

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, April 30th, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Easter- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 23 | 1 Peter 2:19-25 | John 10:1-10

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Shirley Kaczmarski

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
Christ lays down his life for the sheep.
The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;
he will guide us to the water of life.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

“Let Everything that Has Breath”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Almighty God,
you sent Jesus, our good shepherd,
to gather us together.
May we not wander from his flock,
but follow wherever he leads us,
listening for his voice and staying near him,
until we are safely in your fold,
to live with you forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

“Oh My Soul”

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

We come before God not as despised sinners,
but as beloved children.

With the confidence of Children of God,
let us humbly confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.**

**God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone,
a gift of God by faith.

Beloved people of God, believe the good news:
through the grace of Jesus Christ
we are forgiven. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

Musical score for "Gloria Patri" in E-flat major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men." The piano accompaniment features chords such as E-flat, B-flat sus, B-flat 7, E-flat, B-flat, E-flat, B-flat, C minor 7, B-flat, F, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, E-flat, B-flat, E-flat, B-flat 7, and E-flat.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

“Rain Down”

JCPC Adult Choir

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

Psalm 23 (NIV)

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,^[a]
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10 (NIV)

Rev. Jay Kanerva

10 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. **2** The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. **4** When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” **6** Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. **9** I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

SERMON

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jay Kanerva

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life.

OFFERING

Offerings can be made near the sanctuary entrance or at the communion table following worship.

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

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✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of piano accompaniment. The first system contains five measures, and the second system contains five measures, starting with a measure number '6' above the first staff. The lyrics are printed below the piano part, with some words hyphenated across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Sending

✠ **CLOSING SONG**
“Trust in You”

Praise Team

✠ **CHARGE**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Go forth in the name of the Lord.
This is God’s charge:
to trust in Jesus Christ
and to love one another as he commanded.
Thanks be to God.

✠ **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

May the Lamb upon the throne
be your shepherd,
guiding you to the water of life
and wiping away every tear.
Amen.

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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!

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
Donna Lindsey

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

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

Rob Hanson- Barb Hanson's son

John- Lisa Schoonover's brother

Bea Albers- Lisa Schoonover's friend

Chad Grellner- friend of Ken and Mary
Myers

Laura Barnum- niece of Charles and Susan
Barnum

Rick Kraft- Mark Miller friend

Jerry Hahn- V. Messersmith brother -in-law

Norma Milisitch- H. Heberer & S. Tyler
friend

Jeanie Rhodes- Audrey Hahn's daughter
friend

Steve- Van Buren friend

Jean- W. Myer's aunt

Greg Niehoff- H. Heberer brother-in-law

Joys and Thanksgiving

Lois Smith- Myers neighbor

Arlene Turner- Mary Myers' aunt

Upcoming Events



Pentecost Sunday | May 28th

Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost Sunday. This year's special PC(USA) Pentecost Offering will be divided in support of special youth projects and initiatives (see special insert). We hope you will faithfully consider how you can give to this year's special offering.



Bridgeton Fourth of July Parade Tuesday, July 4th

Believe it or not- its time to start preparing for the City of Bridgeton's upcoming Fourth of July parade! JCPC is planning on having a float and walking in the parade again this year, and we will need a variety of help in preparation. Additional information on how you can help is coming soon- but if you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Faith Formation

Living the Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM

There will be NO Living the Lectionary on Wednesday, May 3rd.

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 16th to May 14th. 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



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.

TOTAL CONTACTS MADE WITH FAMILIES: 178 (includes Easter)

Families Receiving Assistance in Office: 59 (includes Easter)

INDIVIDUALS IN FAMILIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE: 174 (includes Easter)

NEW FAMILIES REQUESTING ASSISTANCE: 5

TOTAL VALUE OF IN-KIND SERVICES: \$5205.50

Are you or your family in need of food or any other kind of assistance?

Please contact Liza Browning at (314) 770-2216 or email communityhelpingministry@yahoo.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).

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.

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 JPCChurch.org.

Aaron Wolz

Upcoming Performances!

Sunday, May 7th- Meramac Community College Theatre

Sunday, May 14th- Powell Hall- St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra

Word Cloud from Griffin Brixey

We are grateful to Griffin Brixey for his design of the Word Cloud on the back cover of the bulletin! Thank you, Griffin for sharing your gifts and talents with JCPC!

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.

Presbytery Events and Information



If you can't attend, scan and donate to keep the mission of the 82-year-old Choral Ensemble alive!



