

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 29th, 2023 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost- Reformation Sunday

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 | Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 | 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 | Matthew 22:34-46

Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God,
to rule and direct us according to your will,
to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions,
to defend us from all error,
and lead us into all truth;
that we, being steadfast in faith,
may increase in love and in good works,
and in the end obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

“Breathe”

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

Sin betrays us and our God.
Repentance redeems and restores.
Let us confess our sins together.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
your law commands us
to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Too often we prioritize our own interests
above the health and welfare of others.
We betray you and our best selves
by living without regard for the ways our actions
harm our neighbors in need
and the planet entrusted to our care.
Open our hearts to love.
Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing.
Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Ryan Landino

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

RESPONSE

#60: “Morning Has Broken”

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Ryan Landino

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.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESBYTERY

Rev. Ryan Landino
Presbytery Leader, Giddings-Lovejoy

ANTHEM

“Good, Good Father”

JCPC Adult Choir

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Bless us, O God,
with ears to hear your truth,
vision to discern your path,
and feet ready to move into action.
Open our minds and our hearts
to the reading of your Word,
and the honest proclamation of your truth.
Ready us to respond to the Spirit’s call.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Rev. Ryan Landino

The Death of Moses

34 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, ² all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³ the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴ Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

⁵ And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. ⁶ He buried him^[a] in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸ The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

⁹ Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit^[b] of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. ¹² For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

SERMON

“What We Leave Behind”

Rev. Ryan Landino

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Ryan Landino

God of history, you know our story better than we know ourselves. You are the Alpha and the Omega, with us from the beginning, with us until the end. Your steadfast love is our ever-present help and hope. We praise you for your faithfulness. Despite our wanderings and failures, you have not abandoned us. We are your people. You are our God. Hear our prayers of gratitude. God of redemption, you call us to repent from the sins we have committed and the harms we've perpetuated. You call us to learn from past mistakes and seek your path of reconciliation. Yet we are a stubborn and wayward people. We have soul work to do, examining the painful truths of our interior lives so we can be transformed for honest, outward living. God grant us the courage for reckoning with our past, so we can reconcile and redeem our present, and build a better future with you. God of the powerful and privileged, we scream in frustration over "politics as usual" and national leaders who squander opportunities for civil dialogue and real change. We groan in protest over every political setback and join our voices to the chorus calling for necessary progress. We lament the problems of our world that feel utterly insurmountable. Yet, we are not without resources. You have blessed us with gifted leaders and voices of reason. Lift these people up, Holy God. Call them to service. Grant them the platform and the votes they need to make a difference. God of creation, stoke the fires of urgency in pursuing justice for our planet. May those of us who do not live where flood waters are rising or wildfires raging or the earth shaking understand our environmental emergency and give this climate crisis our passionate attention. Help us change our consumeristic ways, adapt to healthier planet habits, and treat nature with the care and respect she deserves. God of our Savior, you command us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In all that we do, help us to emulate Christ. As Christ's disciples, help us follow his way of love, truth, and justice. As Christ's body, may the world know your love through us — what we do, who we are, how we pray. Finally, hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

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.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

God loves us and blesses us with abundance. God also calls us to love others and be generous with all we have been given. In gratitude to God, let us 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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Ryan Landino

Holy God,
these offerings are only a portion
of all that you have given us.
We gratefully entrust these gifts
to your care and Christ's ministry.
May these gifts reflect our love
for our neighbors in need;
blessing others as we have been blessed.
Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

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

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Ryan Landino

We do not leave this sanctuary and leave God behind.
God's law is clear. We are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.
May this commandment be ever before us;
guiding us, inspiring us, enabling us to be Christ's body –
his hands, his feet, his heart – in this, God's world.
May the grace, hope, peace, and love
of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be with us all, now and forever.
Amen.

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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

Prokhodov Family

Charlie Mills- Ukrainian refugee

Joys and Thanksgiving

Kelley Maerz

Upcoming Events



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 *2023-2024 Mission Campaign*

**Supporting the Prokhodov Family in
their move from war-torn Ukraine
to St. Louis, MO.**

For more information on our 2023-2024
Mission campaign, visit
[JCPChurch.org/mission](https://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 JCP Church and links to sign up for a variety of opportunities. To sign up to receive this email, visit [JCPChurch.org](https://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

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
JCPCChurch.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!