

Welcome to

## John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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# PALM SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 | Palm Sunday- Year A**

**Lectionary Readings:** Matthew 21:1-11 | Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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

# Gathering for God's Word

## PRELUDE

Shirley Kaczmariski

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Lisa Schoonover

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you;

**triumphant and victorious is he,**

humble and riding on a donkey,

**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

## OPENING SONG

“Hear Our Praises”

Praise Team

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Everlasting God,  
in your tender love for the human race  
you sent your Son to take our nature,  
and to suffer death upon the cross.

In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will  
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## PRAISE SONG

“Agnus Dei”

Praise Team

## Proclaiming God’s Word

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Eternal God,  
whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:  
Quiet within us every voice but your own.  
Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ  
that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
we may receive grace to show Christ’s love  
in lives given to your service. **Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel say:  
“His love endures forever.”
- <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD  
through which the righteous may enter.
- <sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;
- <sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup> The LORD has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.
- <sup>25</sup> LORD, save us!  
LORD, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up<sup>[b]</sup> to the horns of the altar.  
<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

## **ANTHEM**

“Hail Jesus Medley”

JCPC Adult Choir

## **GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)

Lisa Schoonover

### **Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King**

<sup>21</sup> As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> “Say to Daughter Zion,  
‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna<sup>[b]</sup> to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>[c]</sup>

“Hosanna<sup>[d]</sup> in the highest heaven!”

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**SERMON**

Lisa Schoonover

## **Responding to God’s Word**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lisa Schoonover

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#173: “All Glory Laud and Honor”

**INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING**

Liturgist

What shall we offer for all God’s goodness to us?

**Let us lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING**

Lisa Schoonover

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**

**The Lord's Supper**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Liturgist

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,  
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Lisa Schoonover

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Lisa Schoonover

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God, our help and strength,  
you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food.  
Strengthen our faith,  
that through the death and resurrection of your Son  
we may be lead to salvation,  
for he is Lord now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending



### **CLOSING SONG**

“Revelation Song”

Praise Team



### **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

Lisa Schoonover

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you always. **Amen.**



***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

**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

**Lola**- H. Wolz niece

**John**- Lisa Schoonover's brother

**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 5<sup>th</sup> | 6-8 PM**

Join us on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 and Gospel and partake in communion. Matt Miller will be preparing a salad, mostaccioli, and unleavened 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 7<sup>th</sup> | Noon**

JCPC will hold a Good Friday remembrance service on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Easter Sunday at JCPC** **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Join us on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> for a continental breakfast prior to our worship service at 10:30 AM. Then, following worship, our Nurture and Member Care committee will be hosting an all ages egg hunt! We hope you will join us!



**CELEBRATE EASTER WITH JCPC**  
**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 - 10:15 Continental Breakfast

10:30 Worship Service

**All-Ages Egg Hunt**  
Immediately After Service

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT JCPC!**  
12120 Bridgeton Square Dr  
Bridgeton, MO 63044  
jpcchurch.org



*This year's Easter offering will go to support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance earthquake relief in Syria and Turkey.*

## JCPC/CHM Family Festival Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> JCPC and CHM will host a combined free Family Festival event for the community. 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!

*If you are interested in helping with this event, please sign up in the fellowship area or contact Amy Brixey or the church office.*



## **GOLD**timers at Hendels Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM

Join our Goldtimers group on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Hendels (599 Rue St. Denise, Florissant, MO, 63031) for a time of food and fellowship. All are invited to join! If you are interested in joining our Goldtimers at Hendels, please sign-up in the welcome area.

### 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 *Yentl* from April 16<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>. 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

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.

### 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](mailto:bisskut27@gmail.com)).

## Community

### 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.

### Game Sunday THIS SUNDAY! *Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>*

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!

### 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 @JCPChurch.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!!

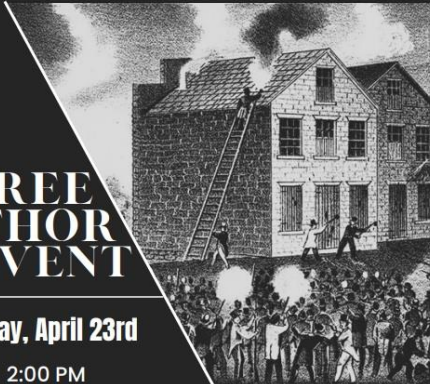
A big thanks to Wayne Myers for restocking the soda machine and getting it back up and running! Cans of soda are now available for purchase for 75¢ in the warehouse area!

## 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](http://JCPChurch.org).

## Presbytery Events and Information

FIRST TO FALL  
BY KEN ELLINGWOOD



**FREE  
AUTHOR  
EVENT**

Sunday, April 23rd  
2:00 PM

If slavery is America's original sin, then perhaps suppression of a free press is its second. Ellingwood's chronicle of the life of Elijah Lovejoy shows how both were intertwined on the Southern frontier of the 1830s. While a meticulously researched historical account, the story unfolds like a mystery. Despite knowing beforehand the fate that awaits Lovejoy, the reader is drawn in to the what-ifs and might-have-beens that may have kept him alive.

**FAITH DES PERES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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The Presidency of  
Giddings Lovejoy  
1830-1838

Brought to you by the History Work Group of the  
Presbytery & Faith DesPeres Presbyterian Church

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

## Get Involved this week!

### Monday

7 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 766

### Wednesday

6 PM | Passover Potluck and Communion

### Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

### Friday

12 PM | Good Friday Service with Communion

## April Birthdays

**Lori Calvin** 04/11

**Lorene DePauw** 04/13

**Melissa Dill** 04/14

**Kelly Maerz** 04/17

**Robin Kinkuist** 04/20

**Kara Myers** 04/21

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering 1
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 2 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 am Board Game Sunday!	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America   Troop 766 3		11:00 am ROMEOS 4 6:00 pm Passover Potluck Meal	6:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 5 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	12:00 pm Good Friday Service 6	
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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](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!