

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, January 7th, 2024 | Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5 | Psalm 29 | Acts 19:1-7 | Mark 1:4-11

Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

God spoke the creative Word into the formless void.

The cosmos cries, "Glory!"

From the wilderness, God brought forth new life and liberation.

The plants and animals that inhabit the wild places cry, "Glory!"

A messenger in the wilderness brings good news.

God's people cry, "Glory!"

In baptism, we are united to God through Jesus Christ.

With all of creation, we cry "Glory!"

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

"Spirit of the Living God"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Eternal God,
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Grant that all who are baptized into his name
may keep the covenant they have made,
and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior;
for he lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN

#267: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

CALL TO CONFESSION

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The One who was without sin received the baptism of repentance so that we who have sinned may be covered by his righteousness. The Spirit enables us to tell the truth of our brokenness, assured already of the grace we know in Jesus Christ. Let us confess together:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, we cannot look at our lives, our communities, or the world around us without seeing the fractures and brokenness that reflect the reality of sin. You created the earth and called it good, but it now groans, awaiting redemption and re-creation under the weight of our greed, abuse and carelessness. You created humanity in your image, and called us very good, but we have ignored the image of God in each other. We have created, maintained and benefitted from unjust systems built on divisions based on race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity and more. You poured out your love in Jesus Christ, who showed us how to live and how to love, but we continue to make our own path, follow our own desires, and neglect to love others as Christ loves us. Lord, have mercy. Rend the heavens. Re-create us now. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Liturgist

The heavens part, the waters swirl and the dove descends, reminding us that we, too, are God's beloved children. We are covered by God's grace and forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen!

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!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“He Knows My Name”

Proclaiming God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

God of Wisdom, send your Holy Spirit upon us to show us your Word, and show us your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Acts 19:1-7 (NIV)

19 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when^[a] you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

³ So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?”

“John’s baptism,” they replied.

⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues^[b] and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

GOSPEL READING

Doug Peterman

Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with^[a] water, but he will baptize you with^[b] the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

Doug Peterman

"Did You Receive the Holy Spirit?"

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Doug Peterman

God of new beginnings, as we turn the calendar page to a fresh, new year, we long to erase and leave behind the brokenness of the year behind us. We forget that our time is not your time. We are grateful that you are just as present with us today as you were last week, and that you will be present with us in the coming weeks when we are ready for yet another fresh start. We pray for all that we wish to erase: Wars, genocide, and atrocities that are beyond what most of us can imagine, Places on the brink of humanitarian crisis, and those already past it, Senseless gun violence, Climate change and its many devastating facets, Inequalities of wealth and access, The erosion of democracy, Cultural, social,

political, and familial divides, Economic despair, Loneliness, Hopelessness, Hunger for food, Thirst for clean water, Addiction, Despair, and more. Rend the heavens, we pray! We pray for the burdens that we continue to carry forward: Scary diagnoses, Unknown and uncertain futures, Loss of loved ones, Watching loved ones losing more of themselves. Send your Holy Spirit of comfort and peace! We follow Jesus, reminded that the waters of baptism unite us to you and to each other. We enter wildernesses not of our choosing, reminded that they are places of new beginnings. Our time is not your time, and yet in this new year, we believe that you are doing a new thing. Hear our prayers for new beginnings, new hope, and healing as we offer you the prayers of our hearts... We entrust the prayers voiced, the ones that remain held in confidence, and those known only to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray by saying,

“Our Father”

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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We are called in virtue of our baptism to a life of service. We are equipped through the gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit. Let us live into our baptismal calling, sharing from what we have received according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

OFFERING

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

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

Holy God, we trust in the provisions of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer bring glory to you in the ways they bear your love into the world. We ask this in Jesus’ name, **Amen.**

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#259: "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Doug Peterman

Hear the good news: God is doing a new thing! Refreshed and renewed by the waters that unite us to God and to each other, let us go into the world, empowered by the Holy Spirit, following the way of Jesus Christ. May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of our parent God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, today and always. **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

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

Upcoming Events

BRASS RAIL RESTAURANT

Goldtimers at the Brass Rail

Friday, January 12 | 11:30 AM

Join our GOLDtimers on Friday, January 12th at the Brass Rail for a time of food, fellowship, and fun. Please sign-up in the welcome area if you are interested.

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

January Birthdays

NAME

DATE

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|---------------------|------|
| 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 |
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| | 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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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!