

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, March 12th, 2023 | 3rd Sunday in the Season of Lent- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 | Psalm 95 | Romans 5:1-11 | John 4:5-42

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Aaron Wolz

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Rick Kreitner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and a new mind.

I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

"Lord, I Need You"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Merciful God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

“God Will Make a Way”

Praise Team



CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses,
since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbor.



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

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**

Liturgist

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

"Just As I Am/Come Broken Medley"

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 your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Psalms 95 (NIV)

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
³ For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.
Today, if only you would hear his voice,
⁸ “Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
⁹ where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
¹⁰ For forty years I was angry with that generation;
I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they have not known my ways.’
¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger,
‘They shall never enter my rest.’”

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-42 (NIV)

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⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.^[a])

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet

a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

Many Samaritans Believe

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

SERMON

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jay Kanerva

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christi Tennyson,
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

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

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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

“How Great is Our God”

Praise Team



CHARGE

Rev. Jay Kanerva



BENEDICTION

Rev. Jay Kanerva



Indicates to rise in body or in spirit

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder
Brixey Family

Mary Smith
Bob Messersmith
Kelley Maerz
Kinquist Family

Heather Wolz
Kara Myers
Shear/Havis 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
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
Marie Gross, C. Lay's stepmother
John- Lisa Schoonover's brother

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
Jerry Hahn- V. Messersmith brother -in-law
Dr. Robert Miller- Mark Miller's father

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Allison Van Buren- released from doctor's care and continues to improve.
Stephanie Rothe- K. Van Buren friend

Upcoming Events

Passover Potluck

Wednesday, April 5th | 6-8 PM

Join us on Wednesday, April 5th starting at 6 PM as we recognize the Passover holiday with a shared meal. All are welcome to join us as we share a meal and hear scripture from the Exodus story. Matt Miller will be preparing a salad, cheesy chicken rotini, and unleavend bread- *but we invite you to bring your own dishes to share as well.* Please sign-up in the welcome area to indicate if you'll join us and what you will bring. We look forward to seeing you as we recognize the Passover holiday.

Good Friday

Remembrance Service

Friday, April 7th | Noon

JCPC will hold a Good Friday remembrance service on Friday, April 7th at noon. This service will feature a time for collective prayer, scripture reading, and reflection as the Holy Week comes to a close and we recognize Jesus' ultimate sacrifice. This service will be led by Commission Lay Pastor, Lisa Schoonover.

JCPC/CHM Open House

Saturday, April 29th

On Saturday, April 29th JCPC and CHM will host a combined Open House event for the community. We will be offering members of our community the opportunity to tour our facility, learn about our ministries, and have the opportunity to explore ways they can become involved with JCPC. We are looking for a variety of help with this event, and we are asking anyone who is available to help to join us in representing our community of faith!

Faith Formation

Living the Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM

We invite you to join us Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 PM for our Living the Lectionary Bible Study. Each week we will explore how the upcoming lectionary texts speak to our daily lives and experiences as a people of faith. There is no preparation work necessary, and all are welcome to come and explore how these texts apply throughout our lives. Each month, on the last Wednesday, we gather at a local restaurant (Bridgeton Sports Café) for our Living the Lectionary ON TAP evenings (sign-up sheet available in welcome area). We invite you to join us in whatever way you feel most comfortable.

Women's Movie Discussion Group Sunday Mornings | 9 AM

Join our Sunday morning women's movie discussion group as they watch and discuss the film *Apostasy*. From February 12th to March 12th we will discuss this film that focuses on a teenage girl's choice to leave her Amish community. Women are invited to arrive at 9 AM for a time of fellowship before we begin watching the film. We hope to see you soon!

Mission

Community Helping Ministry Update

Community Helping Ministry (CHM) has finalized their move into their leased space this past week, and are in the process of getting settled. Over the coming weeks, as we grow accustomed to this new partnership in ministry, we are grateful for your continued patience and commitment to this new ministry partnership. CHM is asking for financial contributions during the March and April months *as well as donations of cereal*. Financial contributions can be made via CHM mailbox in church office and food contributions can be made in the **welcome area**. Please do not leave donated food in warehouse area.

CHM Client Services Update

Contacts Made with Families: 91
Families Receiving Assistance in Office: 31
Individual Families receiving assistance: 88

We praise God for the continued work of CHM in our community, and are thankful to the members of JCPC who donated time, energy, and resources in aiding this effort.

Ukrainian Family Support

Many Ukrainian families who have resettled in St. Louis since the war has left them displaced met under the Arch on February 24th to show solidarity against the war and violence and to share memories and stories. For additional details, visit miniministry.com.

Worship at Life Care Center

Our outreach committee is looking for volunteers who may be interested in helping lead worship at the Bridgeton Life Care center. We are currently planning to hold a service each month at their facility as a ministry to those who call the Life Care Center home. We are looking for a variety of help, and if you are interested, please reach out to Amy Brixey (bisskut27@gmail.com).

Welcome Christi Tennyson

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

We welcome Christi Tennyson from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services to provide an update on their work in the community and share additional opportunities for ministry partnerships. Christi will provide a brief update during worship, and will also be present during fellowship time to provide additional details. Welcome, Christi!

Christi.Tennyson@pchas.org

Community

A Message from Griffin Brixey

Dear Church,
Thank you for the bible, it looks very high quality. I loved seeing everybody's socks, they were pretty *coolio*!

Sincerely,
Griffin A Brixey

Thanks to the generosity of the members at JCPC, Griffin was able to raise \$210 for the Foster Adoptive Care Coalition of St. Louis.

Sunday Morning Help Needed

We are looking for help with counting following Sunday morning worship and are looking for someone who can volunteer once or twice a month after worship. For additional details please contact Gil Elliott or the church office. Some computer experience requested.

Updated emails COMING SOON

In the coming weeks we will begin implementing new email addresses for church staff and personnel through a grant with Microsoft. These emails will feature an @JCPCChurch.org tag, and will allow for additional consistency and provide a more professional look for incoming and outgoing emails, and will also provide Office 365 access for JCPC planning and communication. Church email addresses for staff and personnel will be shared once they become available.

The Soda Machine IS BACK!!

A big thanks to Wayne Myers for restocking the soda machine and getting it back up and running! Cans of soda are now available for purchase for 75¢ in the warehouse area!

Don't Miss Out on our Weekly Update email!

Don't miss out on receiving our weekly update email each Friday. This email provides important updates regarding life at JCPC and links to sign up for a variety of opportunities. To sign up to receive this email, visit JCPChurch.org.

Please submit announcements and information for weekly bulletin and website to Matt Miller (jcpcovd@gmail.com) no later than by the Tuesday of the desired week.

Get Involved this week!

Monday

7 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 766

Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

March Birthdays

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			11:00 am ROMEOS 6:00 pm Living the Lectionary Bible Study	6:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering
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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!