

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.
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*The Presbytery of
Giddings Lovejoy*



Sunday, November 5th, 2023 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17 | Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 | 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 | Matthew 23:1-12

Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 107

Liturgist

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,

One: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

All: O give thanks to the LORD

OPENING SONG

“Here I am to Worship”

Praise Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

O God, generous and supreme,
your loving Son lived among us,
instructing us in the ways of humility and justice.

Continue to ease our burdens,
and lead us to serve alongside of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAISE SONG
“Shine On Us”

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power
for us, Christ prays for us.

RESPONSE
“Gloria Patri”

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

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.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Prepare our hearts, O God,
to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Joshua 3:7-17 (NIV)

⁷ And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. ⁸ Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'"

⁹ Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. ¹⁰ This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. ¹¹ See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. ¹² Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³ And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

¹⁴ So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's

edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

SCRIPTURE READING

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Matthew 23:1-12 (NIV)

A Warning Against Hypocrisy

23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ² “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. ³ So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴ They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

⁵ “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries^[a] wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶ they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷ they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.

⁸ “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

SERMON

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one substance with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

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

Friends, out of the abundance we have been given,
let us humbly present our tithes and offerings to 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

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God, you call us to Christ's mission and ministry. Bless these gifts that they might spread the hope of your good news, feed the hungry, shelter the poor, comfort the suffering, and free the captives. Bless us, also, so that our lives conform to radical love and faithful humility. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

BLESSING

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sending

CLOSING SONG

“You Are My All in All”

Praise Team

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now 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
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

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

Shelly Hynes- Amy Brixey friend

Joys and Thanksgiving

Kelley Maerz

Upcoming Events

GOLDtimers

Thanksgiving Meal

Friday, November 10th | 11:30 AM

Join our GOLDtimers for a Thanksgiving Meal at the Barclay's house on Friday, November 10th at 11:30 AM. Turkey, stuffing, and gravy will be served, but we invite you to bring your favorite side dish and or dessert to share. Sign-up sheet is available in the welcome area or contact Sandra Barclay (sandraandbob@att.net)

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

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping lead worship at the Bridgeton Life Care center. Services are held each month as a ministry to those who call the Life Care Center home. We are looking for a variety of help, please reach out to Amy Brixey (bisskut27@gmail.com) for more information.



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.

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



**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
7:00 PM | Property Committee Meeting

October Birthdays

Rick Kreitner	11/01
Connie Vogler	11/02
Richard Vogler	11/02
Leslie Hubbs	11/03
Pat Myers	11/04
Kathy Altgibers	11/07
Liam Hardy	11/07
Halleh Peterman	11/10
Carol Dill	11/12
Megan Miller	11/14
Bud Cooley	11/23
Kaelin Messersmith	11/30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			11:00 am ROMEOS ¹	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal ² 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting		8:45 am Presbytery Gathering ⁴
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group ⁵ 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 am Board Game Sunday!	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 ⁶		11:00 am ROMEOS ⁷	5:00 pm AA Potluck (Fellowship Hall) ⁸ 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	11:30 am GOLDtimers Thanksgiving Meal ¹⁰	
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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!