

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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*The Presbytery of
Giddings Lovejoy*



Sunday, May 14th, 2023 | Sixth Sunday of Easter- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Acts 17:22-31 | Psalm 66:8-20 | 1 Peter 3:13-22 | John 14:15-21

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Steve Dill

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Rick Kreitner

OPENING SONG

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
There is no greater love than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.
God calls us to proclaim the good news.
Let us open our hearts to hear God's word.

PRAISE SONG

“You Are My All in All”

Praise Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

O God,
you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond understanding.
Pour into our hearts such love for you,
that, loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace
through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us 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

Rick Kreitner

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

Musical score for "Gloria Patri" in E-flat major, 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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 includes chord symbols: Eb, Bbsus Bb7, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Cm7, Bb, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb7, Eb.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rick Kreitner

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Barb Hanson and Shirley Kaczmariski

“These Are the Women I Come From”

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road.
Walk with us.
Guide us with your wisdom and grace.
Open us to discerning your will and your way. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Acts 17:22-31 (NIV)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’^[a] As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’^[b]

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21 (NIV)

Rick Kreitner

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“God’s Advocate for God’s Offspring”

Rick Kreitner

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rick Kreitner

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Rick Kreitner

God has told us what is good;
and what does the Lord require?
To do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God.

OFFERING

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

OFFERING HYMN

#259: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Rick Kreitner

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Sending



CLOSING SONG

“I Want to Know You (In the Secret)”

JCPC Praise Team



CHARGE

Rick Kreitner

As God’s own,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, and patience,
forgiving one another
as the Lord has forgiven you,
and crown all these things with love,
which binds everything together
in perfect harmony.

Thanks be to God.



BENEDICTION

Rick Kreitner

May the God of glory,
the Lord of life,
and the Spirit of truth
be with you all.
Amen.

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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
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

Bea Albers- Lisa Schoonover's friend

John- Lisa Schoonover's brother

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

Emily McDonnell- Kara Myers' friend

Debbie Richie-Raymer- Cindy Lay friend

Joys and Thanksgiving

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

No Living the Lectionary on May 17th

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 NEEDS: Jelly | Rice | Dinner mixes | 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 April Service Report

TOTAL CONTACTS MADE WITH FAMILIES: 120

Families Receiving Assistance in Office:
40

INDIVIDUALS IN FAMILIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE: 116

NEW FAMILIES REQUESTING ASSISTANCE: 11

TOTAL VALUE OF IN-KIND SERVICES: \$5144.00

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 JCPChurch.org.

Aaron Wolz

Upcoming Performances!

Sunday, May 7th- Meramac Community
College Theatre

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

JCPC May Pulpit Supply

Sunday, May 14th- Rick Kreitner

Sunday, May 21st- Rev. Larryetta Ellis

Sunday, May 28th- Matt Miller

**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.**



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

THE PENTECOST OFFERING HELPS OUR YOUTH BEGIN LIFE WITH A STRONG START—A SOLID FOUNDATION OF FAITH FORMED IN THE FIRST THIRD OF LIFE, FROM CHILDHOOD THROUGH YOUNG ADULTHOOD.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.

Pentecost arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension — when Jesus ascends into heaven. Jesus and the Scriptures are making an important theological point at Pentecost. Jesus ascends and the church is born. If his mission and ministry is to continue, it is upon us, his disciples, to keep it going, and we have the Holy Spirit to lead us, who blesses us all with different gifts to be used at different times and in different ways. These gifts of the Spirit are bestowed upon us to be used for the “building up of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12). Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith.

QUICK FACTS

- Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities.
- The first Presbyterian Youth Triennium was held in 1980. Visit presbyterianyouthtriennium.org for more information and new online resources.
- The Day of Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church.
- Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$16 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God’s family. We believe we are called to do even more — to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith.



*A beautiful
fringetree
blooming on our
church property!*

*Amsonia Bluestar
flowering near the
front entrance!*



Get Involved this week!

Monday

7 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 766

Wednesday

Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

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		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!