

Welcome to

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, January 15th, 2023 | 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-7 | Psalm 40: 1-11 | 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 | John 1: 29-42

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Shirley Kaczmarski

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Matt Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kara Myers, Liturgist

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory.

To all who received him,

he gave power to become children of God.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

“Be Thou My Vision”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Kara Myers, Liturgist

Eternal God,

your Son, Jesus Christ,

now exalted as Lord of all,

pours out his gifts on the church.

Grant us that unity which your Spirit gives, (*con't*)

keep us in the bond of peace,
and bring all creation to worship before your throne;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

Praise Team

“God Will Make a Way”



CALL TO CONFESSION

Kara Myers, Liturgist

We have all sinned, not one of us is clean;
but there is mercy for those
who call on the name of the Lord.

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



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
we thank you for bringing your light into our dark world.
Your grace and unfailing love
continue to capture us day after day. (con’t)**

**Though at times we turn our gifts inward towards
spiritual or social edification,
help us to share our blessings with those
who are less fortunate than us.
Help us to go into the world and reflect
your compassion,
your generosity,
and your forgiveness.
Help us to use our gifts and knowledge
to honor your creation
and to build a more equitable and just world.
Open our eyes to your presence among us
and guide our hearts
so we continue to shine your light in the world. Amen.**

✠ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Matt Miller

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low:
Now the glory of the Lord is revealed,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

✠ **RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)”

✠ **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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Adult Choir

“Who Am I?”

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kara Myers, Liturgist

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

Kara Myers, Liturgist

Isaiah 49:1-7 (NIV)

The Servant of the LORD

49 Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³ He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am^[a] honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶ he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept. (*con't*)

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

⁷This is what the LORD says—
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,
to the servant of rulers:
“Kings will see you and stand up,
princes will see and bow down,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matt Miller

Psalm 40:1-11 (NIV)

Psalm 40^[a]

*For the director of music. Of
David. A psalm.*

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;
he turned to me and heard my
cry.
² He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to
stand.

³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the LORD
and put their trust in him.
⁴ Blessed is the one
who trusts in the LORD,
who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false
gods.^[b]
⁵ Many, LORD my God,
are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.
(con't)

None can compare with you;
were I to speak and tell of your
deeds,
they would be too many to
declare.
6 Sacrifice and offering you did not
desire—
but my ears you have
opened^[c]—
burnt offerings and sin
offerings^[d] you did not require.
7 Then I said, “Here I am, I have
come—
it is written about me in the
scroll.^[e]
8 I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart.”

9 I proclaim your saving acts in the
great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, LORD,
as you know.
10 I do not hide your righteousness
in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and
your saving help.
I do not conceal your love and
your faithfulness
from the great assembly.
11 Do not withhold your
mercy from me, LORD;
may your love and
faithfulness always protect me.

SERMON

Matt Miller

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Matt Miller

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#493: "It is Well with My Soul"

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Kara Myers, Liturgist

All things in heaven and earth belong to God,
Who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation.
Let us offer our lives and gifts to the Lord.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING

May these gifts we offer, God of new ways, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who live on the streets of despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

Sending

✠ CLOSING SONG

“All My Praise”

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Matt Miller

May the God of peace
and the power of the Spirit sustain you
so that you may abound in hope
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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
Kathy Doty
Mary Smith
Bob Messersmith
Kinquist Family

Allison Van Buren
Elva Holder
Rev. Dr. John R. Shear
Kelley Maerz
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 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

John- Lisa Schoonover's brother

Amelia Sanchez, S. Tyler's great granddaughter

Kelly Koch, H. Wolz' uncle

Marie Gross, C. Lay's stepmother

Lola- H. Wolz niece

Stephanie Rothe- K. Van Buren friend

Mark Krogmeier- Jennifer Hardy's father

Rob Hanson- Barb Hanson's son

Bea Albers- Lisa Schoonover's friend

Arlene Turner- Mary Myers' aunt

For prayer requests and updates,

please contact Marion Elliot at (314) 739-5372

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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!