

# Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

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*Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit*



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# Welcome to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, it is meaningful that we can share worship together in God's house.

In scripture, Jesus invites all people to love God, love one another, and to love our neighbors. We take this invitation seriously. It means we strive to be a faith community that is diverse and hospitable, just like the kingdom of God. We don't all look, act, and think the same. We ask and wrestle with different questions. We carry different burdens. We offer different gifts. And when we enter these doors each Sunday, we remember that in worship God makes us one.

When we gather among these old stones in church, we do Sunday mornings in some traditional ways. We listen to scripture together. We study God's word for us. We sing some hymns our grandparents sang and some new ones too. In our preaching and our prayers, we engage our faith with the realities of our modern world and our lives within it. My hope is that you sense God's presence among us and you experience something meaningful to you, whether a moment of compassion, a sense of hope, a call to action, or simply a nudging toward a deeper relationship with God.

Our church life has been continually adjusting to the reality of a pandemic world and we continue to adapt as best we can to promote wellbeing and safety for one another. Worship is online and in the sanctuary. Some opportunities to connect are online and some are in person. These options will continue. Our hope is that we can grow more connected as a community faith, however we are able to do so.

We are blessed by your presence today. We want to get to know you. If there is a way that I or a church member can help you feel at home, let us know. I imagine that you will find that you belong.

Matthew Nickel  
Pastor

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

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*Welcome to worship at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.*

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a time of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE                      "L'Organist: Allegretto and Andantino"                      *Cesar Franck*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT SOLO                      "Lift Up Your Voice"                      *J. Bert Carlson*

+ CALL TO WORSHIP                      *Jenny King*

Let us come rejoicing that God cares, to hear God's call to service and to meet the Christ who claims us.

**With longing hearts we seek God's love in Jesus Christ. With joyful lips, we sing God's praises.**

God has acted in Christ to save us that we might live as children of God.

**Let the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts and the living of our days proclaim the good news of God's salvation to all generations.**

+ HYMN No. 482                      "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"                      *Lobe Den Herren*

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For failure to appreciate and to enjoy the good things you provide for our lives, in your mercy:

**Lord, forgive us.**

For insensitivity to the needs of others and for not sharing the good news we have received in word and deed, in your mercy:

**Lord, forgive us.**

For being consumed in the business of life and for losing faith in your sovereignty and power, in your mercy:

**Lord, forgive us. Reform our will and reinforce our courage. Create in us clean hearts and put a new and right spirit within us. May all we say and do will be to the glory of your holy name and for the spreading of your kingdom of love and peace.**

*Silent Confession*

+ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God alone judges the sincerity of our prayers.

**Jesus said, "Many are called, but few are chosen."**

Surely the chosen ones are those who confess their sin, and accept God's rule in their lives.

**So then let us rejoice greatly in the renewed strength God gives. Old things pass away. All things become new. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen**

+ SONG OF RESPONSE Hymn No. 614      “Great Are You, Lord”      *Great is the Lord*  
*Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.*  
*Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.*  
*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.*  
*Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord!*  
*Great are you, Lord!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 96 (O.T. page 550)

*This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON      “Someone Like Me: Andrew/First Evangelist”      Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew

SOLO      “Lord, Here Am I”      John Ness Beck

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

***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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

OFFERING

*Offerings can be made in an Offering Box at church or online at [www.japc.org/give](http://www.japc.org/give)*

+ DOXOLOGY Hymn No. 592

“Praise, God from Whom All Blessings Flow”      *Old One Hundredth*  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.***  
***Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

+ HYMN No. 426 “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”      Canonbury

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE      “L’Organist: Sortie”      Cesar Franck

*The Postlude is the last act of Worship. You are invited to listen and reflect.*

+ Congregation standing if able

## ***Announcements***

**You are welcome here. You belong here:** A special welcome goes to guests and visitors. Our hope is that you feel like you belong, in this faith community.

**Prayer Requests** – Let your Deacons pray with and for you. You may send your prayer requests to the Deacons using [prayer@japc.org](mailto:prayer@japc.org) or you can also call prayer requests to the church office and Pastor Matt at 313-822-3456.

**The Board of Deacons encourages prayers** for Jeff Adams, Marieke Allen, the family of Gil Baker, Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Wanda Black, Jan Brengman, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Anna Cherven, Tony Foust, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, the Itchon family, Priscilla Kelsey, Phillip Kent, Chris Klinger, the Krage family, Diane Larsen, Phyllis May, Eleanor Mobley, Norma Perry, Fred Roberts, Marjorie Stahl, Johnnie Walker II, JAPC military; Capt. Michael Boyle, for people ill from Covid-19 and medical workers, the scientific community, people who've lost jobs or businesses, social service and relief workers, and all who are supporting those affected by the coronavirus. **Please sign the Circle of Care Card (*in the Tower foyer*)** for Joyce Baker-Martin (sister of Gil Baker), Damion Baker & Terrance Baker (sons of Gil Baker).

