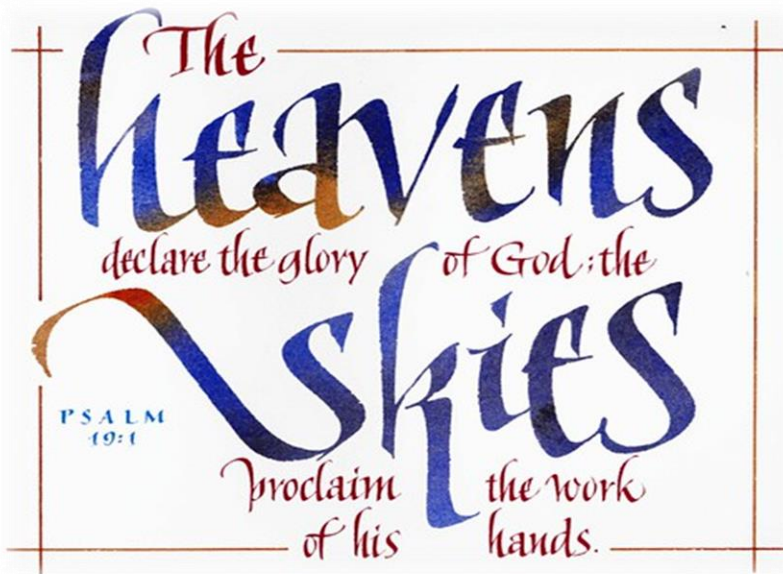


Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, July 23rd, 2023 | 8th Sunday After Pentecost- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 28:10-19a | Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 | Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Shirley Kaczmarski

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We gather to worship the God of all creation,
**The God who crafted the seas and mountains,
And yet cares for each of us.**

We gather to worship the God of all mystery who rejoices in our being,
**And invites us to join the cosmic dance!
Let us worship God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Eternal God,
Author of our life
and End of our pilgrimage:
Guide us by your Word and Spirit
amid all perils and temptations,
that we may not wander from your way,
nor stumble in the darkness;
but may finish our course in safety,
and come to our eternal rest in you;
through the grace and merit
of 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

“God of Wonders”

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8

Elder Doug Peterman

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Sin is our stumbling block before God.
Repentance clears our path to hear and receive God’s truth.
Let us confess our sins together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Master Gardener,
weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives,
grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish.
We have not spent the time we should
in prayer and study of your Word
to help us discern what is evil and against your will.
We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith.
Yet we need your truth.
We hunger for your harvest.
Jesus, forgive us.
Deliver us from evil.
Clear our path to you.
Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Elder Doug Peterman

Through Christ’s death and resurrection,
we are a new creation, ready to shine
like the sun to the glory of God.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen.

GLORI PATRI

Musical score for 'GLORI 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 features chords and bass lines that support the vocal melody. Chord symbols are provided above the vocal line: Eb, Bbsus, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Cm7, Bb, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb7, Eb.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Elder Doug Peterman

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dennis Calvin, Saxophone Solo

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Doug Peterman

Illuminate us, O God. Bless us with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Guide us and inspire us in this moment of proclamation. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Doug Peterman

Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
³They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
⁴Yet their voice^[b] goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Doug Peterman

Romans 1:18-20 (NIV)

¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

SERMON

Elder Doug Peterman

“Do the Heavens Still Declare the Glory of God?”

Responding to God's Word

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#4: "How Great Thou Art"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Elder Doug Peterman

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Elder Doug Peterman

God dwells among us making all things new.

Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elder Doug Peterman

Grateful for your radical hospitality and steadfast love we present these gifts to you, God. Use them to further your will and transform our world into your new, redeemed creation. **Amen.**

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#8: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Elder Doug Peterman

God's Spirit sends us.
We are to shine like the sun,
bearing witness to Christ our Savior.

May the nourishment of God's Word,
the bond of Christian community,
and the guidance of God's Holy Spirit
fortify us for faithful lives of discipleship.
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
Virginia Messersmith

Members in a Care Facility

Arlene Walters

Friends of Our JCPC Family

Junia Thompson and Family- Missionaries in Indonesia
Denise Kinquist- S. Kinquist sister
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
Chad Grellner- friend of Ken and Mary Myers
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
Aaron and spouse- friends of Kelley and Bryan Maerz
Randy Clark- S. Kaczmariski friend
Rosalie Calvin- D. Calvin's mother
Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo
Melissa- Friend of H. Wolz
McGee Family- Messersmith neighbors
Chris Hanson- Barb Hanson son

Joys and Thanksgiving

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.

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).



We will be collecting school supplies over the coming weeks to support local students who need supplies for the upcoming school year. For more information on supplies needed, please visit the mission table in the welcome area.

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

Updated Directory Information Needed!

We are preparing an updated church directory, and we need your help in providing updated information.

Please visit JCPChurch.org/directory, or scan the QR code below, and fill out the form to provide your updated information.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.



One Year at 12120 Bridgeton Square!

Today is the one year anniversary of our first Sunday morning worship in our church facility at 12120 Bridgeton Square Drive! We thank God for continued provision and hope in our mission!

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

Get Involved this week!

Sunday

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group
10:30 AM | Worship

Tuesday

6 PM | Ukrainian Support Team Meeting

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 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	9:00 am Bridgeton Fourth of July Parade ⁴	11:00 am ROMEOS ⁵	7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous ⁶		⁷ ⁸
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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!