

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 27th, 2023 | 13th Sunday After Pentecost- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 1:8-2:10 | Psalm 124 | Romans 12:1-8 | Matthew 16:13-20

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

"I Love You Lord"

Dennis Calvin and Ken Myers

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

OPENING SONG

"Agnus Dei"

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 8

Liturgist

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth; you have set your glory in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

O God, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith.
Give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognizing in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

#277: "The Church's One Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

From 1 John 1:8-9

Liturgist

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sins to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light,
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Liturgist

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

GLORI PATRI

Chord progression: Eb, Bbsus, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Cm7

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

Chord progression: Bb, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb

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

Chord progression: Eb, Bb7, Eb, Bb7, Eb

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

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for 'GLORI PATRI' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains the lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the'. The second system contains 'Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er'. The third system contains 'shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.' The score includes various chords and melodic lines for both parts.

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 "On Eagles Wings"

Ken Myers, Soloist

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Exodus 1:8-2:10 (NIV)

⁸Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ⁹“Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

¹¹So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶“When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” ¹⁷The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

¹⁹The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”

²⁰So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

²²Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

The Birth of Moses

2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. **3** But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket^[a] for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. **4** His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

5 Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. **6** She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

7 Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

8 "Yes, go," she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. **9** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. **10** When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses,^[b] saying, "I drew him out of the water."

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you that you are Peter,^[a] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[b] will not overcome it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be^[c] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[d] loosed in heaven." **20** Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to live eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

By the mercy of God, we are called to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, for this is our act of worship. Our gifts differ, but all can be used to further God's kingdom. 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.

DOXOLOGY

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five measures of music with the following lyrics: "Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - here be - low;". The second system contains five measures of music with the following lyrics: "Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

Generous God, you are the source of all good gifts, and you are the one who taught us how to give. Receive our offering — an act of faith that even our small gifts have power and purpose in your world. **Amen**

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#97: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

BENEDICTION

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the love and care of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all now and forevermore. **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
Gil Elliott
Carol Mallette

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

Upcoming Events

GOLDtimers at Sybergs

Join our GOLDtimers at 11:30 AM on Friday, September 8th for lunch and fellowship at Sybergs! ALL are invited- we hope to see you there!

Sybergs on Dorsett
2430 Old Dorsett Road
Maryland Heights, MO, 63043

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.

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).

Presbyterian Children Homes and Services School Supply Drive



Thank you to all those who donated supplies for the PCHaS School Supply Drive. These supplies will go to local students in need of supplies for the start of the school year. Thank you for your continued commitment to mission at JCPC!

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 JPCChurch.org

Giving Statements Available

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

Updated Directory Information Needed!

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

Please visit JPCChurch.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.



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.

ATTENTION LADIES OF JCPC!

Just a reminder that we will have a short get-together immediately after worship during fellowship time this Sunday. We would like to explore the possibility of forming a ladies group of some kind here at JCPC. Come and bring your ideas.

-Pat Myers

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.



September 7

When Two or Three Are Gathered: Resourcing Faith Formation When the Gathering is Small, Led by Julie G'villo – Director of A Place for Grace. Julie has co-chaired the annual event for the International Association of Presbyterian Church Educators, written on spiritual practices with the PC(USA) Office of Christian Formation, and has done consulting work with churches in three states in the Midwest region.

How does a congregation nurture and feed the faith of its children and young people when there are just a few? Is it worth the time and energy of the congregation? Yes, absolutely. The education ministry of the church is rooted in the promises of Baptism when the congregation pledges responsibility for Christian Nurture. Join Julie as she shares resources, fresh options, and best practices for Christian Formation today.



September 14

Top 10 Best Practices around Investments, Endowments, and Legacy Giving Programs...Led by Joseph Moore and Sherri Finke, Ministry Relations Officers of the Presbyterian Foundation

Join us for a conversation around the most frequent questions we receive about Legacy Giving and Endowments in church. We will share some of the best practices that we see across the church in terms of investments, endowments, and legacy giving programs to fund ministry programming.



SEPTEMBER EDUCATION EVENINGS

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

The Presbytery of
Giddings Lovejoy
lives to steward a future of God's possibility.



September 21

How to Have the Best Meetings in World

Led by Rev. Ryan Landino, Presbytery Leader – Giddings-Lovejoy

At the beating heart of our church polity is discerning together in community, which is going to mean conducting business together in meetings. What are the most effective ways to positively contribute to smooth meetings? We will look together at different models, considerations, and best practices for moderating, organizing, preparing for, and simply participating in a meeting. There will be a little bit of Presbyterian polity, a little bit of organizational leadership research findings, and a little bit of crowd-sharing ideas for what makes for the BEST MEETINGS IN THE WORLD. Let's make better meetings!



September 28

What We Didn't Learn in Seminary: Buildings

led by Rev. Cedric Portis - Pastor, Third Presbyterian Church. Pastor Portis brings a wealth of experience in the practical matters of managing, maintaining, and equipping buildings. This workshop is intended for both Teaching and Ruling Elders, or anyone involved in their church's building and grounds work.

Get Involved this week!

Sunday

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

Thursday

6:00 PM | Adult Choir

September Birthdays

Jason Baker	09/01
Bob Teahan	09/03
Michael Basso	09/07
Ken Myers	09/07
Jennifer Baker	09/08
Cindy Lay	09/11
Brenda Schnettler	09/14
Dennis Basso	09/15
Jim Cook	09/16
Chad Brixey	09/22
Shirley Kaczmariski	09/28
Sue Tyler	09/28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00 am Movie Discussion Group	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
11:45 am Board Game Sunday!				7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting		
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		
9:30 am Church in the Park!				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
11:00 am 2023 Church Picnic						
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		

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!