

Welcome to  
**John Calvin Presbyterian Church**

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**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> , 2023 | 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost- Year A**

**Lectionary Readings:** Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 | Psalm 19 | Philippians 2:4-14 | Matthew 21:33-46

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

# Gathering for God's Word

## WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

### OPENING SONG

"The Heart of Worship"

Megan Miller

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

The heavens are telling the glory of God  
**and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
**their voice is not heard.**  
Yet it goes out through all the earth  
**and to the end of the world.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear  
than we to pray,  
and to give more  
than we either desire or deserve.  
Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things  
of which our conscience is afraid,  
and giving us those good things  
for which we are not worthy to ask,  
except through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### PRAISE SONG

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

Megan Miller

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

Whether you feel like you have a grasp on who you are or whether you are questioning your identity. Whether you are new to this type of prayer or whether you've confessed a thousand times before. Whether you feel confident in the flesh or whether you know your shortcomings all too well. God meets us where we are, and God invites us into this prayer.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,  
we confess that our confidence is often misplaced.  
We put our confidence in our abilities  
rather than in your love.  
We put our confidence in our belongings  
rather than in your generosity.  
We put our confidence in ourselves  
rather than in you.  
Forgive us for our misgivings.  
Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will.  
Help us to follow your ways  
and find our freedom in your heavenly calling.  
Open us to new levels of trust and joy  
as we press on towards your goal.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick Kreitner

Friends, we have not already obtained the prize or reached the goal — but Christ has! And in Christ you are a new creation, you are made whole and you are called beloved.

**Thanks be to God!**

## GLORI PATRI

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rick Kreitner

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

“You Raise Me Up”

## **Proclaiming God’s Word**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

O Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Liturgist

Philippians 3:4b-14 (NIV)

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Rick Kreitner

Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)

### The Parable of the Tenants

<sup>33</sup> “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

<sup>35</sup> “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said.

<sup>38</sup> “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

<sup>41</sup> “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

the Lord has done this,

and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup> “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. <sup>44</sup> Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. <sup>46</sup> They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

## SERMON

Rick Kreitner

# Responding to God's Word

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rick Kreitner

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

Rick Kreitner

God is generous beyond measure. With thanksgiving for God's generosity in our lives, let us be generous as we offer ourselves and our resources in response to God's Word given to us today.

## **OFFERING**

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

## **DOXOLOGY**

*Offertory Special Music | "Caroline"  
Performed by Megan Miller and Kellen Brixey*

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rick Kreitner

Sweet Savior, your Word is greater to us than gold, even great gold. May these gifts brought today be a gesture of our gratitude for the riches of your Word given to us. Multiple these gifts and make them like the drippings of the honeycomb to those in need.

## Sending

### CLOSING SONG

“Fear is a Liar”

Megan Miller

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rick Kreitner

May you follow the commandments.  
May you know Christ and his power.  
May you share with the heavens  
and proclaim with the firmament  
the glory of our God.

And may you go forth with the blessing of God —  
our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. **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**  
**Kara Myers**

## 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. 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

Those dealing with mental health issues

**Prokhodova Family**

## Joys and Thanksgiving

**Kelley Maerz**



## Upcoming Events



### **GOLDtimers at Lewis and Clarks**

*Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> | 11:30 AM*

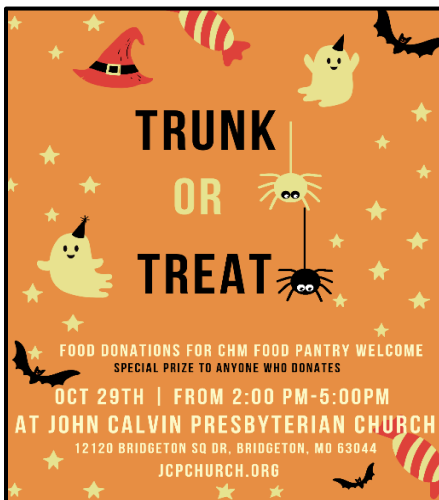
Join our GOLDtimers for lunch and a guest presentation on Medicare policy changes.



### **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.

## Mission

### **Community Helping Ministry**



#### **CHM NEEDS:**

*Canned Fruit  
Cereal  
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**

## **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)

## **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.



**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

## 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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- ✦ 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!