

John Calvin Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 2, 2024 10:30 a.m.



it's Okay
to Let yourself
— Rest —

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

Christ is Lord!

*Following our Savior’s example, the John Calvin Presbyterian Church accepts the call to **worship** God, **teach** the Scriptures, **grow** in faith, **serve** the community, **love and encourage** one another, and **proclaim** the Good News.*

WORSHIP CELEBRATION AND COMMUNION

Please silence all cell phones prior to the beginning of the service.

†You are invited to stand in body or spirit as you are able.

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WELCOME TO JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! We are so pleased you are here today!

We pray today's worship is a blessing to you. **If you have a prayer request**, you are invited to write those on a prayer slip found at the end of each pew. Pastor Jen will collect those during the first hymn.

If you are a first time visitor, we'd be grateful if you would fill out a visitor card (inside the red folder) so that we can thank you for being with us.

*As we worship together, you are invited to respond with the words printed in **bold**.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jen Kottler

CHIMING TO THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Ode to Joy

Stanton Stonerock, piano

WELCOME

Elder Myra Horton, Pastor Jen

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

Caitlyn Pattillo and Emily Barnett Pres. Women

†CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Debbie Barrett, Liturgist

We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

We come together to experience the abundance of God's grace.

Let us worship God.

†PRAYER (*in unison*)

Gracious God, who made the world and all that is in it, we thank you for the gift of Sabbath and your faithfulness to us all. We are equally beloved in your eyes; let us so love one another. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

†HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Hymn 182

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*responsively*)

In the midst of busy lives, our time of corporate confession gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we spend our time. Have we dedicated ourselves to loving others? Have we spent our energy on things that bring life to us and those around us? Christ invites us to bring our best and worst to him in prayer, that he might offer us his healing and his peace. Let us pray.

Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we produce or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls. Amen.

KYRIE

Come Spirit Come

Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;
 our spir - its long to be made whole.
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (*responsively*)

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Christ lifts the heavy burdens of sin and frees us for new life in his name.

Trust that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The God who offers us rest, reminds us to rest in one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Let us share a sign of Christ’s peace – by waving to one another, shaking hands, giving a fist bump or a holy hug – and may we share Christ’s peace with all we encounter this day.)

RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me

Hymn 582

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Jen

ANTHEM

In Remembrance (Buryl Red)

Chancel Choir

(At the conclusion of the Anthem, children are invited to go with our children’s ministry leaders for Children’s Church. Parents are welcome to accompany their child.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, as a deep breath fills our lungs with air, so fill us with your Spirit as we hear your Word this day. Ground us in your love, convict us with your truth, and move us to respond, that we may embody your good news in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**.

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 (NRSV)

139 ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.
This is the word of faith that we proclaim.

Thanks be to God.

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 (The Message)

4 ⁵⁻⁶ Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

⁷⁻¹² If you only look at us, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us. As it is, there's not much chance of that. You know for yourselves that we're not much to look at. We've been surrounded and battered by troubles, but we're not demoralized; we're not sure what to do, but we know that God knows what to do; we've been spiritually terrorized, but God hasn't left our side; we've been thrown down, but we haven't broken. What they did to Jesus, they do to us—trial and torture, mockery and murder; what Jesus did among them, he does in us—he lives! Our lives are at constant risk for Jesus' sake, which makes Jesus' life all the more evident in us. While we're going through the worst, you're getting in on the best!

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jennifer Kottler

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsively*) *from The Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(All who are worshiping in-person who have not already given their offering online or by mail, are welcome to drop your offering in the offering plates at the rear of the sanctuary as you exit. Those present who wish to give by text are welcome to text "JCPC" and amount (ex. JCPC \$50) to 73256.)

OFFERTORY

Allegretto in D

Stanton Stonerock, piano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Provider God, we give you thanks for all your good gifts to us: for work and rest, for creativity and play, for this community in which to practice our faith together. Take these offerings we bring today and use them to meet the needs of those around us. May our work and witness reflect our belief in your compassionate care for us and for all you have created. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus is the bread of life;

come to Christ and never hunger.

Jesus is the bread of life;

trust in Christ and never thirst.

God of grace, we thank you for the gift of Sabbath rest... We ask these things in Christ's name, and together we pray as he taught us:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*in unison*)

Christ Jesus, Lord of the sabbath, you have fed us and filled us – with the grain of the field and the fruit of the vine, with the strength of your Word and the life of your Spirit. Now send us forth in service to share your gifts with others. Let us scatter the seed of justice and harvest the fruit of peace, all for the sake of your eternal realm and the glory of your holy name. Amen.

†HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

Hymn 157

†CHARGE

†BENEDICTION

Pastor Kottler

†CHORAL RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Margaret Rogers, organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our graduates! We are so proud of you. **Caitlyn Pattillo** graduated from Wilson HS in their International Baccalaureate program and will be attending USC. **Emily Barnett** graduated from Clemson University and will be going to graduate school at Wake Forest. Emily's younger brother, **Robert Barnett** graduated from West Florence and is going to be attending USC in the fall.

Help us spread the word about our two open positions! We are looking for a **nursery attendant** to assist with our children during Sunday School and Children's Church. Hours are 9:15 to 11:45 every Sunday and the pay is \$50 per week. We are also searching for a **Director of Music Ministries (or an Interim Chancel Choir Director)** to work with the choir on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Pay is based on experience and duties negotiated.

THIS WEEK AT JOHN CALVIN
Serving this week, June 2, 2024

Elder on Call: Myra Horton 843-687-5040		Liturgist: Debbie Barrett
Usher/Greeter: Susan Tedder and Karen Stroemer		Children's Church: Myra Horton and Sheila Lenz
Counters: Joe Bittle, James Collar, Myra Horton		Serving Communion: Class of 2026
Communion Prep: Susan Nexsen, Susan Tedder		
Today	9:15 AM	Sunday School Classes for all ages
	10:30 AM	Worship with Communion and Children's Church
Monday	5:00 PM	Christian Education Committee (Zoom)
	6:00 PM	Nominating Committee (Zoom)
	6:30 PM	Caring and Fellowship Committee (Rm 15)
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Evangelism, Outreach and Mission (Zoom)
	6:30 PM	Worship and Music (Zoom)
Wednesday	12:00 PM	<i>A is for Alabaster</i> Bible Study (Zoom)
	12:00 PM	AA Literature Meeting (Room 21)
	5:30 PM	AA Discussion Meeting (Room 21)
	6:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday	6:00 PM	CoDA Meetings (Room 18 & 21)
Saturday	8:30 AM	Recovery Meditation Meeting (FH)
	10:00 AM	AA Discussion Meeting (Room 21)
	6:30 PM	CA (12 Step) Meeting (FH)
Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 AM	Worship Celebration and Children's Church

Serving the week of June 9, 2024

Elder on Call: Thomas Hawkins 843-496-3828		Liturgist: Karen Pattillo
Usher/Greeter: Sylvia Perkins and Kris Andrews		Children's Church: Susan Nexsen and Jane Thrower
Counters: Margaret Collar, Thomas Hawkins, Gary Pierce		

Coming this Summer!

Casual Summer – come as you are to worship! June/July/August

Everybody's Birthday Party–June 30th @ 3:30 p.m.

Awesome August–August 4, 11, 18, and 25 @ 4:00 p.m.



The Session of Elders

Class of 2024

Joe Bittle
Margaret Collar
Susan Tedder

Class of 2025

Thomas Hawkins
Myra Horton
Betty Anne Smith

Class of 2026

Kris Andrews
Robin Permenter
Gary Pierce

Clerk of Session: Betty Anne Smith _____ Moderator: Rev. Jen Kottler
Treasurer: Tom Shearin _____ Assistant Treasurers: Tom Hoffmeyer and Will Ginn

Committees

Building & Grounds _____ Margaret Collar
Caring & Fellowship _____ Joe Bittle
Christian Education _____ Myra Horton
Finance & Stewardship _____ Susan Tedder
Evangelism, Outreach & Mission _____ Tom Hawkins
Nominating Committee _____ Kris Andrews
Office and Personnel _____ Robin Permenter
Worship & Music _____ Gary Pierce
Presbyterian Women _____ Jane Coker

Staff

Coordinator of Children's Ministries and Administrative Assistant _____ Susan Nexsen
Interim Choir Director _____ Gladys Davis
Director of Music Ministries _____ (vacant)
Worship Accompanist _____ Margaret Rogers
Nursery Assistant _____ (vacant)
Sexton _____ Milton Allen
Pastor _____ Rev. Jennifer Kottler

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...A place where all are welcome, and no one is a stranger.