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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Corey & Jocelyn Walker
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Welcome to



**ST. JOHN'S
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

**“The Church on
the Corner Whose
Cornerstone is Christ”**

We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome to our Worship of God!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer

Matthew 6:31-34 (p. 961)

(8:00) Prelude

“All Christians Sing”

(10:30) Prelude

Lydia Whiteman

“We Three Kings”

† Call to Worship (L–Leader; *P–People*)

L: Congregation, what is your source of comfort and encouragement?

P: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

L: With joy receive these words of greeting from God: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever.
(Galatians 1:3,4)

P: Amen!

L: Praise, O children of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

P: We love you, Lord, for you hear our voices; you hear our cry for mercy.

L: How can we repay the Lord for all his goodness to us?

P: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. We will fulfill our vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people.
(Psalm 116:13-14)

† Hymn – #97

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

† Unison Prayer of Confession: *Lord of Lords, Light of Lights, we confess that though you call us to display your light in this world by loving one another, we often choose to walk in darkness, ignoring the needs of others, and living in selfishness instead of love. What’s more, instead of living in love and gratitude for you, our Most Merciful Heavenly Father, we neglect our duty to worship you with all our heart, strength, and soul, and fail to praise you as the source of every good thing we have. Forgive us Father, and grant your Spirit of love to live in our hearts that we might be renewed in love for you and our fellow man. Amen.*

† Words of Assurance: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”
(Lamentations 3:22-24)

† Hymn Response – #52

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(#42, v. 1) “Seek Ye First”

Prayer for the New Year and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

Special Music

Annie Foote, Deb Schmidt, Deb Schnitkey

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 958)
† Hymn – #383	“Open Our Eyes, Lord”
Sermon (sermon notes on insert)	“Confronting the Beatitudes of our Culture”
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude	
Offertory	“One Small Child”
† Doxology (#623) and Prayer of Dedication	
† Closing Hymn – #567	“Another Year Is Dawning”
† Benediction	
† Benediction in Song – #610	“Go Now and Live for the Savior”
† Postlude	

Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! Please take a moment to complete one of the info cards in the pew rack at each end of the pew and drop it in the offering plate once it is passed down the aisle in the service. We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and pleasurable time of worship and that you will worship with us again. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

St. John's Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues/Thurs morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September thru May. More information is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

Children's and Large Print Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided through our loop system for hearing aids with a “t” switch position.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Father God, we thank you for the gift of another year. Renew our commitment to walk in your ways and empower us with your Holy Spirit to live in love to honor you. Amen.

January Mission-A-Month
Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits

Sermon – “Confronting the Beatitudes of our Culture”

Cultural Value: Complaining

Biblical Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Biblical Value: Pray for your leaders

Biblical Beatitude: Blessed are the peacemakers

Cultural Value: Arguing

Biblical Text: 1 Timothy 2:8

Biblical Value: Pray for God’s will to be done

Biblical Beatitude: Blessed are the meek

Cultural Value: Beauty

Biblical Text: 1 Timothy 2:9-10

Biblical Value: Serve others

Biblical Beatitude: Blessed are the merciful

Cultural Value: Wealth

Biblical Texts: 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Biblical Values: Be content and give generously

Biblical Beatitude: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

Let’s Talk About It - This Week in Our Children’s and Youth Education:

Pre-K Class / Faith Village / Confirmation / Senior High Sunday School: No classes held this morning - will resume next Sunday, January 8th.

LOGOS / JYF: Will resume on Wednesday, January 11th.

SYF: Will resume on Wednesday, January 4th.

WEEK OF JANUARY 1ST AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary) No Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon		New Year's Day Observed (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Genesis 1 (Fireside Room)
	11:15AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC Team A&S (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:30PM	DR Trip Packing (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
	8:00PM	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Sat	9:00AM	Dismantling & Storing Advent Decorations
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – January 8 - Holy Communion / Memorial Sunday

Sermon – “Influencing a Generation” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – 2 Chronicles 34

Discovery[®] is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The Jan/Feb/Mar guides are available in the literature rack (suggested donation \$5.50 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

January 2 - Out of Nothingness	Genesis 1:1-25
January 3 - In God's Image	Genesis 1:26–2:3
January 4 - One Becomes Two	Genesis 2:4-25
January 5 - Forbidden Fruit	Genesis 3:1-13
January 6 - Consequences	Genesis 3:14-24
January 7 - East of Eden	Genesis 4:1-16
January 8 - Bruised and Confused	Psalm 44

Community Meal Ministry – The Archbold Area Ministerial Association is once again coordinating these weekly meals, and for at least the first three months of 2017, the meals will be held at St. John's. This wonderful ministry of food and fellowship is entering its sixth year of existence, and local churches and organizations continue to help fill out the calendar of meals to be served.

Volunteers from the St. John's congregation are needed! We continue to have two meal teams that will each serve five meals during the year, and people are needed to help prepare, serve and clean-up each time one of our meals teams host. We also need help with setting up tables and chairs each week, clearing tables and washing dishes each week, and taking tables and chairs down each week. People can volunteer each Tuesday, once a month, one month of the year – any and all help will be appreciated. Please contact the church office if you can help. Thanks!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Congratulations to Corey Walker and Jocelyn Mankowski, who were married in the sanctuary here at St. John's on Friday.
- Josie Grieser, home recovering from surgery to remove her gall bladder on Thursday.
- Solomon and Lisa Welch and family, as their nephew, Matt Grubaugh, passed away on Friday.
- Dean Sauder and family, as Dean's brother, Paul Sauder, passed away on December 26th.
- Ed Ruffer, home recovering from foot surgery (non-weight bearing for several weeks).
- Bob DeVries, home recovering from open heart surgery.
- Shirley Wyse, in rehab at Fairlawn.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments for esophageal cancer.
- Mel Woolace, home recovering from heart valve replacement surgery.
- Gary Frazier, as he continues to recover at rehab.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Qatar.
- Brenden Bostelman, home on leave (soon to be transferred to Alaska).
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, in basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina.
- Koltin Zimmerman, stationed at Fort Campbell, Oak Grove, Kentucky.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolyte	(10:30) Kylie Sauder	
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Ron & Karen Rice	
	(10:30) Michael, Cayla, Toby & Adam Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser, Nancy Ries, Mary Ellen Johnson	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Chris & Amy Baden	(Jan 8) Ryan & Devin Bernath
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Accompanist	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	
Accompanist	(Both) Nancy Rupp	

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