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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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Welcome to



**“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, Scripture and Prayer

Galatians 3:16 (p. 1153)

Prelude

“O Worship The King”

† Call to Worship – Colossians 1: 15-17 (L–Leader; C–*Congregation*)

L: Come and worship Christ,

C: *the visible image of the invisible God,*

L: the firstborn of creation,

C: *the eternal God:*

L: the one through whom all things were created,

C: *and in whom all things are held together.*

L: This is our God!

C: *Let us worship him together!*

† Hymn – #97

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

† Unison Prayer of Confession: *Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. In his name we pray, Amen.*

† Words of Assurance: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

† Hymn Response – #102

“There’s Something About That Name”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(#579) “Jesus Loves Me”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

† (8:00) Hymn Response – #369

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“This Is the Day”

Sermon

“Jesus: Our Perfect Prophet, Priest, and King”

Scripture Passages

Hebrews 1:1-3, 7:23-28; Romans 5:12-17

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

“More Than Wonderful”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn – #87 vs. 1, 3, & 4

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #87 v. 6

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

† 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.

Membership Orientation

St. John's Christian Church offers periodic orientation sessions to inform people about beliefs, ministries and the history of this local congregation. Orientation includes three group sessions and one home visit by one of the pastors. Please let Pastor Erich, Pastor Alex or Sue Grieser know if you would be interested in attending future sessions offered.

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 our 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.



Easter Flower & Memorials – Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for ordering Easter Flowers (deadline March 26th) and giving Easter Memorials (deadline April 5th). Flowers available for \$9 each are daffodils, lilies, hyacinths (blue, pink, and white), mums (pink, yellow, and white) and tulips (red, pink, purple and yellow). Memorials can be given in any amount. Memorial and flower sponsorships will be listed in Easter Sunday bulletins, and flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 service of worship on Easter Sunday.

Lenten Coin Folders – Youth and adult Lenten coin folders are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex. Please feel free to pick yours up today! These offerings will be collected on Easter Sunday (April 16) and will be divided equally between the Aroles and Back Bay Mission.

February Mission-A-Month - Archbold FISH Food Pantry

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

Pre-K Class: Today we talked about the story of Jonah and the whale. What happened to Jonah?

Faith Village: Faith Village kids are learning about the life of Jeremiah using several different passages in the book of Jeremiah. God asked Jeremiah to tell the people that he was unhappy with the way they were living and that if they continued to disobey God, God would punish them. Have you ever been punished because you disobeyed your parents? Did you learn anything from that punishment?

Confirmation: We finished our unit on church structure this morning, discussing independent congregations. SJCC has local autonomy—what does that mean? Youth continue to work on memorizing John 1:1-5.

Senior High Sunday School: This morning we finished our three week series on lust and immodesty. Scripture not only prohibits lust, but also commands love. How can we love the guys and gals in our lives like Paul instructs us to, as brothers and sisters? Think about ways you can affirm your peers and show them that their self-worth is not based on outward appearance.

LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten: This week we retold the story of Jesus' birth (Matthew 1 & Luke 1-2) with stick puppets. The students made a nativity craft and also made a story telling bracelet. Each bead represented an event in the Christmas story. **First Grade:** The first graders looked up and read the story of Zaccheus in Luke. They then acted out the story. We talked about how Jesus came to help those who were lost or didn't know God, like Zaccheus. **Third Grade:** The third graders learned in Joshua 24 that he instructed the Israelites to fear the Lord and serve him with faithfulness. Can we do the same? **Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders learned about the sacrament of baptism and what it means. We talked about different ways people are baptized, some as babies and some when they are older. We read and discussed Mark 1:1-11, when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. We took home a prayer card to help us remember that we belong to God and that He has promised to wash away our sin when we ask for forgiveness.

JYF: This week at JYF, we talked about the Lord, and who He says He is: "I am," "slow to anger, compassionate, kind and just." We also talked about who God says Jesus is: "This is my son, whom I love and am well pleased with. Listen to him." Then we read Jesus' parable about the wheat and the weeds growing together, and the resulting harvest. We were all challenged to be holy, and to keep in mind that we are accountable for all we say and do.

