

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 26th, 2023 | Reign of Christ Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 | Psalm 100 | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Matthew 25:31-46

Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Matt Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Doty

The Lord is God, we are God's people.

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

To God be glory forever and ever!

In Christ all things hold together;

he is the head of the church and the Lord of all.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

"Facedown"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Paul Doty

Eternal God,

you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things,
and made us servants in your kingdom.

By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,
and to minister to all in need.

Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm
where we may worship and adore you

and be welcomed into your everlasting joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG
“Deep in Love With You”

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Doty

In Christ, God came to reconcile all things,
making peace through the blood of the cross.

God wants to forgive us, so we can come before God with confidence, knowing
we will be forgiven when we confess our shortcomings.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Matt Miller

God has rescued us from the power of evil
and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ
in whom we have redemption.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Matt Miller

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

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul Doty

Sovereign God,
let your Word rule in our hearts
and your Spirit govern our lives
until at last we see fulfillment
of your realm of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Paul Doty

Ezekiel 34:11-24 (NIV)

¹¹“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹²As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶I will search for the lost and

bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

¹⁷ “As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? ¹⁹ Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰ “Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, ²² I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)

Matt Miller

The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

SERMON

Matt Miller

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Matt Miller

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

Paul Doty

Jesus calls us to reach out and care for our neighbors in need. One way we do that is together as the church: the corporate body of Christ. Let us offer our gifts to God for God's work in our community.

OFFERING

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

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Paul Doty

Generous God, we bless your name because you have called us and claimed us and sent us into the world to do your will. Receive now this offering, both of our money and our lives. Through these gifts, may the hungry be fed, the thirsty quenched, the naked clothed, and the stranger welcomed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

###: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

CHARGE

Matt Miller

As God’s own,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, and patience,
forgiving one another
as the Lord has forgiven you,
and crown all these things with love,
which binds everything with love,
in perfect harmony.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

Matt Miller

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
may she make her face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you
may he lift his countenance upon you,
and may the one God, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit,
reigning in compassion and justice for all eternity,
grant you peace.
Amen.

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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
Rick Kreitner

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

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

Sue- Van Buren friend, *diagnosed with lung
cancer*

Michelle- friend of JCPC

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.

GOLDtimers Christmas Party

Friday, December 8th | 11:30 AM

Bridgeton Sports Café

Join our GOLDtimers on Friday, December 8th at 11:30 AM for the annual Christmas party and gift exchange. Sign-up is available in the welcome area. Please bring \$20-\$25 wrapped gift for gift exchange.

We hope you are able to join us!

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

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!