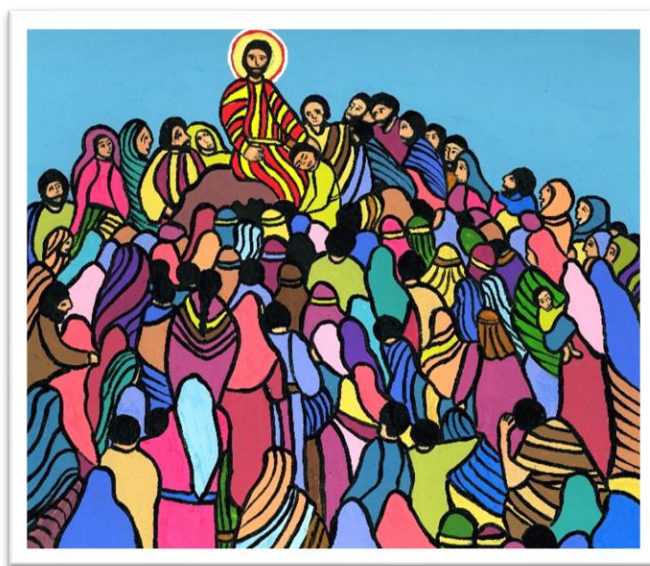


Welcome to

# John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany- Year A**

**Lectionary Readings:** Micah 6:1-8 | Psalm 15 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | Matthew 5:1-12

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

# Gathering for God's Word

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Matt Miller

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

What does the Holy One require of us?

**To be just, kind, and humble before God.**

Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

**Great are the works of the Lord.**

Now faith, hope, and love abide:

**and the greatest of these is love.**

## OPENING SONG

Praise Team

“Blessed Be Your Name”

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Holy God,

you confound the world's wisdom

in giving your kingdom to the lowly

and the pure in heart.

Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice

and perseverance in striving for peace,  
that by our words and deeds  
the world may see the promise of your kingdom,  
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## **PRAISE SONG**

Praise Team

“Here I Am to Worship”



## **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**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves,  
and apart from you.  
We have turned from our neighbors,  
and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
We have ignored the pain of the world,  
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins  
and free us from selfishness,  
that we may choose your will  
and obey your commandments;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

✠ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Matt Miller

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**

#259: "Breathe on, Breath of God"

✠ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Matt Miller

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.**

**Proclaiming God's Word**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

Guide us, O God,  
by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom,  
and in your will discover peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm 15 (NIV)

**A psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

<sup>2</sup> The one whose walk is blameless,

who does what is righteous,

who speaks the truth from their heart;

<sup>3</sup> whose tongue utters no slander,

who does no wrong to a neighbor,

and casts no slur on others;

<sup>4</sup> who despises a vile person

but honors those who fear the LORD;

who keeps an oath even when it hurts,

and does not change their mind;

<sup>5</sup> who lends money to the poor without interest;

who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things

will never be shaken.

Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

**5** Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

**The Beatitudes**

He said:

**3** “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**4** Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

**5** Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

**6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

**7** Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

**8** Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

**9** Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

**10** Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**11** “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great

is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**SERMON**

Matt Miller

## **Responding to God's Word**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Matt Miller

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“God of the Sparrow” (music in back of bulletin)



## **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**

## **PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING**

Matt Miller

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **Sending**

## **CLOSING SONG**

“I Give You My Heart”

✠ **CHARGE**

God has shown you what is good.  
What does the Lord require of you?  
**To do justice, to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

✠ **BENEDICTION**

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✠ *Indicates to rise in body or in spirit*

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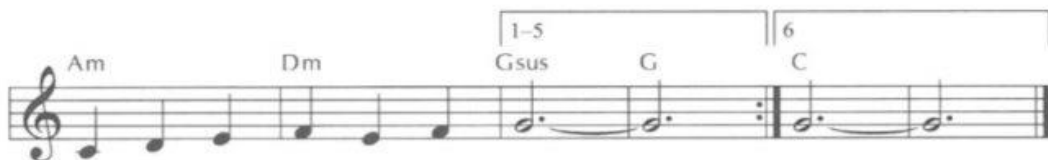
## 22 God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

# 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 Grellner**- 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*

## 2022 Giving Statements

**Now Available!**

Annual Giving Statements for the 2022 fiscal year are now available in the welcome area.

