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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!

## Second Sunday of Lent

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 121 (p. 612)

Prelude

Emma Nafziger

“Here I Am To Worship”

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

L: Whether we have arrived here today eagerly or languidly, joyfully or disconsolately, our trust is in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*P: Our help comes from the God who made heaven and earth.*

L: God will save you from all evil; God will sustain your life.

*P: The Lord will be with us in our going out and our coming in, from this day forward and for evermore.*

† Hymn – #108

“Come Christians Join To Sing”

† Confession and Assurance (L – Leader, A – *All*, N – *North*, S – *South*)

L: With quiet confidence in the silent grace and quiet power of God, let us confess our sins and accept renewal. Let us pray:

*A: Holy God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures in whom goodness and evil are untidily entwined. Sometimes we set out to do what seems good, only to later discover that we have been manipulated by evil from within us.*

*N: At other times we have been afraid of our weaknesses, yet have achieved far better than we expected.*

*A: Sometimes we have relied on our education and worldly wisdom, only to find out how foolish we really are.*

S: At other times we have trembled at our own ignorance, yet have acted in far wiser ways than we thought possible.

*A: Sometimes we have pretended to be thoughtful and altruistic, yet in fact we have been pushed by nothing but self-interest.*

L: At other times we have been appalled at our chronic selfishness, yet have managed to rise above it and have altruistically served others wisely and lovingly.

*A: God our Awesome Lord, we place in your hands the tangled web that is our human lives. By your loving and ever patient mercy in Christ, forgive and remove all that is sinful, untwist that which is tangled, free that which is knotted, mend that which is broken, and bring balance and harmony into our daily existence. In the name of Christ Jesus our Savior, Amen!*

L: Recall the words of assurance Paul writes in Colossians 1:13-14: “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Praise be to God.

† Hymn Response – #210

“Jesus Paid It All”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(10:30) Junior Choir

“Don’t Worry About Tomorrow”

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

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-21 (p. 1052)

Sermon

“A Time for Questions”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

“Rock of My Salvation”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn – #422

“No, Not One”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – screen

“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](http://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](http://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:**

Please, Lord, please, speak to me and answer my own questions. Why can I not be strong in faith at all times? What causes me to waver? How can I say “no” to myself and “yes” to you? I seek your light, Lord. Open my mind to your will as I read and meditate upon your Word. May I be a blessing in the lives of others, as others have so blessed me. Thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer. Amen.

# *March Mission-A-Month - Friendship House*

The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two story home, located near downtown Archbold, provides shelter for individuals and families until they are able to become self-sufficient. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board.

## **Next Sunday – March 19 - Third Sunday of Lent**

Sermon – Given by Pastor Alex Young; Scripture – John 4:7-26

**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:

March 13 - Trust Issues .....	Joshua 7:1-9
March 14 - Jesus Equals Everything .....	Joshua 7:10-26
March 15 - Man With a Plan .....	Joshua 8:1-17
March 16 - Holy Patience .....	Joshua 8:18-29
March 17 - The Proclaimers .....	Joshua 8:30-35
March 18 - The Medium is the Message .....	Hebrews 1:1-4
March 19 - Can You Help Me? .....	Psalm 55

## **Today's Worship Servants**

Acolytes	(8:00) Braden Eichler	(10:30) Emma Hall
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker	
	(8:00) Jim Grieser	
	(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim & Adam Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Nancy Ries, Phyllis Sweitzer	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Rachel Kinsman	(Mar 19) Bo & Bri Krukowski
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Worship & Song Leader	(Both) Jim Redd	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children's Message	(Both) JoAnn Short	

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