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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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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! First Sunday of Lent

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Mission Moment (The Friendship House)

Scripture and Prayer

Genesis 2:15-17 (p. 2)

Prelude

“Glorious Day”

Call to Worship – Worship Leader

Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is an opportunity for honest self-assessment and penitence, for coming clean and accepting the loving discipline of Christ Jesus. Many are the problems of those who are unrepentant, but steadfast-love enfolds those who trust in God. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you people of faith! Shout for joy all you who stand tall by God’s grace!

† Unison Prayer: ***Most holy God, most faithful Lord, look with compassion upon each person of this congregation as they come before you now. Override our ignorance, undercut our arrogance, scatter our indifference, and infiltrate all thoughts and feelings with your own Spirit. Please set us free from anything that might demean or diffuse this hour of worship. Enable us to put down our roots into the immovable, fertile ground of your eternal goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!***

† (8:00) Hymn – #228

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

† (10:30) Praise Songs

“God Is On the Move”

“In Christ Alone”

† Confession and Assurance (L – Leader, A – All) Verses from Psalm 32, NLT; Romans 5:8

L: Sisters and brothers in Christ, long ago a singer of psalms said: “When I refused to confess my sin, I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.”

L: Let us acknowledge our complicity in the world’s evil. Let us pray:

A: ***God our Creator and Redeemer, we confess to you and to each other that we are people who often fail in the hour of temptation. Sometimes we put up a worthy fight, only to lose the ground in an unguarded moment while we are licking our wounds. Sometimes we slowly win the struggle, only to fall into the same trap as we come from another direction. Sometimes we think the issues are so trifling that they are not worth the fight, and so we corrupt our true selves in a dozen mini betrayals. Sometimes we do not even realize that we have wandered until we look around and find ourselves on the wrong path. Sometimes we believe the Tempter when he says that your ways are unfair, and so we rebelliously turn our backs on you. Most merciful God, please reclaim and forgive us. Remove not only our guilt but also those mental subterfuges through which we have sought to justify ourselves. Give us a new start. Keep us alert without anxiety, and courageous without overconfidence in our own wisdom. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

L: My sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, it is written: “While we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died for us.”

A: *“Oh, what joy for those whose rebellion is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! So we rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!”*

† Hymn – #339

“Since I Have Been Redeemed”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(#579) “Jesus Loves Me”

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“Seek Ye First”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 957)

Sermon (notes on pg. 4)

“Temptation: Will It Ever End?”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn – #271

“Standing on the Promises”

† Spoken Benediction

† (8:00) Benediction in Song – screen

“Go Now in Peace”

† (10:30) Choral Benediction

“Go Now in Peace”

† 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 (full) and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning (full) 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.

Sermon – “Temptation: Will It Ever End?”
Scripture Text – Matthew 4:1-11 – The Temptation of Jesus

Temptation – Defining it, describing it, understanding it

Why was Jesus tempted? Why was he being tested?

Who or what is this devil?

Verses 3-4 – 1st Temptation

Purpose/Meaning of his Sonship

Verses 5-7 – 2nd Temptation

Testing of God

Verses 8-10 – 3rd Temptation

Sidestepping the Cross – Taking a Shortcut

Saying “NO” to Temptation

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

Faith Village: Faith Village kids are learning about the life of Jeremiah using several different passages in the book of Jeremiah. When God asked Jeremiah to be his prophet, Jeremiah felt like he was too young to do the job that God was asking him to do. But God promised to help Jeremiah. Can you think of a time when God helped you do something hard?

Confirmation: This Wednesday marked the beginning of the season of Lent, with forty days for fasting and seven Sundays for rejoicing. Over the next month, we'll be talking about Lent and related topics, such as repentance and renewal, and fasting and prayer. This month we're also going to be working on memorizing John 3:16-17. Talk with any confirmands you may know about how you're planning to grow closer to Jesus through this Lenten season.

Senior High Sunday School: In conjunction with the Lenten season, today we began a six week series on how our students can deepen their personal walk with God. Each lesson will focus on a basic practice that can foster spiritual growth. The series of lessons is called HABITS, which stands for:

- Hang out with God (prayer)
- Accountable friendships
- Bible memorization
- Involvement within the church body
- Tithing
- Studying Scripture

We talked about prayer today, so ask a teen you know about a time when God answered one of his or her prayers.

LOGOS: Due to the Ash Wednesday service, the LOGOS schedule was altered and the meal was enjoyed by the youth and Junior Choir rehearsed. Next week we return to our normal LOGOS Wednesday evening schedule.

JYF: We participated in the Ash Wednesday service this week. How do you intend to grow closer with Jesus this Lenten season?

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 around 5:30PM. A free will offering will be collected to help fund various JYF activities throughout the year.

