

# John Calvin Presbyterian Newsletter

## SEPTEMBER



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# From Reverend Ochart

## Introduction To the Narrative Lectionary:

September is upon us (I know right?) and that means the beginning of a new school year, and a return to the 'normal' routine for many families (if anything can be called 'normal' this year). September 13th marks the beginning of Sunday School for the fall, as well as the beginning of a new set of lessons for our services of Worship called the Narrative Lectionary. You may or may not know that a lectionary is a set of scriptures that many churches use to choose what scriptures are read and preached from on Sunday mornings. It is a discipline that ensures a broad reading of scriptures, and helps to avoid only picking our favorite passages (or the ones that do not challenge us). For many years, John Calvin (along with many Mainline Protestant and Catholic churches) has used the Reformed Common Lectionary. The RCL is a three year cycle of readings for each Sunday, one each from the Old Testament, Psalms, Gospel, and an Epistle (letter). While this gives a variety of readings to preach from, it does not do much to connect them to one another or provide a wider view of Scripture as a whole.

The Narrative Lectionary began as an experiment of Luther Seminary in 2010 to provide an overall view of the redemptive story of God in the Bible. Each of the four years begins in September with the Old Testament, and moves chronologically through the creation, patriarchs/matriarchs, kingdom, prophets, exile, and return of God's people through to the season of Advent. The end of Advent and Christmas season recounts the birth of Christ, then focuses on one of the four Gospels from Christmas to Easter, this year we will focus on the gospel of Luke. The season of Easter focuses on the life of the early church through the book of Acts and one or two epistles. The Narrative Lectionary finishes at Pentecost remembering the birth of the church. This leaves the summer open for other topical or book series, or a return to the RCL. I have been preaching from the Narrative Lectionary for several years now and find great benefit to seeing how each story links to the stories around it, but also to the greater story of redemption that we see throughout scripture. Along with the lessons on Sundays, I will provide you with readings each week to understand more of the context in which the story sits. I will be reading and discussing these readings throughout the week in my Daily Prayer videos.

I hope that you will see your own story in God's redemptive story, and be enriched by exploring scripture through the Narrative Lectionary with me.

Readings for the week of September 6: Genesis 1-11

Readings for the week of September 13: Genesis 12-24

Readings for the week of September 20: Genesis 37-50

Readings for the week of September 27: Exodus 1-14

### What am I...

**Listening to:** Hamilton, YangSpeaks Podcast

**Reading:** "Humankind: a Hopeful History"  
by Rutger Bregman

**Watching:** Superstore

**Playing:** Pokemon: Tabletop Adventures

**Learning:** "First Steps to Dismantling Racism"  
Webinar provided by Synod of the Sun

***Please welcome Sam Garnett, our new Organist/  
Accompanist to our church family!***

Sam Garnett is an organist and music educator from Knoxville, Tennessee. He studied trumpet at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL with Dr. Jay Coble while completing his Bachelor of Music Education. Sam was the Music Director at St. John Presbyterian Church in Tampa, and has been involved in church music in New Orleans as a vocalist and substitute organist for the past three years. Sam and his wife Kelly co-founded Wicked Chops Music Studio in 2017, which provides piano lessons to students of all ages. Sam currently studies organ with Steven Blackmon at St. Charles Ave. Presbyterian Church.

Sam is an active performer in New Orleans' classical music scene as an organist, trumpeter, pianist, and chorister. As a member of New Orleans Vocal Arts (NOVA), he participates in quarterly choir concerts and often performs alongside the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra. As an organist, Sam is frequently featured in St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian's online worship services and is a regular participant in American Guild of Organist recitals.

Kelly and Sam currently live in Carrollton with their new greyhound Gracie and her reluctant big brother, Domineaux  
the tuxedo cat.





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Beignets  
with Pastor Aaron  
For Youth in Middle School and  
High School  
August 2nd**



**Pizza with Pastor Aaron  
Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday School Starts  
September 13th  
9:30 a.m.  
Picnic in the quad after  
10:30 worship**

# **Sunday School Starts September 13th 9:30 For adults and kids**

Schedule:

3 classes upstairs in the fellowship hall

Adult class in the Library

Every Sunday at 9:30a.m.

For more information:

Email [julie.hebert@johncalvinchurch.org](mailto:julie.hebert@johncalvinchurch.org)  
or

Call the church office 504-888-1375





**John Calvin Playschool**  
**September 2020**

- 8 Orientation for all 1's, TTH 2's, all 4's & TK in Sanctuary (follow schedule)
- 9 Orientation for M-F 2's, MWF 2's, & all 3's in Sanctuary (follow schedule)

8:45-11:45- School for TK & 4's

10-11 8:45-11:00 School for 2's (10:45 1's)

8:45-11:45 School for other classes

14 Full Day with Extended Day (till 2:45)

25 Family Fun Night Picnic Dinner in Quad

**Thank you to the administration and teachers who have helped in getting the new school year started.**

# **John Calvin Presbyterian Church**



*"Freed by the Fire, Renewed by the Flood, and Empowered by the Spirit"*