

Welcome to  
**John Calvin Presbyterian Church**

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**Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost- Year A**

**Lectionary Readings:** Genesis 45:1-15 | Psalm 133 | Romans 10:1-2a, 29-32 | Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

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

# Gathering for God's Word

## PRELUDE

Steve Dill

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

## OPENING SONG

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Praise Team

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

**Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!**

The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

**Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.**

Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

**Let us praise God who is always with us.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Gracious God,

you have drawn us together this day

from a variety of backgrounds,

experiences, hopes, and dreams.

Be with us as together we experience your presence

and your healing love.

Open our hearts and our spirits

to receive strength, encouragement, and peace. **Amen.**

## HYMN

“Jesus, Friend of Sinners”

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist

All of us have come to this place out of a broken world that yearns for grace. And each brings individual shortcomings and a need for redemption. Let us first confess our sins together in the prayer of confession.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy one, there is much that we must confess:**

**When we discount another's pain,  
or overlook neighbors in distress,  
Forgive us.**

**When we choose callus words over compassionate impulses,  
Forgive us.**

**When we think others are less deserving of grace,  
and when we ration kindness as if it could be exhausted,  
Forgive us.**

**Have mercy upon us, Lord,  
and heal our brokenness,  
so that every word and deed that proceeds from our hearts  
Might glorify you.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVINESS**

Liturgist

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need and brokenness, we are given the grace to grow, and the courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

## GLORI PATRI

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.

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Liturgist

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

“He Touched Me”

Charlie Barnum, Soloist

## Proclaiming God’s Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised.  
Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual  
detachment. Confound our expectations and penetrate the corners of our  
hearts with this, your word. **Amen.**

**SRIPTURE READING**  
Deuteronomy 7:1-6 (NIV)

Liturgist

When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you— <sup>2</sup> and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally.<sup>[a]</sup> Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy. <sup>3</sup> Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons, <sup>4</sup> for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and the LORD’s anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you. <sup>5</sup> This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles<sup>[b]</sup> and burn their idols in the fire. <sup>6</sup> For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

**SRIPTURE READING**  
Matthew 15: 21-28 (NIV)

John Hughes

**The Faith of a Canaanite Woman**

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

<sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

<sup>27</sup> “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

## Responding to God's Word

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Hughes

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

The Psalmist reminds us that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.  
Let us now return to God the offering of our life and the gifts of the earth.

### OFFERING

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

### DOXOLOGY

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five measures of music. The second system begins with a measure number '6' and contains four measures of music. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef, and the vocal line is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: '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!'.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

Divine Giver, all that we have is a gift from you, and your grace is our sufficiency. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may increase your blessing to others, through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Sending

## CLOSING HYMN

“You Are My All in All”

## BLESSING

John Hughes

Go out from this place in the abundance of God’s grace to  
Proclaim boldly the good news of Christ for all nations.  
Go, knowing that in Christ we walk beside brothers and sisters  
of all times and places.

## BLESSING

John Hughes

May the peace of God be in your heart  
The grace of God be in your words  
The love of God be in your hands  
The joy of God be in your soul  
and in the song that your life sings. **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  
**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  
**Lucido family**- Van Buren friends

## 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:

*Jelly*  
*Dried/Canned Beans*  
*Canned Meat (Tuna and Chicken)*  
*Rice*

*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)).



We will be collecting school supplies over the coming weeks to support Presbyterian Children Homes and Services. Please bring your donation by Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>-donations can be dropped off 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](http://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](http://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.



## Giving Statements Available

Quarterly Giving Statements can be picked up in the welcome area between now and September 27<sup>th</sup>.

## 2024 Budget Wish-List

The Finance Committee has begun discussing the budget for 2024, and they are asking for **input from individual committees between now and October 1st**. The Finance Committee is asking for committees to submit preliminary requests (a "wish list" for your committee/group budget) which will help guide the budget making process for the upcoming fiscal year. These requests are not guaranteed and will be based on pledges for the upcoming year; however, these requests will help the finance committee see where funds are needed and how to best craft the budget for next year.

**Please submit announcements and information for weekly bulletin and website to Matt Miller ([office@jpcchurch.org](mailto:office@jpcchurch.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

### Thursday

6:00 PM | Adult Choir

## August Birthdays

Doug Meyer	08/01
Virginia Messersmith	08/02
Andrew Van Buren	08/03
Ruby Cooley	08/04
Marion Elliott	08/04
Rita Whitten	08/04
Barbara Thomas	08/05
Carter Lipscomb	08/06
Audry Hahn	08/08
Mary Myers	08/11
Harrison Barnum	08/12
Cory Lipscomb	08/19
Susan Barnum	08/22
Eileen Pierce	08/24

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	11:00 am ROMEOS	2	6:45 pm Property Committee Meeting	4	9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America   Troop 766	8	11:00 am ROMEOS	9	7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	11	
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship							
11:45 am Board Game Sunday!							
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America   Troop 766	14	11:00 am ROMEOS	16	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	18	
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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](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!