

Welcome to

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 14th, 2024 | 3rd Sunday in Easter

12120 Bridgeton Square

Bridgeton, MO, 63044

JCPChurch.org

Lectionary Scripture:

Acts 3:12-19 | Psalm 4 | 1 John 3:1-7 | Luke 24:36b- 48



Gathering

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

The Lord hears us when we call:

Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

OPENING SONG

Praise Team

"The Potters Hand"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Almighty God,

through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.

Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,
may, through the renewing power of your Spirit,
arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who loves and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

Praise Team

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

Word

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin. Trusting in God’s promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts.
But you are not troubled by them.
You do not require perfect understanding.
Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again
that we might come to know you.**

**Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck,
when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do.
Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us.
Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it,
when we fail to offer it to others.
Renew us and make us whole
that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace.
In resurrection hope we pray.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Jay Kanerva

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are”.

Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love.

Alleluia! **Amen.**

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Luke 24:36b-48 (NIV)

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at

my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON

Rev. Jay Kanerva

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rev. Jay Kanerva

God of abundant grace, we gather today just as your first disciples gathered in the wake of the resurrection: in joy, wonder and disbelief.

We remember that whenever we gather in your name, you appear in our midst, offering us the comfort of your presence and the assurance of your love.

And we give you thanks that like those first disciples, you give us a community to practice our faith.

Grant us grace to hold space for one another’s doubts and questions.

Give us courage to admit that we do not have all the answers.

Make this community where we explore what it means to receive your forgiveness and dedicate our lives to you.

We remember that when the risen Christ first appeared to his disciples, he offered them peace.

Our world is deeply in need of your peace, O God: a peace that is not only the absence of conflict but the presence of wholeness for all people.

We pray for innocent victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza and around the world.
Put an end to violence, Lord.

Teach us to recognize our shared humanity, our shared status as your beloved children, each of us created in your image.

Lead each of us to prioritize peace, both in our homes and communities and in the wider world.

We pray for all who sit in seats of power: fill their hearts with compassion and their decisions with wisdom, that all may have the chance not only to survive, but to flourish.

Most of all, God, save us from despair.

Open our eyes to see the signs of resurrection life that are all around us.

Plant hope within us, and help us to nurture its tender shoots, that it may grow more robust each day.

May we begin to imagine the future of your shalom.

Loving Lord, we pray for members of our community who need your care.

Ease the suffering of the sick and speed the healing of those in recovery.

Comfort all those who mourn and bring rest to all who are worn down.

Surround the isolated with love and soothe the troubled minds of the anxious.

We especially pray for *(JOYS AND CONCERNS)*

and all we name now in the quiet of our hearts....

Lord of life, remind us of our call to love one another as you have loved us, with a love that casts out fear and creates community.

Grant us energy to serve one another with humility and hope.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes again and all things are made new. We pray in his name and as he taught us: **“Our Father....”**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

In response to God’s abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God’s kingdom.

OFFERING

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

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace:
you create us in your image, shower us with your love,
forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope.
Bless these gifts we offer you today,
and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us.
May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community.
In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

Sending

CLOSING HYMN

#217: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Jay Kanerva

As you go out from this place, remember that "Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body...
Christ has no body now on earth but yours."
Together we are the resurrected body of Christ in the world.
And wherever we go, however we live into that call,
the risen Christ will be with us,
God's love will surround us,
and the Spirit will breathe new life into our weary souls. **Amen.**

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

Guest Minister: Rev. Jay Kanerva

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

A/V Support: Griffin Brixey, Heather Wolz

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

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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
Shala 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
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
McKenzie Williams-Harvey- R. Kinquist family member
S. Stevens- Mary Myers acquaintance
E. Kirven- friend at Life Care Center
Stacie Stevenson- friend of Kelley Maerz

Joys and Thanksgiving

Kelly Rogers- Van Buren friend- thankful for a successful surgery and continued recovery
Aaron and spouse- friends of Kelley and Bryan Maerz

John Turner- M. Myers brother, successful cancer treatment

Mission

Community Helping Ministry

CHM NEEDS:

Financial Contributions

Cereal

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.



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 JPCChurch.org/mission.

To donate to this cause via PayPal, use the QR code!



Faith Formation and Fellowship

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.

JCPC FAMILY FESTIVAL!

Saturday, April 27th | 11 AM – 2 PM

Join us on Saturday, April 27th for a FREE FAMILY festival at JCPC! We will have games, raffles, 50/50 prizes, and food- all are welcome. CHM canned good donations will be collected as well and are greatly appreciated.

We hope to see you there!



We are looking for individuals who are interest in helping with the Spring Festival even- if you are interested, please contact Amy Brixey (bisskut27@gmail.com).

Please submit announcements to church office (office @jpcchurch.org) by Tuesday at 5 PM. Thank you!

Get Involved this week!

Sunday (04/14/2024)

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM | Worship

Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

Sunday (04/21/2024)

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM | Worship

April Birthdays

NAME	DATE
Lori Calvin	4/11
Melissa Dill	04/14
Kelley Maerz	04/17
Robin Kinquist	04/20
Kara Myers	04/21

April 2024

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		
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 7 ----- 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 8		11:00 am ROMEOS 10	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 11 ----- 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting ----- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	12:00 pm Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy Transition Event 12	
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 14 ----- 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 15		11:00 am ROMEOS 17	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 18 ----- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 21 ----- 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 22		11:00 am ROMEOS 24	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 25 ----- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		Spring Family Festival 27
Ukrainian Refugee Support Sunday 28 ----- 9:00 am Movie Discussion Group ----- 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 29					

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 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!