**Notes & Worship Participants** – Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew. Liturgist: Jenny King. Soloist: Sophia Raptis. Ushers: Sharon Lawson, Byrum Patrick and Barbara Prues. Coffee Host: Barbara Prues. The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Rev. Dr. Robert Agnew.

**Today's Chancel Flowers** – are given by Tom Thompson to the glory of God in loving memory of his parents, Roy Edward and Edythe Irvine Thompson.

**Someone Like Me** - This Summer, we will hear the stories of many people in the Bible. In June, worship is engaging stories of two kings, Saul and David. Imperfect as they were, God loved and cared for them. In July and August, worship will focus on a different person in scripture. Each person can remind us of ways that God relates to people through all the realities of human life.

<p><b>The Memorial Service for Gil Baker</b> – The memorial service to celebrate the life of Gil will take place on Thursday, July 22 at 2:00PM in the sanctuary. Please join us for this time of remembrance.</p>
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**Free Food Distributions on Fridays** - JAPC is distributing food every Friday at 11:00am in the church parking lot. JAPC gives bags of dry pantry goods with some fruits, vegetables and dairy and 175 dinners (feeds 4-6 people) to any who may find it helpful. Distribution is “contactless”. All food is first come, first serve, so arrive promptly. **VOLUNTEERS:** Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/JAPCFood>.

**Free Picture & Young Adult Books on Fridays** - A generous donation of books was made available to the Mission Committee at JAPC through The Grosse Pointe Public School System and Elementary Media Specialist, Amy Herman. We received over 30 boxes of books that we will make available to our guests on Fridays and anyone that wants picture and YA books for friends and family. Research has consistently shown that reading over the summer helps ease the "summer slump" for many students. The Mission Committee is excited to make the books available for summer reading!

**Summer Camps** will be held outside for the weeks of July 12 and 19. Camps run from 9:30am- noon for rising 2nd to 7th graders. College for Creative Studies art workshop and Drumming with Juan "Butter " Hawkins workshop are offered each day.

**Volunteers are needed for all camps.** Chaperones and adult supervision are needed from 9am - 12:15pm Monday through Friday the weeks of July 12 and 19th. You can volunteer for one day or more days. Lunch preparation and packing (bag lunches will be distributed at 12noon) is needed each day from 10:30-12noon. Visit <http://bit.ly/japcsummercamps> to volunteer

**Outdoor Worship on the Lawn** — On Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 AM, the church will hold our worship service outside and the congregation can worship from the church lawn and gardens. Bring your own chair and join us to celebrate worship in God's creation. If it rains we will move inside and our rain date will be the following Sunday, July 25.

**Online Prayer Group** - Close your day with a short prayer service from the Book of Common Worship. Together, we offer prayers for our church, community, and world. The service is held on the second and forth Thursdays of the month (July 22) at 7:00pm on Zoom. For video go to: <http://bit.ly/japcprayerservice>. Meeting ID: 869 7656 7804 Passcode: 123 - to participate by phone dial 312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 869 7656 7804 and use Passcode: 123

**Family Bible Camp** for all ages (toddlers to teens) will be held three evenings on the front lawn from 6:30-8pm on July 26-28. Please pick up a flyer for details or contact Kathy Chateau, [kathy@japc.org](mailto:kathy@japc.org).

**All Church Read: Love Does** - The Parish Life team invites you to do some summer reading together! Over the Summer, phrase a copy of Love Does by Bob Goff and start reading! We recommend purchasing your book through Source Booksellers or use a link to the book on Amazon <http://bit.ly/lovedoesbobgoft>. We'll have a book discussion in August on a date to be determined.

## ***Other Opportunities***

**Sunday Morning Ushers Needed** - Sign up to welcome, greet, and help people find their way before worship. Details and sign-up: <http://bit.ly/japcusherssignup> or call or email Margie ([margie@japc.org](mailto:margie@japc.org)) in the church office.

**Summer Coffee Hosts Needed** - Would you be a Coffee Host after worship on a Sunday morning? All you need is a welcoming, friendly smile (and maybe a few cookies too). Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/japcsummerhost>.

**Returnable Collections** - In the Tower Entryway that is a bin for collecting returnable cans. Church members and friends in the community are invited to share their rinsed returnables. Over the years the proceeds have contributed to projects led by the Board of Deacons. Consider putting your returnables to work for the ministry of the church.

**Amazon Smile** - If you shop on Amazon, JAPC can earn 0.5% of eligible Amazon purchases if a user designates Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian church as their designated charity. All you have to do is visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and enter Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in the search box and select it as your charity. Purchases have to be made using the Amazon Smile portal.

**Kroger Community Rewards** program benefits JAPC. To enroll (you will need the church's ID number [BL037] and your Kroger Plus Card), go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) or contact Kroger Customer Service at 1-800-576-4377. Every time you use your Kroger Plus Card, a portion of the proceeds will go directly to JAPC.

## ***The Staff at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church***

**Pastor** — Rev. Matthew Nickel ([matt@japc.org](mailto:matt@japc.org))

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