The LEGENDS SINGERS

"Who'll be a Witness?:

From the Cotton Field to the Red Carpet"

Concert and Education on African-American Spirituals

Presenter: Dr. Doris Jones Wilson, *Director Emeritus*

Sunday, April 30th, 2023

FREE Concert: 3pm



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A freewill offering will be taken to support the choir



More information: www.legendssingers.org; info@legendssingers.org; 314-896-0662; @legendssingers

The Presbytery of
Giddings Lovejoy

Presbyterian Women Gathering

Making a Bigger Table



Registration is \$15 & includes lunch
Speakers are Liz Kanerva, Associate Presbytery Leader,
Dr. Damayanthi Niles from Eden Seminary,
& the Rev. Marybeth McBryan, Catholic priest.
Please register before May 1st by contacting:
Aline Russell at 618-531-6341 or alinegrussell@gmail.com

SATURDAY

MAY 6, 2023

Registration will begin at 9 am
Program will be 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Get Involved this week!

Monday

7 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 766

Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

7 PM | Property Committee Meeting

Saturday

9:30 AM | Presbyterian Women Gathering

Sunday

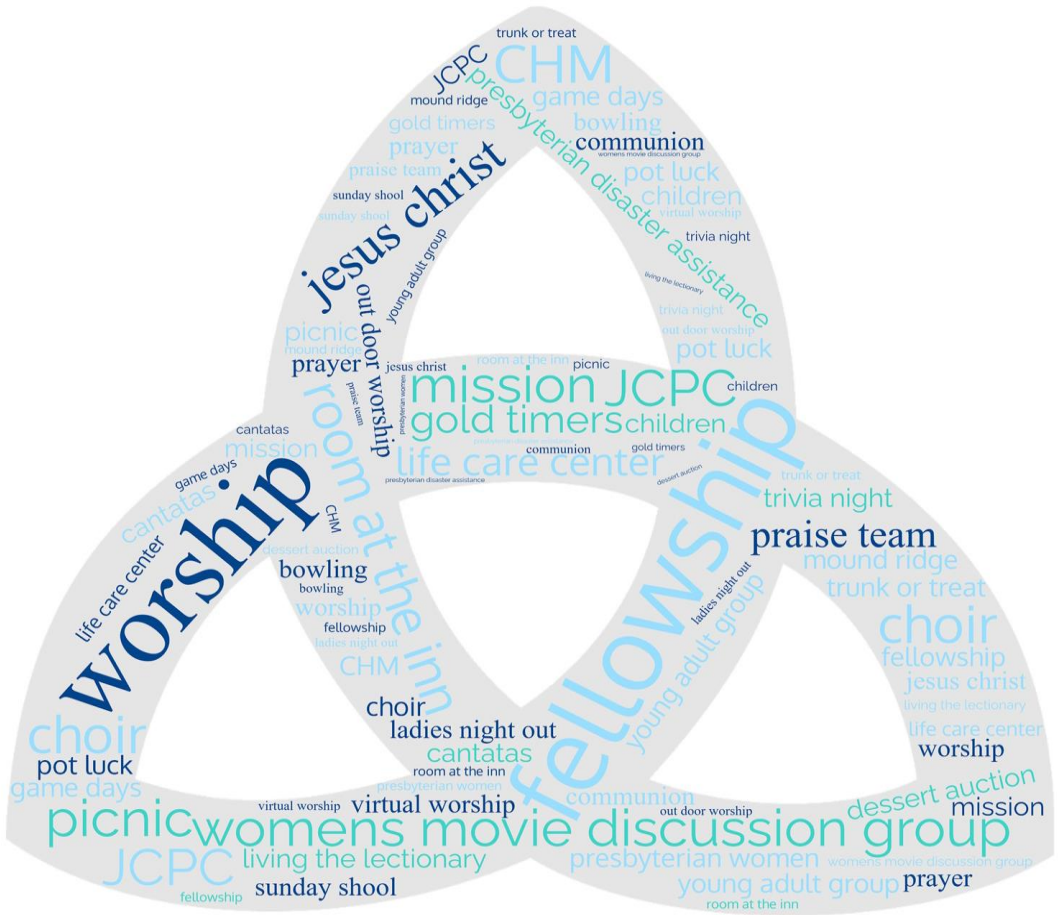
9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM | Worship

May Birthdays

Jeremiah Dill	05/01
Doug Peterman	05/12
Craig Leopard	05/15
Jennifer Lipscomb	05/16
Matt Miller	05/18
Amy Brixey	05/24
Joyce Jackson	05/25
Terry Stotler	05/29
Tracy Cook	05/30
Mary Leopard	05/30
Shadi Peterman	05/31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 1		11:00 am ROMEOS 3 6:00 pm Living the Lectionary Bible Study	6:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 4 6:45 pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering 6
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