*Questions about your giving statement?*

**Contact:**

Kim Van Buren | Recording Secretary  
(kimavb@gmail.com)



### Stated Presbytery Gathering

Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

3:30 – 6:30 PM

### Called Presbytery Gathering

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## Committee Reports for 2022 Annual Report

**Submitted by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Please submit committee and group reports for the 2022 Annual Report to the church office ([jcpcovd@gmail.com](mailto:jcpcovd@gmail.com)) or Clerk of Session, Mary Myers ([marymyers65@aol.com](mailto:marymyers65@aol.com)) **no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**. Thank you!



## BOARD GAME SUNDAY!

First Sunday | 11:45 AM

Join us on the first Sunday of every month after worship for a time of fellowship and fun!

Bring your favorite game to share with others, or feel free to show up and play a variety of games.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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# Valentine's Day Flower Delivery



We are looking for donations and volunteers to help in delivering flowers for the Valentine's Day holiday to our members who are unable to join us in person- we want them to know we care about them and love them.

There is a sign-up sheet available in the welcome area if you are interested in helping with this effort. Please feel free to contact Amy, Brixey, Rachelle Calvin, Lisa Moore, Doug Peterman, or the church office if you have any questions!

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## *John Calvin Presbyterian Church*

### *2023 Annual Meeting*

*Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30 AM*

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#### **Welcome Sarah Gregor!**

We welcome Sarah Gregor, who is joining us this week to discuss opportunities to support Ukrainian refugees during our fellowship time following worship!

Please join us after worship for this moment for mission.

#### **February Birthdays**

<b>Tara Barnum</b>	02/01
<b>Angela Cook</b>	02/01
<b>Paul Doty</b>	02/06
<b>Griffin Brixey</b>	02/13
<b>Charles Barnum</b>	02/14
<b>Dennis Calvin</b>	02/16
<b>John Fitterling</b>	02/25

## February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			11:00 am <sup>1</sup> ROMEOS 6:00 pm Living the Lectionary   Bible Study	6:15 pm Adult <sup>2</sup> Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		9:30 am <sup>4</sup> Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering
9:00 am Movie <sup>5</sup> Discussion Group 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:15 am Worship Committee Meeting 11:45 am Board Game Sunday!	7:00 pm Boy <sup>6</sup> Scouts of America   Troop 766		11:00 am <sup>8</sup> ROMEOS 6:00 pm Living the Lectionary   Bible Study	6:15 pm Adult <sup>9</sup> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	11:30 am <sup>10</sup> GOLDtimers at Cooper's Hawk Winery	
9:00 am Movie <sup>12</sup> Discussion Group 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship	7:00 pm Boy <sup>13</sup> Scouts of America   Troop 766		11:00 am <sup>15</sup> ROMEOS 6:00 pm Living the Lectionary   Bible Study	6:15 pm Adult <sup>16</sup> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	10:00 am <sup>17</sup> Member/Outreach Committee Meeting	
9:00 am Movie <sup>19</sup> Discussion Group 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:30 am 2023 Annual Meeting 12:30 pm February Session Meeting	7:00 pm Boy <sup>20</sup> Scouts of America   Troop 766		11:00 am <sup>22</sup> ROMEOS 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	6:15 pm Adult <sup>23</sup> Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
9:00 am Movie <sup>26</sup> Discussion Group 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship	7:00 pm Boy <sup>27</sup> Scouts of America   Troop 766					

Please send calendar additions and updates to Matt Miller at [jpcovd@gmail.com](mailto:jpcovd@gmail.com).

## 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!