

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, November 19th, 2023 | 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7 | Psalm 123 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | Matthew 25:14-30

Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Keep silence before the Lord God!
The day of the Lord is at hand.
Hold fast to your hope without wavering,
for God who has promised is faithful.
Surely God is our salvation;
trust in the Lord and do not be afraid.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Constant God,
as we draw together
and gather our thoughts
we bring to mind and to our hearts
something that has filled us with praise
and with wonder this week –

Maybe the hint of sunrise
or the glow of a sunset
Maybe the comfort of a cup of tea
or the sound of a friendly voice
Whatever has caught our eye and even our breath,

we allow it to fill our hearts with praise,
with gratitude for You, Ever-present God.

We also allow those things
that have filled us with worry,
with sadness and with frustration
to come to our minds and our hearts -
The events that have depleted our joy,
drained our hearts of praise,
struck terror in our souls.
We bring these to You, too,
knowing that You meet us here
in the reality of life
And for that we are also grateful,
Ever-present God.

We ask for Your blessing
on this time of worship
Thank You that You are present.
Meet us each at our point of need
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit,
the same, yesterday, today and forever.
Amen

PRAISE SONG

“There is None Like You”

JCPC Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

Merciful God,
we come before You
trusting in Your kindness
hoping in Your faithfulness
abiding in Your love.
Knowing You,
not as a harsh and fearful master,
but as a caring, guiding parent,
let us confess the ways we have fallen short.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God,
Our hearts are heavy with regret
for what we have left undone
and for what we have done -
For when we have been harsh and dismissive
hoarding and ungenerous
perpetually focused on growth
at the cost of Creation
and the flourishing of all of life.**

**We ask for Your courage to live another way
to sow and plant that which will flourish
to give generously without seeking return
to share hospitality with strangers
to care for the vulnerable
and to be humble to receive care
in our own times of need.**

**It is to Your caring and compassionate gaze
that we lift up our eyes,
no longer under the weight of guilt and shame.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

O God, we choose to abide in Your amazing grace.
Forgiven, we enter into the joy of Your deep mercy,
believing that You will never expel us
from your presence.
Thanks be to You for this gift.
Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

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

Pour our your Holy Spirit, O God,
and prepare our hearts and accept your word.
Silence is us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 (NIV)

Liturgist

A prayer of Moses the man of God.

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³ You turn people back to dust,
saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”
- ⁴ A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
- ⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
- ⁶ In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
- ⁷ We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
- ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- ¹² Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

SCRIPTURE READING
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV)

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The Day of the Lord

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, **2** for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. **5** You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. **6** So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. **9** For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. **10** He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

SERMON
“Children of the Day”

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

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

Give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.

OFFERING

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

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

We give you thanks, Gracious God
for gifts abundant to give.
Use our gifts to bring your mission
to fruit in the world.
Through Christ we pray,
Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#551: "Soon and Very Soon"

BLESSING

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia!

CHARGE

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Whatever you do, in word or deed,
do everything in the name of Jesus Christ,
giving thanks to God through him.
Thanks be to God.

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder
Mary Smith

Kinquist Family
Heather Wolz
Carol Mallette
Sandra Barclay

Randy Clark
Kelley Maerz

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

Shelly Hynes- Amy Brixey friend

Jessica White's family

Tonya Collen- J. Farley sister in-law

Mark- Jackie Farley cousin

Joys and Thanksgiving

Kara Myers

Upcoming Events

Annual Dessert Auction

Sunday, December 3rd | 11:30 AM

Join us after worship on Sunday, December 3rd as we host our annual dessert auction! If you are interested in signing up to bring a dessert, there is a sign up sheet in the welcome area to indicate what dessert(s) you'd like to donate.

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

November 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 ¹⁰ Thanksgiving Meal	
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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!