On Sunday, March 19th, our JYF will be hosting a movie night in the parish hall. At 4PM, Moe & The Big Exit (Veggie Tales) will be shown, then pizza will be served around 5PM, followed by the featured movie "God's Not Dead 2" starting between 5:30 and 6PM. A free will offering will be collected to help fund various JYF activities throughout the year.

SYF: This week, we had the privilege of hearing from Sandi Cowell and Andee Grime about their mission trip in January to the Dominican Republic. We played a fun game called "Therapist," and also did a review activity over some of the major figures in the Old Testament story. Lastly, we finished our series on the Old Testament by talking about how God kept his promise to bring his people back to their homeland and how in exile and through the ministries of Ezra and Nehemiah, the people learned to humble themselves before the Lord and trust in his amazing grace to forgive them all their sins.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Adult Faith & Fellowship / Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:15AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	4:00PM	Youth for Christ Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Joshua 1 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC Team B & K Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	8:00PM	Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	6:00PM	LOGOS Meal – Ash Wednesday Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:30PM	Junior Choir (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service – Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Attending Ash Wednesday Service)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thur	9:00AM	Mending at Fairlawn (Activities Room)
	6:00PM	4th Grade Basketball (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Mom's Night – T-Th PM Class (Chapel & Preschool Room)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	5:30PM	Non-Member Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat	10:00AM	High School Girls Bible Study (Youth Room)
	3:00PM	Non-Member Wedding (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – March 5 - First Sunday of Lent

Sermon – “Temptation - Will It Ever End?” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Matthew 4:1-11

LOGOS Altered Schedule Ash Wednesday (March 1st) – Please note the altered LOGOS schedule this week due to our Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00PM. Dinner will begin at 6:00PM followed by Junior Choir at 6:30PM. Youth should be picked up by 7:00PM in the Chapel or Preschool Room.

Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

February 27 - Big Shoes to Fill	Joshua 1:1-9
February 28 - A Bold Beginning	Joshua 1:10-18
March 1 - A False Start	Joshua 2:1-16
March 2 - An Unexpected Savior	Joshua 2:17-24
March 3 - The Lord Leads the Way	Joshua 3:1-17
March 4 - The Need to Remember	Joshua 4:1-9
March 5 - Your Faithful People	Psalm 52

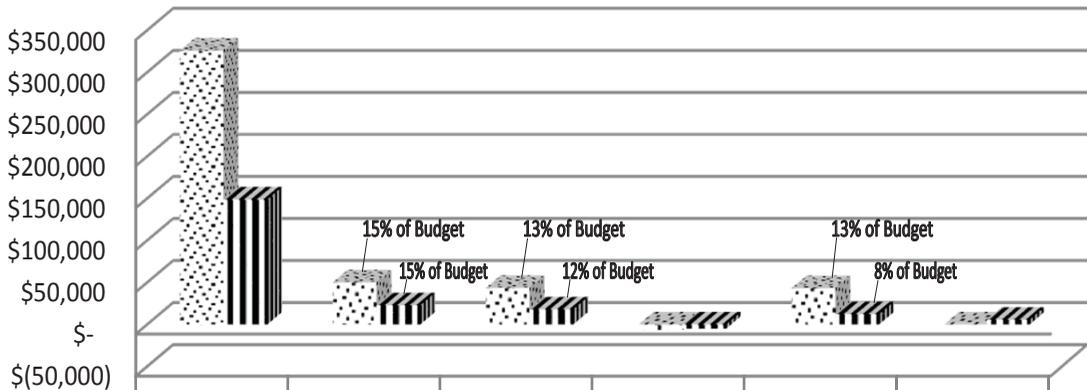
Man Camp– Steaks, bacon, hatchets, and fire. Need we say more? A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for April 7th – 9th. The cost for this weekend at Miracle Camp is \$125 which includes lodging and meals. Check with Bruce Wooley if you have questions or visit www.miraclecamp.com/mancamp. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board – the earlier you sign-up, the better your accommodations might be!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2017 – Directors of this year’s VBS are Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen and Carrie Nofziger. They are working on curriculum and theme selection! The week of VBS this year will be June 25th through 29th.

