

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, February 26th, 2023 | 1st Sunday in the Season of Lent- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 | Psalm 32 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Aaron Wolz

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Rev. Aline Russell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 51:10-12, 15

Griffin Brixey

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
All: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

OPENING SONG

“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

Praise Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Griffin Brixey

O Lord God,
you led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land.
So guide us,
that, following our Savior,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
toward the glory of the world to come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

“Create in Me”

Praise Team



CALL TO CONFESSION

Lisa Schoonover

Let us confess to God and before one another
our sins and especially our failure
to resist the temptation to shortcut our faith.



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess to you, O God,
and before one another
that we have sinned.
You have called us to live out your image in our lives
and you sent your Son to show us what that looks like.
And, yet, we fail so often.
We look for the easy way,
the quick way.
We don't want to put in the work of learning what it means
to be your image here on earth.
Forgive us and renew us in your Spirit
that we may be true disciples of your Christ.
Amen.**



AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVINESS

Rev. Aline Russell

God comes to us and offers us life
and the fullness of our humanity.
Even when we fail,
God loves us and always seek our good.

Receive God's grace and share God's love with others.

✠ **RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri”

✠ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Griffin Brixey

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

“Softly and Tenderly”

JCPC Adult Choir

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lisa Schoonover

As we listen to your word, we ask you, our living God,
to shower us with Your wisdom and knowledge.
We pray that as we listen to Your word,
we may have the ability to understand clearly
what You call us to know and to do.
We seek to live to fulfill Your purpose
so that we can see Your kingdom.
May your Holy Spirit open our eyes
and reveal to us Your glory.
In Christ’s name we pray, **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Lisa Schoonover

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (NIV)

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Griffin Brixey

Romans 5:12-19 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!
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¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL READING

Rev. Aline Russell

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

⁴ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

⁷ Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

SERMON

Rev. Aline Russell

“Morality or Righteousness?”

Confirmation of Griffin Brixey

PRESENTATION

Matt Miller

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Griffin Brixey

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
2. Who is your Lord and Savior?
3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
4. Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME



HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Here I Am Lord”

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Aline Russell

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jane Jackson

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Griffin Brixey

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

Rev. Aline Russell

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom. **Amen.**



DOXOLOGY

Sending



CLOSING SONG

“In Christ Alone”

Praise Team



CHARGE

Rev. Aline Russell



BENEDICTION

Rev. Aline Russell



Indicates to rise in body or in spirit

JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder
Brixey Family

Mary Smith
Rev. Dr. John R. Shear
Bob Messersmith
Charles Barnum

Kelley Maerz
Kinquist Family
Heather Wolz
Kara Myers

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

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

John- Lisa Schoonover's brother

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

Rick Kraft- Mark Miller friend

Kathie Sullivan- C. Lay friend

Prayers of Thanksgiving

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

Stephanie Rothe- K. Van Buren friend

New Member: Griffin Aarod Brixey

Sunday, February 26th, 2023



Griffin Aarod Brixey, 14 years of age, is currently completing 8th grade at Parkway Southwest Middle School. Griffin plays the viola in the 8th grade orchestra and is interested in science. He enjoys playing video games, watching *Parks and Recreation* and *The Office*, and spending time with friends. Griffin is known for his sardonic humor, good manners, excellent grades, and being an “old soul”! His mom, dad, and brother are very proud of his open heart and his unique personality.

JCPC welcomes Griffin as our newest member!

Living the Lectionary

March 1st

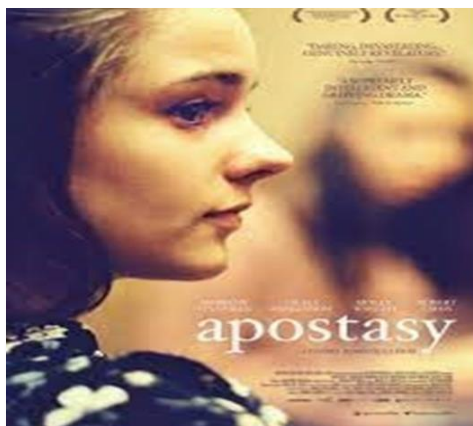
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

March 8th

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

March 22nd

6:00 PM - 7:30PM



JCPC Women's
Movie Discussion Group

presents

apostasy

February 12th – March 12th

We will watch and discuss the film, *Apostasy*, February 12th - March 12th on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. Women are invited to arrive at 9:00 AM for additional fellowship time before the movie starts!



Kingpin Lanes

12249 Natural Bridge Road
Bridgeton, MO, 63044

**Snack bar and BRICKHOUSE
PIZZA will be available!**

Bowling Sunday!

Sunday, March 5th | 12:00 PM

Join us after worship for
food, fun, fellowship, **PIZZA**
and **BOWLING!**



GOLDTIMERS

Friday, March 10th | 11:30 AM

Join our Goldtimers for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun! ALL AGES welcome!

We look forward to seeing you!

HELEN FITZGERALD'S
(A Sybergs Restaurant)

3650 S. Lindberg Ave
St. Louis, MO, 63124

Living the Lectinary ON TAP!

March 29th
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Bridgeton Sports Café
3579 Pennridge Drive
Bridgeton, MO, 63044

We will host our regular Bible study session at the Bridgeton Sports Cafe- only with added food and drinks! Feel free to invite your friends as we discuss the weekly lectionary texts- and maybe have a beer or two! We hope to see you there!

*Interested in joining us?
Please sign-up in the welcome area!*



First Annual Room at the Inn TOP GOLF FUNDRAISER

April 30th | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

\$500 Family Pack
(includes dinner and golf bay for six)

\$100 for individual
golf registrations with dinner

\$50 for individual dinner

**No golfing experience necessary!
Bring your family and friends to
support Room at the Inn!**

March Birthdays

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| Steve Dill | 03/02 |
| Stephen Hardy | 03/04 |
| Virginia Smith | 03/05 |
| Kim Van Buren | 03/06 |
| Katherine Groff | 03/11 |
| Heather Wolz | 03/15 |
| Rob Messersmith | 03/27 |
| Arlene Walters | 03/27 |
| Kathy Baker | 03/29 |
| Mark Miller | 03/29 |
| Roy Farley | 03/31 |

Get Involved this week!

Monday

7 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 766

Wednesday

6 PM | Living the Lectionary

Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

7 PM | Property Committee Meeting

Saturday

9:30 AM | Presbyterian Women

March 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 11:00 am ROMEOS 6:00 pm Living the Lectionary Bible Study | 1 6:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous | 2 3 9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering | 4 |
| 5 9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 am Bowling Sunday! | 6 7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 | 7 | 8 11:00 am ROMEOS 6:00 pm Living the Lectionary Bible Study | 9 6:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous | 10 11:30 am GOLDtimers at Helen Fitzgeralds | 11 |
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Please send calendar additions and updates to Matt Miller at 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!

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!