

Welcome to  
**John Calvin Presbyterian Church**

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**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> , 2023 | 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost- Year A**

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 16:2-15 | Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 | Philippians 1:21-30 | Matthew 20:1-16

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

# Gathering for God's Word

## PRELUDE

"All Things New"

Shirley Kaczmarski, Solo

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

## OPENING SONG

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Praise Team

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

L: Come near to the Lord.

**P: Lord, be with us this day.**

L: Lift your sorrows and joys to the Lord.

**P: Lord, hear the cries of our hearts.**

L: Come, rest in the love and mercy of God.

**P: Bless us, O Lord, that we may be blessings for others in your name.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Gather us, O God, into the household of grace, the fold of your love. We recognize your holy presence and are turned to toward a new day by the rising of the light of Christ. Help us to face this day, and all of our days, with the hope and promise made full for us in the person of Jesus Christ, as we unite ourselves with him once more and receive his heavenly food; for these and all of our prayers we lift to you in his name. **Amen.**

## HYMN

#108: "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

We try to live our lives in a manner worthy of Christ. We try to stand firm in God's spirit, but our human self-interest gets the better of us. In humility and faith, let us confess our sins.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of abounding generosity,  
too often we find ourselves bitter  
when faced with your abundant grace.  
We selfishly believe ourselves more deserving than others.  
We nurse our anger and resentment at those whom you forgive,  
instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show to as well.  
Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce.  
Forgive the double standards we hold.  
Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace,  
And help us to rejoice as well gratefully receive your mercy.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

John Hughes

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God will not always accuse or harbor his anger forever; God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth; as far as the east is from the west, so far as that has God removed our transgressions from us.

Friends, we can believe the good news; in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Amen.**

## GLORI PATRI

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

John Hughes

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

“Holy Medley”

JCPC Adult Choir

## Proclaiming God’s Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 145: 1-8 (NIV)

Liturgist

### *A psalm of praise. Of David.*

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup> They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- <sup>6</sup> They tell of the power of your awesome works—  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- <sup>7</sup> They celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

**The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard**

**20** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

<sup>7</sup> “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

<sup>8</sup> “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

<sup>9</sup> “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> “These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

<sup>13</sup> “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

<sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## Responding to God's Word

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Hughes

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

John Hughes

As God has been exceeding gracious to us, let us return a portion of our gifts and talents.

### OFFERING

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

### DOXOLOGY

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John Hughes

By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service. Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

## Sending

### CLOSING SONG

"What A Beautiful Name"

Praise Team

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

John Hughes

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,  
This day and in all your days to come.  
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**  
**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  
**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



### **Church Potluck Luncheon** **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> | Noon**

Join us after worship on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for our annual potluck luncheon!

Sign-up to bring your favorite dish to share 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:**

*Canned Fruit*  
*Cereal*  
*Dry pasta*  
*Jelly*

*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](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)).

## 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)

### Giving Statements Available

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

### 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!

## 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.



### 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@jcpchurch.org](mailto: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

## 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		
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		10:00 am Ukrainian Egg Craft Day
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		
10:00 am Church in the Park!				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
11:00 am 2023 Church Picnic						
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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](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!