

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, August 13th, 2023 | 11th Sunday After Pentecost- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 | Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 | Romans 10:5-15 | Matthew 14:22-33

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Aaron Wolz, Viola Solo

"The Night Approaches"

Our prelude for today is an original composition and recording by Aaron Wolz.

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

"Shout to the Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Give thanks to the Lord!

We will tell the world what God has done.

Let us bring praise to the name of our Maker.

We will honour God's name with shouts of joy!

Be mindful of all that God provides for us.

Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Surprising and mysterious God,
you come to us when we least expect it,
calling us out of our routines and plans,
inviting us to follow Christ into new opportunities.
We praise you for the many ways you come to us.
In moments of fear, you speak with words of reassurance.
In moments of doubt, you reach out your hand to hold.
In moments of turmoil, you bring calm to the storm.
You are faithful to us
through everything life can bring.
And so we place our trust in you this day and every day,
and honour you as our Redeemer and Saviour,
in the name of Christ, our Lord and friend. **Amen.**

HYMN

#505: "Love Lifted Me"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

In the presence of almighty God and before one another, let us confess our sin and the things that hinder us in leading faithful lives as God's people.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Save us, O God, for the waters have come up to our necks.
We sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;
we have come into deep waters, and the floods sweep over us.
We are weary; our throats are parched.
Our eyes grow dim with waiting for our God.
Gracious God, forgive us for taking our eyes off Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
When the storms of life swirl around us,
we forget your unfailing goodness and power to save us.
When we hear Jesus say, "Come,"
we make excuses about why it is too hard to follow him,
especially when the way seems dangerous and challenging.
Forgive our sins, Lord, and help us to step out in faith.
Be merciful to us when we cry out,
"We believe; help our unbelief!"
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVINESS

Liturgist

Adapted from the hymn "How Firm a Foundation"

Hear these words of assurance: "When through the deep waters I call you to go,/ The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,/ For I will be with you, your troubles to bless/ And sanctify to you your deepest distress."

Friends, hear and believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

GLORI PATRI

Musical score for 'GLORI PATRI' in B-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 such as Eb, Bbsus, Bb7, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Cm7, Bb, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb7, and Eb.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Liturgist

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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Angels Among Us"

Barb Hanson and Rick Kreitner

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

How firm a foundation is laid for our faith in your excellent Word, O Lord!
As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today,
may our faith be strengthened that we may step out in faith
and follow our Lord Jesus where he leads us. **Amen.**

Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Installation of Church Officers

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who give them.

**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

Clerk: Do we, the members of the church, accept Bob Messersmith, Rick Kreitner, and Doug Peterman *as ruling elders and deacons*, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

WELCOME AND CHARGE

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

In grateful response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, let us continue our worship as we present our tithes and offerings.

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!

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, and the second system contains five measures, starting with a measure number '6'. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment in the bass line.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you in faith and promise to provide us everything we need for ministry in your name. Bless these gifts we bring, that we may use them faithfully to share the good news of your love and mercy. In your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#275: “How Firm a Foundation”

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

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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.

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 Presbyterian Children Homes and Services. Please bring your donation by Sunday, August 20th-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 JPCChurch.org

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.



Giving Statements Available

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

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.

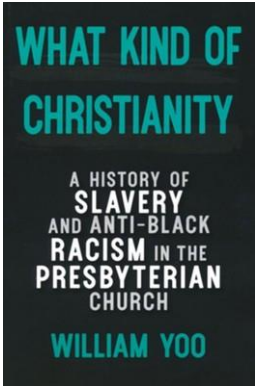
Aaron Wolz Viola Recital

Sunday, August 13th | 2 PM

Mark your calendars for a special viola solo recital from Aaron Wolz. On Sunday, August 13th at 2 PM Aaron Wolz will share his musical gifts with those present at John Calvin Presbyterian Church before heading off to begin his first year at college. All are welcome!

Join us as we listen to beautiful music and wish Aaron the best of luck!

Presbytery Events



DRAWP Summer Book Study *July 19th- August 30th | 7-8:30 PM*

This summer the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery's Dismantling Racism and White Privilege Team are hosting a seven-week book study on William Yoo's book "What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church". This course will be hosted via Zoom with the final meeting happening in-person. Books can be ordered from the PC(USA) store for \$19.50.

For more information, a link to order the book, and a form to register, please visit glpby.org/services/drawp-book-study.

The poster features a background image of an underground tunnel with stone walls and a wooden floor. The title 'Underground Railroad' is at the top in a large, serif font. Below it, the text reads: 'Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy', '2023 History Tour ~ Friday, October 20th', 'Meet at 8:30 am at Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church, 11153 Chilton Rd, St. Louis, MO 63141', 'Return at approx. 4:30 pm', and '\$85 per person includes tour, lunch and gratuities'. At the bottom, there are three small images: a red brick building, a statue of a person on a pedestal, and a white building with a steeple. Below these images, the text says: 'Reservations Required', 'Contact Jan Stanford, 314-638-0195, 9511 Howerton Dr, St. Louis, MO 63123', 'Checks payable to: Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy', and 'Please note History Tour on the memo line.'

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.



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.

For information on registering for any of these sessions, please visit <https://glpby.org/services/presbytery-education-month/>

Get Involved this week!

Sunday

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

Thursday

6:00 PM | Adult Choir

August Birthdays

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| 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 | |
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| | | 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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| 9:00 am Movie Discussion Group | 7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 | 21 | 11:00 am ROMEOS | 23 | 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal | 25 | |
| 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship | | | | | 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous | | |
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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!