

Welcome to

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 | 3rd Sunday in Lent

12120 Bridgeton Square

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JCPChurch.org



Lectionary Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-17 | Psalm 19 | 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 | John 2:13-22

Gathering for God's Word

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

Liturgist

Psalm 19:7-9

OPENING SONG

“God of Wonders”

Praise Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God,
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your word and obey it,
that we may become instruments of your saving love;

Liturgist

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Proclaiming God's Word

CALL TO CONFESSION

Matt Miller

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
yet we have been justified by the gift of God's grace
through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

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

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Matt Miller

Because we were buried with Christ in these waters,
we are also raised to life with him.

Believe the gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Matt Miller

Since we have been lavished with forgiveness by God through Christ Jesus,
let us lavish one another with forgiveness and love.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ANTHEM

JCPC Adult Choir

“My Tribute”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NIV)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to

save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL READING

Matt Miller

John 2:13-22 (NIV)

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

SERMON

Matt Miller

SONG OF MEDITATION

#322: “In Remembrance”

Eucharist

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life.

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 these gifts:
our selves, our times, 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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Matt Miller

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
People 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.

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.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.

He lived among us and told your story.

He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.

He shared our pain and died our death,

then rose to new life that we might live,

and all creation be restored.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died,
took bread and after giving thanks to you,
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.

Remembering your boundless love
revealed to us in Christ Jesus,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and praise.

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 gifts of bread and juice
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.

Remember your church. . . .
Unite it in the truth of your Word and empower it in ministry to the world.
Remember the world of nations. . . .
By your Spirit renew the face of the earth; let peace and justice prevail.
Remember our family and friends. . . .
Bless them and watch over them; be gracious to them and give them peace.
Remember the sick and the suffering, the aged and the dying. . . .
Encourage them and give them hope.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints,
we remember with thanksgiving all your faithful servants, and those dear to us,
whom you have called from this life. . . .
We are grateful that for them death is no more,

nor is there sorrow, crying, or pain,
for the former things have passed away.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and all your saints
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are your almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior has taught us,
we are so bold to pray:

Our father...

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Matt Miller

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

Come to me and never be hungry,
believe in me and never thirst.
The gifts of God for the people of God,
come for all things are now ready.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Matt Miller

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#4: "How Great Thou Art"

CHARGE AND 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 up his countenance upon you,
and may God grant you peace.

Go into the world proclaiming the good news,
be persistent in prayer,
do the work of the gospel,
and carry out the ministry
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

**Cindy
Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder
Kinquist Family**

**Heather Wolz
Carol Mallette
Sandra Barclay
Randy Clark**

**Kelley Maerz
Kara Myers
Bob Barclay**

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

Michelle- friend of JCPC

Jack and Tony- C. Lay nephew

Brianna Foltz- K. Myers friend

John Turner- M. Myers brother

McKenzie Williams-Harvey- R. Kinquist
family member

Joys and Thanksgiving

Kelly Rogers- Van Buren friend- thankful for a successful surgery and continued recovery



Katherine Groff 100th Birthday Celebration Sunday, March 10th

Join us as we celebrate our friend, Katherine Groff for a meal and fellowship after worship. RSVP in the welcome area, or contact Lisa Moore or Amy Brixey.



GOLDtimers Friday, March 8th 11:30 AM

Helen Fitzgeralds
3650 S Lindbergh Blvd
Saint Louis, MO 63127

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.

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.

Mission

Community Helping Ministry

CHM NEEDS:

Financial Contributions
Boxed Mac and Cheese
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.



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!



Get Involved this week!

Sunday (3/3/2024)

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM | Worship

Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

7 PM | Property Committee

Friday

11:30 AM | Goldtimers

Sunday (3/10/2024)

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM | Worship

12 PM | Katherine Groff Birthday Celebration

February Birthdays

NAME

DATE

Angela Cook

02/01

Paul Doty

02/06

Griffin Brixey

02/13

Dennis Calvin

02/16

John Fitterling

02/25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	11:30 am GOLDtimers	
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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!