

Welcome to

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Let them praise his name
with dancing,
making melody to him
with tambourine and lyre.

Psalm 149:3, NRSV



Sunday, September 10th, 2023 | 15th Sunday After Pentecost- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 12:1-14 | Psalm 149 | Romans 13:8-14 | Matthew 18:15-20

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

"Awesome God"

Nora Hanson, Solo

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

OPENING SONG

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Brixey

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

This day is God's gift to us.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has graciously gathered us together in this place.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God is good and faithful. God is worthy of our praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Amy Brixey

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds,
that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy,
obtain everlasting life; 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

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Amy Brixey

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory.
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.
We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.
We find faults easily in others
while ignoring our own shortcomings.
We have squandered your gifts.
We have turned from your ways.
We have ignored your Word.**

**Have mercy on us, compassionate God.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.
Wash us with your love
and cleanse us with your grace that day by day
we might move closer to the people you desire us be. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Ruling Elder Barb Hanson

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

GLORI PATRI

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Ruling Elder Barb Hanson

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.

ANTHEM

JCPC Adult Choir

“I’m in this Church”

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amy Brixey

Gracious God,
illumine these words by your Spirit
that we might hear what you would have us hear
and be who you would us be,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Amy Brixey

Psalm 149 (NIV)

Praise the LORD.
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.
² Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.
³ Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with timbrel and harp.
⁴ For the LORD takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.
⁵ Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds.
⁶ May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,

⁷ to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,
⁸ to bind their kings with fetters,
their nobles with shackles of iron,
⁹ to carry out the sentence written against them—
this is the glory of all his faithful people.
Praise the LORD.

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

Ruling Elder Barb Hanson

Dealing With Sin in the Church

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

SERMON
“Perfect Solutions of Imperfect Christians”

Ruling Elder Barb Hanson

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder Barb Hanson

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Amy Brixey

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

OFFERING

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

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Amy Brixey

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts.
Use them, even as you use us,
to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ,
the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. **Amen.**

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#284: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Ruling Elder Barb Hanson

Let us go from this place trusting that God is with us and for us in every place. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore.
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*
Sandra Barclay

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

Sarah Dilallo- Kara Myers' friend

Those dealing with mental health issues

Prokhodova Family

Joys and Thanksgiving

Kelley Maerz

Upcoming Events



Ukrainian 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*.

Mission

Community Helping Ministry



CHM NEEDS:

Pasta Sauce
Dried Noodles

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 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 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/>

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

Thursday

6:00 PM | Adult Choir

Saturday

10 AM | Ukrainian Egg Craft Day

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 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 am Board Game Sunday!	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
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- ✦ 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!