

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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Sunday, January 14th, 2024 | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 | Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 | John 1:43-51

Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Look, here is the lamb of God!

Jesus calls us: Come and see.

The Lord is about to do a new thing.

Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.

There are varieties of gifts, services, and activities,

but there is one Spirit, one Lord, and one God.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

“Here I Am to Worship”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Almighty God,
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ
is the light of the world.
May your people,
illuminated by your Word and Sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
for he lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
our God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord” (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

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

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

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.**

**By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Liturgist

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Liturgist

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

“As the Deer”

JCPC Adult Choir

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)

Liturgist

The LORD Calls Samuel

3 The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, “Here I am.” ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

But Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.” So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

“My son,” Eli said, “I did not call; go back and lie down.”

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:41-52 (NIV)

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

The Boy Jesus at the Temple

⁴¹ Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

49 “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”^[a] 50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

51 Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

SERMON

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

“Growing Up as God’s”

Responding to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

Freely you have received, freely give.

Let us return to God the offerings of our life
and the gifts of the earth.

OFFERING

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

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with the gifts:

our gifts, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west, and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast which he has prepared.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.
In your wisdom, you made all things
and sustain them by your power.
You formed us in your image,

setting us in this world to love and to serve you,
and to live in peace with your whole creation.
When we rebelled against you refusing to trust and obey you,
you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own.
You sent prophets to call us back to your way.

Then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world,
you sent your only Son to be one of us,
to redeem us and heal our brokenness.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.
He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow.
He healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
opened blind eyes,
broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy.
Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world.
Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death.
Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life.
We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory,
and will come again to make all things new.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit
upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

In union with your church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God,
that you will fulfill your eternal purpose in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory,
and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest,
took bread, and after giving thanks to God,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,
until he comes.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

Loving God,
we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

“We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight” (see insert)

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Julie Allen Berger

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **Amen.**

Go in peace
and in the name of Christ,
remember the poor.
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

Kara Myers
Charlie Barnum

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
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

Jack and Tony- C. Lay nephew

Kelly Rogers- Van Buren friend

Joys and Thanksgiving

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@jepchurch.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

January Birthdays

NAME

DATE

John Webb	1/03
Robert Messersmith	1/06
Peggy Dill	1/07
Michael Okoe-Mensah	1/07
Todd Van Buren	1/10
Mary Smith	1/13
Jackie Farley	1/16
Lorrie McKelvey	1/16
Jack Barnum	1/22
Brielle Hardy	1/22
Kyle Baker	1/28
Gil Elliott	1/30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 ¹		11:00 am ROMEOS ³	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal ⁴ 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting		
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69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
 All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

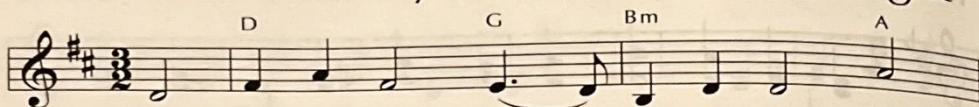
call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

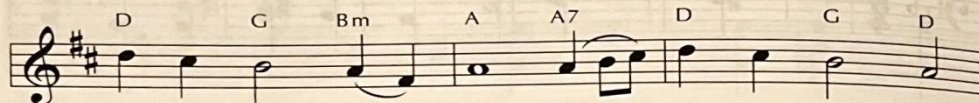
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

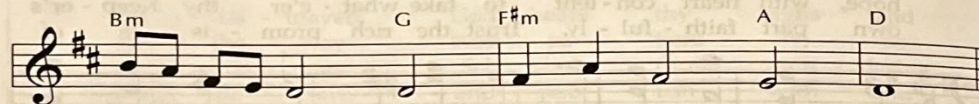
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

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!