Christian Resources International (CRI) – CRI is an organization in Fowlerville, Michigan that sends containers filled with Bibles and Christian literature around the world and to prisons. Our church has taken material to them, and we believe this to be an excellent Christian activity. If you have any Christian literature (Bibles, devotionals, Sunday school papers or books) you no longer use, please donate them to this project. There is a box labeled to receive literature in the chapel narthex. Please contact Norma Fish (419-799-9172) or Gloria Lauber (419-445-7882) if you have a large amount of literature.

Community Meal Ministry – The calendar is filling out for this weekly ministry of food and fellowship. A dedicated crew of volunteers from SJCC helps with set-up and clean-up each week, and we’re always looking for others to assist with clearing tables, washing dishes, and putting everything away. It’s a very worthwhile time of service, for an hour-an-a-half each Tuesday!

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of Feb 20, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year (9/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$50,131	\$43,453	\$(6,677)	\$43,294	\$160
Missions	\$148,800	\$22,892	\$18,068	\$(4,824)	\$12,385	\$5,684

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of February 19, 2017 - \$459,214.59

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Jesus, we give you all glory, honor, and praise for all that you are and for all that you have done for us and continue to do for us! As our prophet, you perfectly reveal the heart of God to us, that we might truly know God and love him with all our hearts. As our priest, you always live to intercede for us, so that we always have an advocate before the Father. As our king, you lead us in the work of advancing your kingdom through loving our neighbors as ourselves; and you secure for us all the blessings of living in your kingdom of perfect peace. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Amen.

- † Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for the family as they say goodbye to their present team, prepare for time in the states this summer, and then return to work with a new team.
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray that God would raise up people to help with their monthly support, that their children will love Jesus, and that God will lead their pastoral team as they continue to plan for leadership strategy.
- † Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for their stamina and focus as they teach the Gospel at the Bible College, and for clarity as they stand against false teaching and cultural issues.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray they will be the incarnational embodiment of Jesus's love to their communities, for new partnerships with churches and individuals, for wise use of their time and energies, as they balance ministry, family and fundraising.
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the family as they mourn the loss of Keith, pray for support and encouragement, and pray for the ministry of the Life House.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State Univ. – pray for OC East to love Jesus deeply, for God to give wisdom with how to reach that part of campus, and for her future with the “She Has a Name” in efforts to bring freedom from human trafficking.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray they're settling in well as they arrived on campus on January 25th, praying for a productive transition.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for upcoming surgical camps in February for the poorest of the poor, and for their new efforts in Diabetes awareness.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – praising God for three students who have been admitted to high school, one with a scholarship, and thankful two boys who were injured in a car accident, one needing prolonged treatment, but both are recovered now.
- † Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for Matt in his efforts of teaching, leadership development, outreach, staff discipleship and fundraising.

Prayer for Tom & Megan: Dear Lord, I thank you for missionaries like Tom & Megan, who have followed your path of light. As they go through another time of team transition, may your Spirit guide their ministry, supplying support and vitality to the team members who are leaving. Help Tom and Megan clarify plans for their time back in the states, that plans will come together for their spiritual and physical renewal. I pray for the people of The Islands, that new converts would remain strong and stand firm in times of fear. Lord, may your strength and compassion be a real blessing in their lives and situations. In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Barb Sigg, recovering from a broken nose, scrapes and bruises suffered in a fall last week.
- Kris Short, upon the death of her step sister, Stacy Carlin.
- Dale Grime, recovering from shoulder surgery on Thursday.
- Nate Meyer, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Randy Layton, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Joanne Spotts, at the Rupp Rehab Center in Fairlawn recovering from a broken hip.
- Jayson Lindsay, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, who has completed chemo and radiation treatments for esophageal cancer. Further testing will determine next step in treatment.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Qatar.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in South Korea.
- Donny Richardson, stationed in Okinawa, Japan.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, who graduated from basic training on Friday, and will leave for 9 weeks of infantry training in North Carolina on March 5th.
- Kollin Woolace, 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

Acolytes	(8:00) Braden Eichler	(10:30) Emily Walker
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(8:00) Tim Beck, Mark Beltz	
	(10:30) Ben & Sue Buehrer, Norm & Ann Fether	
Greeters	(10:30) Mark & Tammy Nofziger, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Gregg & Annika Johnson	(Mar 5) Ben & Tiffany Johnston
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children's Message	(Both) Deb Kauffman	

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