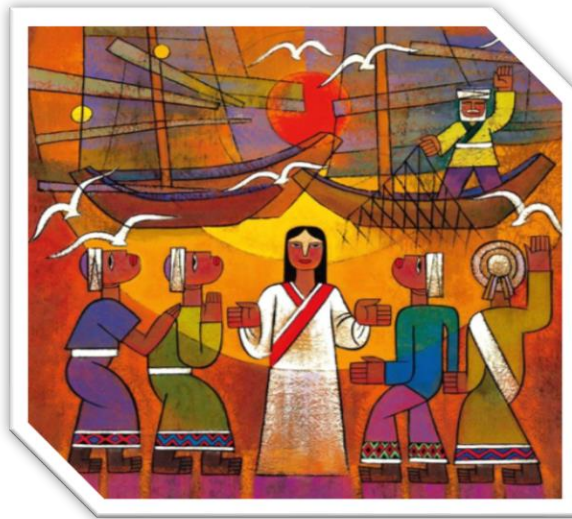


Welcome to

# John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany- Year A**

**Lectionary Readings:** Isaiah 9: 1-4 | Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 | 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 | Matthew 4:12-23

*Welcome- we are so glad you are here!*

# Gathering for God's Word

## PRELUDE

Aaron Wolz

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Lisa Schoonover

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We proclaim the message of the cross:

**this is the wisdom and power of God.**

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

**Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.**

Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

**May the word of God be fulfilled among us.**

## OPENING SONG

Praise Team

“Hear Our Praises”

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Almighty God,

by grace alone you call us

and accept us in your service.

Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **PRAISE SONG**

Praise Team

“Draw Me Close”



## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God:  
yet we are justified by the gift of God’s grace  
through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.



## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful and loving God,**

**grant us the courage to choose love in the face of fear.**

**Open our eyes to all the ways that you are present with us throughout our daily lives.**

**Help us to see your work and spirit in all things- throughout all of creation.**

**Grant us a spirit of giving, that opens our hearts and leads us to use the gifts you have granted to spread your mercy and compassion amid the chaos of this world.**

**Grant us wisdom and continued vigilance in a world which seeks to pull our attention and hearts away from you.**

**Allow us to go into the world, and spread the good news of your love, your mercy, and your healing grace.**

**Through your holy name, which is above all other names, we pray. Amen.**

✠ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVINESS**

Lisa Schoonover

Do not fear, says the Lord,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!  
By the grace of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)”

✠ **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**

Adult Choir

“Good, Good, Father”

**Proclaiming God’s Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,  
and prepare our hearts to accept your word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own,  
that hearing, we may also obey your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Matthew 4:12-23 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— <sup>14</sup> to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,  
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people living in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of the shadow of death  
a light has dawned.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. (*con't*)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Lisa Schoonover

Psalm 27:1, 4-9 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask from the LORD,  
this only do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD  
and to seek him in his temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble  
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Then my head will be exalted  
above the enemies who surround me;  
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice when I call, LORD;  
be merciful to me and answer me. (*con't*)

<sup>8</sup> My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

Your face, LORD, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger;

you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,

God my Savior.

## **SERMON**

Lisa Schoonover

## **Responding to God’s Word**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lisa Schoonover

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#354: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”



## **INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING**

Liturgist

Every generous act of giving  
is itself a gift from God above.  
Let us offer our lives and gifts to the Lord.

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

## **DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING**

Use our gifts, Loving God,  
so others might not be scared by life;  
so they may be sheltered in the blanket of your grace;  
so they might find a home with us as their family.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **Sending**

## **CLOSING SONG**

“Marvelous Light”

 **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**


Lisa Schoonover

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

**Alleluia!**

Be watchful,  
stand firm in your faith  
be courageous and strong.  
Let all that you do be done in love.

**Thanks be to God!**

 *Indicates to rise in body or in spirit*

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# JCPC Prayer List

## JCPC Family

**Cindy Lay**  
**Kathy Doty**  
**Elva Holder**

**Mary Smith**  
**Rev. Dr. John R. Shear**  
**Bob Messersmith**

**Kelley Maerz**  
**Kinquist Family**  
**Heather Wolz**

## 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 niece

**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

**John**- Lisa Schoonover's brother

**Kelly Koch**, H. Wolz' uncle

**Marie Gross**, C. Lay's stepmother

**Lola**- H. Wolz niece

**Mark Krogmeier**- Jennifer Hardy's father

**Rob Hanson**- Barb Hanson's son

**Bea Albers**- Lisa Schoonover's friend

**Arlene Turner**- Mary Myers' aunt

**Schaffer family**

**Chad Greller**- friend of Ken and Mary Myers

**Laura Barnum**- niece of Charles and Susan Barnum

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

**Allison Van Buren**- released from doctor's care and continues to improve

**Stephanie Rothe**- K. Van Buren friend

*For prayer requests and updates,*

*please contact Marion Elliot at (314) 739-5372*

*or email office@jcpchurch.org*

## 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](http://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!