SYF: We participated in the Ash Wednesday service this week. How do you intend to grow closer with Jesus this Lenten season?

Easter Flowers & 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.

WEEK OF MARCH 5TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Stuckey's, 24556 County Rd D, Archbold)
Mon	11:15AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	4:00PM	Youth for Christ Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Joshua 5 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC Team A & S Hosting (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Sunday School Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study (Fairlawn)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Spring Forward Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	Junior Choir (Chapel)
	6:45PM	JYF – Lesson and Game (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thur	9:00AM	Mending at Fairlawn (Activities Room)
	6:00PM	Scouts District Meetings (Parish Hall, Parlor, Upstairs Classrooms)
Sat	8:30AM	Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby – Time Trials (Parish Hall)
	10:00AM	High School Girls Bible Study (Youth Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service – Junior Choir Sings (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday – March 12 - Second Sunday of Lent

Sermon – “A Time for Questions” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – John 3:1-21

Discovery* is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

March 6 - Right Understanding	Joshua 4:10-24
March 7 - An End to the Exodus	Joshua 5:1-12
March 8 - A Drawn Sword	Joshua 5:13-15
March 9 - Waiting for God to Act	Joshua 6:1-11
March 10 - Disobedience in Judgement	Joshua 6:12-19
March 11 - Jericho Finally Falls	Joshua 6:20-27
March 12 - The Action of God	Psalm 53

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.

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.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Precious Lord, as I'm reminded once again of your time in the desert, when you faced temptation and fasted, I praise you for your unwavering devotion to your heavenly Father. Your example of endurance serves me well during this time of Lent. I'm in awe of the strength you displayed when facing the devil, and your knowledge of scripture offers me a great lesson in my yearning to be strong in my own faithfulness to God. I pray for the power of the Spirit to fill me as I live, guiding me with all truth and wisdom from the authority and power of the Word. Thank you, Precious Lord, for your example and teaching. In your name I pray. Amen.

- † Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for them as they make decisions about school for their children, for the right people for their team, for unity amongst members of their new team.
- † Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – pray for wisdom and stamina as he trains student to share the gospel and walk by faith, and their discipleship efforts.
- † Brazil – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru – Florianopolis – pray God continues to sustain them through daily difficulties of living in a different culture, pray for the students they met in the city of Pelotas, pray for Alberto, a new friend who has been helpful to them.
- † Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray the encouragement they received while in the states will continue to be a source of strength and blessing as they give effort to their teaching and leading.
- † Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for the necessary arrangements for a home, for open doors to meeting new Muslim families that are willing to study Jesus, and that united believers in the Chicagoland area will truly exude a Micah 6:8 character toward Muslims and the lost: do justly, love kindness and walk humbly with our God!
- † China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the family, for the home in China, for the U.S. leadership as they seek guidance and support in this new time.
- † Columbus – Whitney Varnau – pray for wisdom and further support as she spends more time engaged with the anti-trafficking ministry.
- † Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – now that they are in their second month, pray for health, family relationships and unity with staff.
- † India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for quality and consistent post-operative care following recent work by surgical teams, and pray for their ministerial work in areas of social justice and human health.
- † Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – pray their recent efforts to fund and construct a greenhouse are successful, and praise God for further partnerships in ministry.
- † 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 Kyle Chase: Lord, I thank you for raising Kyle up as a missionary and teacher engaged in campus ministry. May he continually seek your guidance in his teaching and in his interactions with students, and I pray your Spirit will encourage him and give him energy, knowledge and wisdom as he ministers in the unique setting of campus ministry. I pray for his own spirit, that he will not lose heart but will be bold and courageous in his efforts of evangelism and discipleship. Bless him with joy, Lord. I pray for Kyle, for his wife, Melissa, and for their sons, Jaden and Brennan – may their family enjoy time and faith and love together. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Barb Sigg, recovering from a broken nose, scrapes and bruises suffered in a fall.
- Dale Grime, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Nate Meyer, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Randy Layton, recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Joanne Spotts, now home recovering from a broken hip.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, who is starting another round of chemo treatments to target remaining 20% of cancer the first round didn't remove.
- 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 left today for 9 weeks of infantry training in North Carolina.
- 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) Karsen Pursel	(10:30) Kylie Sauder
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker	
	(8:00) Jim Grieser	
	(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim & Adam Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Bill & Kathy Bostelmen, Nancy Ries, Phyllis Sweitzer	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Ben & Tiffany Johnston	(Mar 12) Rachel Kinsman
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Worship Leader	(Both) Tammy Nofziger	
Song Leader	(Both) Ed Ruffer	
Praise Band	(10:30) Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Ann & Norm Fether, Brandon Lehman, Sarah Nafziger, Todd Nafziger, Deb Schnitkey	
Accompanist	(Both) Deb Schnitkey	
Children's Message	(Both) Matt Hines	

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