

Welcome to

## John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 | Easter Sunday

12120 Bridgeton Square

Bridgeton, MO, 63044

JCPChurch.org

*Lectionary Scripture:*

Isaiah 25:6-9 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | John 20:1-18



### *Gathering for God's Word*

#### WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

#### OPENING HYMN

#217: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Holy God, you come to us with power beyond all knowing.  
You lift all things out of the dust,  
you breathe love into every cell,  
you call us into communion with you,  
and you claim victory over death.  
Blessed be your holy name, now and forever! **Amen!**

## **HYMN**

#345: "Blessed Assurance"

### *Proclaiming God's Word*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Liturgist

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us that we, too, have been given new life.  
Let us repent of our sin before God and one another, certain of God's mercy.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.  
Forgive us, God of mercy.  
Help us to trust in your power to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant given  
in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Robert Jensen

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors,  
the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

## **RESPONSE**

"Gloria Patri"

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Robert Jensen

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

## ANTHEM

JCPC Adult Choir

“That’s Why We Praise Him”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,  
through the work of your Holy Spirit,  
that in the hearing of your Word we may receive new life. Amen.

## GOSPEL READING

Liturgist

John 20:1-18 (NIV)

**20** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **SERMON**

“Easter’s Field of Dreams”

Rev. Robert Jensen

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Apostle’s Creed”

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

The third day He arose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
where He shall judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Robert Jensen

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

Liturgist

In the spirit of the first believers,  
we are called to share our goods in common  
and contribute to the needs of the poor  
with glad and generous hearts.

## **OFFERING**

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

## **DOXOLOGY**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Robert Jensen

Gracious God, teach us to give thanks in all circumstances, for you are always with us. Thank you for the privilege of sharing what we have with others, of giving ourselves away in love, and of receiving the gifts that others share with us. With our whole being – spirit, soul, and body – we rejoice in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Sending*

### **CLOSING SONG**

“How Great is Our God”

JCPC Praise Team

### **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Rev. Robert Jensen

We Praise God and give thanks for those involved in worship today:

**Guest Minister:** Rev. Robert Jensen

**Praise Team:** Steve Dill, Barb Hanson, Megan Miller, Rick Kreitner

**A/V Support:** Mary Myers, Robin Kinquist

**Online Media Support:** Kellen Brixey, Jayci England, Megan Miller

Some elements of the liturgy come from:  
*Book of Common Worship* | Westminster John Knox Press © 1993  
*Book of Common Worship* | Westminster John Knox Press © 2018

CCLI Music License # 3131509  
CCLI Streaming License # 20831889

# JCPC Prayer List

## JCPC Family

**Kathy Doty**  
**Elva Holder**  
**Kinquist Family**  
**Heather Wolz**  
**Sandra Barclay**  
**Randy Clark**

**Kelley Maerz**  
**Kara Myers**  
**Bob Barclay**  
**Linda Payeur**  
**Herm Heberer**

**Roy Farley**  
**Doug Peterman**  
**Jackie Farley**  
**Cindy Lay**

## 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 Horvath and family**- Van Buren friend

**Debbie Richie-Raymer**- Cindy Lay friend

**Aaron and spouse**- friends of Kelley and Bryan Maerz

**Rosalie Calvin**- D. Calvin's mother

**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

**S. Stevens**- Mary Myers acquaintance

**E. Kirven**- friend at Life Care Center

## Joys and Thanksgiving

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

## Mission

### Community Helping Ministry

#### CHM NEEDS:

*Financial Contributions*

*Canned Meat*

*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](mailto: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!



## 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.



### GOLDTIMERS at Hendel's *Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> | 11:30 AM*

Join our Goldtimers at Hendel's for a time  
of fellowship and breaking bread!

**Please submit announcements and information for weekly bulletin and website to Matt Miller ([office@jcpchurch.org](mailto:office@jcpchurch.org)) no later than by the Tuesday of the desired week.**



## Get Involved this week!

### Sunday (3/31/2024)- Easter Sunday

9 AM | Easter Morning Fellowship Breakfast

10:30 AM | Worship

11:30 AM | Egg Scavenger Hunt

### Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

### Sunday (04/07/2024)

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM | Worship

## April Birthdays

NAME

DATE

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

## 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](http://JCPChurch.org)!

### Do you have a calling 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!