

Welcome to  
**John Calvin Presbyterian Church**

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**Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost- Year A**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 22:1-14 | Psalm 13 | Romans 6:12-23 | Matthew 10:40-42

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

# Gathering for God's Word

## PRELUDE

Steve Dill

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

## OPENING SONG

"The Potter's Hand"

Praise Team

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Welcome one another in Jesus' name,  
**for Christ is truly present among us.**  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
**the mercies of God never come to an end.**  
For freedom Christ has set us free.  
**Now we live by the Spirit of God.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

O God,  
light of the minds that know you,  
life of the souls that love you,  
strength of the thoughts that seek you:  
Help us to know you  
that we may truly love you,  
so to love you  
that we may fully serve you,  
whose service is perfect freedom;  
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**

“There is None Like You”

Praise Team

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Do you not know that all of us  
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus  
were baptized into his death?  
Our old selves were crucified with him,  
so that we might be slaves to sin no more.

Trusting in God’s grace, 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 FORGIVINESS**

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. **Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSE**

“Shine On Us”

Praise Team

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

May the peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

## **Proclaiming God’s Word**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

Speak to us, living God,  
as you have spoken to our ancestors:  
through the voice of your prophets,  
the breath of your Spirit,  
and the life of your Son,  
so that we may live according to your word;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (NIV)

Liturgist

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

<sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning;<sup>[b]</sup> they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**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

God has provided for all we need — and more.  
Let us return these gifts to God,  
so that we might provide for one another  
and all who are in need.  
Let us receive the morning offering.

## OFFERING

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

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Giving God,  
we return to you the fruits of the earth  
and the fruits of our labor,  
that they may be used for the repair of the world.  
Bless these gifts, those who give them,  
and those who will receive them.  
May our whole lives be an offering before you. **Amen.**

## ✠ DOXOLOGY

## Holy Communion

## SONG OF PREPARATION

“One Bread, One Body”

Praise Team

## PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Jay Kanerva

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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Jay Kanerva

## Sending

### CLOSING SONG

“The Power of Your Love”

Praise Team

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Now, let us go forth from this place  
and welcome one another in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Let us go forth to feed the hungry,  
offer a cup of cold water to the thirsty,  
and tend to those in need.  
Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

And as we go:  
May the grace of Christ surround us,  
the love of God enfold us,  
and the company of the Holy Spirit uplift us,  
all along our journey home. **Amen.**

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# JCPC Prayer List

## JCPC Family

**Cindy Lay**  
**Kathy Doty**  
**Elva Holder**

**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

**Chad Grellner**- friend of Ken and Mary Myers

**John**- Lisa Schoonover's brother

**Laura Barnum**- niece of Charles and Susan Barnum

**Rick Kraft**- Mark Miller friend

**Jerry Hahn**- V. Messersmith brother -in-law

**Jeanie Rhodes**- Audrey Hahn's daughter friend

**Steve**- Van Buren friend

**Emily McDonnell**- Kara Myers' friend

**Debbie Richie-Raymer**- Cindy Lay friend

**Jessica White**- R. Kinquist friend

**Edna**- R. Whitten sister-in-law

**Aaron and spouse**- friends of Kelley and Bryan Maerz

**Randy Clark**- S. Kaczmariski friend

**Rosalie Calvin**- D. Calvin's mother

## Joys and Thanksgiving



## Upcoming Events



### **Bridgeton Fourth of July Parade** **Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

If you are interested in helping decorate the float for the Fourth of July parade or walking in the parade, please contact Mary Myers.

([marymyers65@aol.com](mailto:marymyers65@aol.com)) | (314) 605-8380

There will be a float decorating group meeting after worship on Sunday (around noon) and then again on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> (time and location to be announced).

Details on meeting times and locations for the parade on Tuesday will be shared via email Monday morning.

## Faith Formation

### **Women's Movie Discussion Group** **Sunday Mornings | 9 AM**

Join our Sunday morning women's movie discussion group as they watch and discuss the films and the various ways they connect to our faith and theology. Join us at 9 AM for a time of fellowship before we begin viewing.

## Mission

### Community Helping Ministry



#### **CHM NEEDS:**

**Cereal (URGENT NEED)**

*Pasta Sauce*

*Dried/Canned Beans*

*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.

#### **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](mailto: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](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.

### **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)

### **Welcome Rev. Jay Kanerva**

We welcome back Rev. Jay Kanerva who joins us this morning in leading worship!  
We are excited to have him joining us today.

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

## Get Involved this week!

### Monday

Parade Float Decoration

### Tuesday

10 AM | 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

### Sunday

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM | Worship

## July Birthdays

Regan Cook	07/03
Rachelle Calvin	07/04
Sandra Barclay	07/08
Graham Schnettler	07/08
Chris Moore	07/11
Ann Thackrey	07/11
Marge Kellar	07/13
Rosalea Vogler	07/28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering <span style="float: right;">1</span>
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group <span style="float: right;">2</span> 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 am Board Game Sunday!	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America   Troop 766 <span style="float: right;">3</span>	9:00 am Bridgeton Fourth of July Parade <span style="float: right;">4</span>	11:00 am ROMEOS <span style="float: right;">5</span>	7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous <span style="float: right;">6</span>		<span style="float: right;">7</span> <span style="float: right;">8</span>
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- ✦ 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!