

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, September 3rd, 2023 | 14th Sunday After Pentecost- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 3:1-15 | Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26 | Romans 12:9-21 | Matthew 16:21-28

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

"Angels Among Us"

Barb Hanson and Rick Kreitner

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

OPENING SONG

"He Knows My Name"

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We gather hoping to see God,
here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.
We can see God
when we show one another honor,
when we pursue hospitality to strangers,
when we live in harmony with one another,
when we rejoice in hope.
Let us worship the visible God amongst us.

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.**

PRAISE SONG

"Here I Am Lord"

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

God wants us to be ourselves. But every time we hurt one another, or ourselves, we get further and further away from who we are. It is in our confession, in admitting the truth of our lives, that we can be our genuine selves again. Let us join in our prayer of confession together:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love,
you ask us to love one another
from the center of who we are,
you tell us to bless one another,
you encourage us to do good.
But we have not listened to your words,
instead of loving we have practiced hatred,
instead of blessing,
we have perfected cursing,
instead of doing good,
we have sought to get even.**

**Forgive us for giving up.
Give us grace to try again,
and encouragement to make your ways, our ways.
We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Ruling Elder Mary Myers

God's love for us is genuine. When we need it the most, God's grace washes over us seeping into the cracks of our brokenness and saturating our thirsty hearts. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

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

Ruling Elder Mary Myers

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.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

O Holy Creator,
you spoke all of creation into being,
we ask that you keep speaking to us now.
Speak to us as we read Scripture,
that we might hear your voice ringing clear and concise
through the many voices around us.

Speak to us, that we might hear and understand. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Exodus 3:1-15 (NIV)

Moses and the Burning Bush

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. **3** So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." **6** Then he said, "I am the God of your father,^[a] the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. **8** So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. **9** And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. **10** So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you^[b] will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.^[c] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD,^[d] the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21 (NIV)

Love in Action

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.^[a] Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,”^[b] says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”^[c]

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

SERMON

“You Want Me to Do WHAT?”

Ruling Elder Mary Myers

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder Mary Myers

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

Why do we give each week?

We give because we have received so much from God.

We give to practice the gratitude for all that God has done for us.

We give because we trust that God can do more with what we have than we can do alone.

So let us practice our gratitude this morning through the giving of our gifts.

OFFERING

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

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - here be - low;

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Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

Gift-giving God, we bring you what we can offer,
our time, our talents, our finances, our very selves,
in the hope that what we bring,
you might magnify, and multiply,
for the work of your love in the world. **Amen.**

Sending

CLOSING SONG

“The Power of Your Love”

Praise Team

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Ruling Elder Mary Myers

Remember, as our time of worship draws to a close and our lives of service begin anew, go out into the world in peace. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, love everyone. That God’s light and love, justice and joy, might be for you and all people everywhere.
Amen.

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder
Mary Smith
Bob Messersmith

Kinquist Family
Heather Wolz
Donna Lindsey
Virginia Messersmith
Gil Elliott

Carol Mallette
Kara Myers- *moving to
Florida*

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. Kaczmarski 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

Sarah Dilallo- Kara Myers ' friend

Joys and Thanksgiving

Kelley Maerz

Upcoming Events

GOLDtimers at Sybergs

September 8th | 11:30 AM

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



Ukranian Egg Craft Event

Saturday, September 16th
10 AM – 1 PM

Cost: \$12 per person

Join us for a Craft Day where you'll learn how to make beautiful traditional Ukrainian Eggs!

Lunch will be provided.

Please sign up in the welcome area or contact Rosalea (rosaleavogler@gmail.com) or Amy (bisskut27@gmail.com) to reserve a spot.

Worship in the Park and Church Picnic

Sunday, September 17th

Join us on Sunday, September 17th, 2023, at Hellebusch Park for our annual Church in the Park and Picnic!

Our Church in the Park service will begin at 10 AM, followed by our annual church picnic. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share- signup sheet available in the welcome area.

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.

This month our Women's Movie Discussion Group will be watching and discussing the Netflix film *My Octopus Teacher*.

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

Mission

Community Helping Ministry



CHM NEEDS:

Jelly

Canned Meat (Tuna and Chicken)

Financial contributions can be made via CHM mailbox in church office and food contributions can be made in the **welcome 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 JCPChurch.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 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.



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.

AV HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for help with our Sunday morning audio and visual team. If you are interested in volunteering to help once a month, please contact the church office.

Thank you for your consideration!

Presbytery Picnic

September 30th

The Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery Picnic will be hosted by the beautiful Grace Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, September 30. The church is located 105 Bailey Road, Crystal City, MO 63019. We plan for this event to be filled with fellowship, great food, fun for all ages, music, and enjoying this gorgeous church setting.

For more information, or to register, visit <https://glpby.org/services/presbytery-picnic/>



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 Kaczmarski	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	8	9
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship				7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting		
11:45 am Board Game Sunday!				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	15	16
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		10:00 am Ukrainian Egg Craft Day
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	22	23
10:00 am Church in the Park!				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
11:00 am 2023 Church Picnic						
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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!