

Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit



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Welcome to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

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

*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 "Epitaph" *Vincent Persichetti*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "O For a Closer Walk" *C.V. Stanford*

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb. (Tune from the Scottish Psalter, 1635, Text by William Cowper, 1731-1800)

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *Byrum Patrick*

The Psalmist says: *O Sing to the Lord a new song,*

Because God continually doing something new with God's people.

So we sing a song with joy,

And we sing a song with gratitude.

So we sing a song to build hope,

And we sing a song to share trust.

So we sing a song together,

And we sing a song to worship the LORD!

+ HYMN No. 210 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" *St. Anne*

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unending song,

You accompany us with endless grace, always calling us back to you.

Still our actions can put distance between us and our neighbors.

When the path is hard,

We hesitate to follow you.

When life doesn't go as planned,

We blame others instead of taking responsibility.

When working together requires more than we want to give,

We withhold our relationship.

Let us confidently return our trust to you.

Guide us to listen for your wisdom and to respond with faith.

Hear our prayers and forgive us for peace and unity...

Silent Confession

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God, you come into all the places where we are broken with mercy and grace,
In Christ we are God's people who are forgiven and made whole.

+ SONG OF RESPONSE Hymn No. 104 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

***Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 (O.T. page 275)

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

SERMON "Singing to Carry Another"

Rev. Matthew Nickel

ANTHEM "Canticle of Praise"

John Ness Beck

As the father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembreth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth, For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; And the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to them that fear Him, To such as keep His covenants. The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens, And His kingdom ruleth over all. Praise ye the Lord! Praise ye the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the heights! Praise ye Him, all His angels, Praise ye Him, all His hosts. Praise ye Him, sun and moon, Praise Him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: Fire and hail, snow and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling His word! King of the earth, and all people, princes and all judges of the earth, Young men and maidens, Old men and children, Let them praise the name of the Lord! For His name alone is excellent, His glory is above the earth and heaven. Praise ye the Lord! (Text from Psalms 103 and 148)

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

+ 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.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN No. 282 “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” *Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott*

+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Processional”

Grayston Ives

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 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, Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Wanda Black, 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 Fred Krage & family.**

Worship Participants & Notes – Liturgist: Byrum Patrick. Vocalists: Stephen Bobalik, Katy Kujala, Brien Meehan, Deborah Nero, Sophia Raptis and Rose Randall Warner. Ushers: Rodney Burlett, Sharon Lawson and Barbara Prues. Coffee Hosts: Nancy Kammer-Wildern. The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were written by Matthew Nickel.

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.

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!

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 fourth Thursdays of the month (July 8 & 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

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

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.

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/lovedoesbobgoff>. 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/japcushersignup> or call or email Margie (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 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 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.

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