

Welcome to

John Calvin Presbyterian Church



*Proclaiming Christ as a church of prayer, outreach,
Bible study, discipling, and worship*

Sunday Morning Worship | 10:30 AM

12120 Bridgeton Square Dr.
Bridgeton, MO, 63044
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*The Presbytery of
Giddings Lovejoy*



Sunday, October 22nd, 2023 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23 | Psalm 99 | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 | Matthew 22:15-22

Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Doug Peterman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

OPENING SONG

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Praise Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Mighty and merciful God,
lover of justice and equity,
you call us to support the weak,
to help those who suffer,
and to honor all people.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
make us advocates of your peace,
so that all may be reconciled
in your beloved community;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG
“God Will Make a Way”

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

We come before God not as despised sinners,
but as beloved children.

With the confidence of children of God,
let us humbly confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lorde our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Doug Peterman

Do not fear, says the Lord,
for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

**By the grace of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Doug Peterman

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANTHEM

“Good Ol’ Gospel Songs”

JCPC Adult Choir

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Loving God, our hope and redemption,
open us to your life-giving word,
and fill us with your Holy Spirit
so that living water may flow through our hearts-
a spring of hope for a thirsty world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-17 (NIV)

Liturgist

Moses and the Glory of the LORD

¹² Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴ The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

SCRIPTURE READING

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1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and 2:19-20 (NIV)

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians’ Faith

² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord’s message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

¹⁹ For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? ²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

SERMON

Doug Peterman

“Are You Ready to Immigrate?”

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Doug Peterman

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever
Amen.**

HYMN

#285: "In Christ There is No East or West"

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Amy Brixey, Ukrainian Refugee Support Team
Zoryana Mills, Ukrainian Refugee Sponsor

PRAYER

Doug Peterman

Lord God, you cross every border
between divinity and humanity
to make your home with us.
Help us to recognize your face
in the refugee family,

seeking safety and protection;
to the migrant worker,
bringing food to our tables,
in the asylum-seeker,
seeking security and compassion;
in the unaccompanied child
traveling in a dangerous world.
By the gift of your Holy Spirit,
encourage and empower us
to cross borders of our own-
showing kindness, seeking justice,
offering welcome, giving shelter.
This we pray in the name of the one
who fled as a child to Egypt
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Doug Peterman

God has told us what is good;
and what does the Lord require?
To do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God.

OFFERING

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

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Doug Peterman

Gracious God,
use these gifts graciously given
for your good work and reconciliation in the world.
Thine kingdom come,
thy will be done.
Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#543: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"

BLESSING

Doug Peterman

May grace and peace be yours in abundance
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

CHARGE

Doug Peterman

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God,
serve one another
with whatever gift each of you has received.
To God be the glory and the power
forever and ever.
Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR POTLUCK MEAL

Doug Peterman

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder
Mary Smith
Bob Messersmith

Kinquist Family
Heather Wolz
Virginia Messersmith
Carol Mallette
Sandra Barclay

Randy Clark
Kara Myers
Paul Doty

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

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

Charlie Mills- Ukrainian refugee

Joys and Thanksgiving

Kelley Maerz

Upcoming Events



Church Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, October 22nd | Noon

Join us after worship on October 22nd for our annual potluck luncheon!



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:

Financial Contributions
Canned Meat
Cereal
Canned Fruit
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.

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).



Ukrainian Refugee Support

For more information on our 2023-2024
Mission campaign, visit
JCPChurch.org/mission.

To donate to this cause via PayPal, use the
QR code below!



Community

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

**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

Tuesday

6 PM | Session Meeting

Thursday

6:00 PM | Adult Choir

October Birthdays

Barb Hanson	10/2
Harriet Edler	10/08
Donna Lindsey	10/10
Mark Vogler	10/11
Marty Hornberger	10/12
Koda Hook	10/15
Bea Teahan	10/16
Kathy Doty	10/20
Luke Hardy	10/21
Nancy Pruitt	10/22
Bob Barclay	10/23
Rebecca Cook	10/23
Brandon Van Buren	10/23

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