

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 21st, 2023 | Seventh Sunday of Easter- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Acts 1:6-14 | Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 | 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 | John 17:1-11

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Steve Dill

WELCOME

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

OPENING SONG

“Agnus Dei”

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Let the righteous be Joyful,

Let them be jubilant before God.

Sing to God, sing praises to the name of the Lord.

Lift up a song to the Lord,

who rides upon the clouds.

**God is the parent of orphans and the protector of those who
mourn**

Awesome is God in the sanctuary;

the Lord give power and strength to the people.

Blessed be the Lord!

PRAISE SONG

“Breathe”

Praise Team

COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

Scripture tells us that our sufferings are known to Christ,
That we can cast all our anxiety on Jesus,
Who restores, supports, strengthens and establishes us.
Knowing this, let us come to God in a spirit of openness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, O God,
that too often we have our head in the clouds.
We are more comfortable with dreaming
of the world as we wish it would be
instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality.
At times, we find it difficult to claim
the power you have given us.
We say “Lord, surely
you have others more capable to be your witnesses?”
And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards.**

**Jolt us out of our complacency, O God.
Remind us to get a move on.
Remind us we have work to do with you.
Give us your energy,
courage,
and vision
to be your witnesses
to the end of the earth.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

We are God's people
created, loved and forgiven.
The God of all grace has called us by name.
God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us.
It is good news to celebrate.

Hear the good news!
Believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

Chords: Eb, Bbsus, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Cm7

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Chords: Bb, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

Chords: Eb, Bb7, Eb, Bb7, Eb

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

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
“In the Garden”

Megan Miller, Soloist

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Open our eyes;
open our hearts.
May we hear your Word read and proclaimed
so that our lives and our witness will be strengthened.
Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Liturgist

John 17:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ “I have revealed you^[a] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came

from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of ^[b]your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

EPISTLE READING

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1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (NIV)

Suffering for Being a Christian

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

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Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

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.

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

✠ 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!

Sending

✠ **CLOSING SONG**
“Soon and Very Soon”

JCPC Praise Team

✠ **CHARGE**

Rev. Laryetta Ellis

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**

Rev. Laryetta Ellis

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

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.

JCPC May Pulpit Supply

Sunday, May 21st- Rev. Larryetta Ellis

Sunday, May 28th- Matt Miller

Please submit announcements and information for weekly bulletin and website to Matt Miller (jpcovd@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.

MAY 21: HERITAGE SUNDAY
Presbyterian Reunion

Over 14,000 Presbyterians gathered at the World Congress Center in Atlanta the evening of June 10, 1983, to hear the Declaration of Reunion and celebrate communion.

After 122 years of separation, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (PCUS) and United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA) came together again in 1983 to form the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

General Assembly Moderators James Costen (UPCUSA) and John Anderson (PCUS) brought the two churches together into one denomination during the Reunion proceedings. The service opened with a

30-minute processional of commissioners and representatives from each presbytery, carrying banners and bringing communion chalices and bread for the service. Other groups of Presbyterians around the country gathered in their local congregations to take communion and celebrate reunion.

After the PCUS and UPCUSA General Assemblies passed the formal resolutions approving reunion, Presbyterians poured into the streets of Atlanta to celebrate the historic event. Carrying banners, singing, and joining hands, they marched the mile from the World Congress Center to City Hall where Mayor Andrew Young greeted the crowd.

As is the case in any major decision, there was dissent, but there was also a spirit of compromise and a desire to move forward in unity.

Heritage Sunday is a day of celebration set aside by the General Assembly of the PC(USA). To celebrate and learn more about the history of Presbyterianism in America visit:
www.history.pcusa.org/hs



Presbyterian general assemblies official slide set, June 7-15, 1983, in the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. City Hall scene.

Get Involved this week!

Monday

7 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 766

Wednesday

6 PM | Living the Lectionary

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 ¹					
			11:00 am ROMEOS ³ 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 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!

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!