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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!

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

1 Corinthians 1:10 (p. 1128)

Prelude

“Great Is The Lord”

† Call to Worship (L–Leader; *P–People*) (From Isaiah 60)

L: “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.”

P: “Darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon us and his glory appears over us.”

L: God sent his Son, Jesus, our Lord, to be the light of the world, a light that pierces the darkness, giving us the light of life. In response, we worship in the realm of his glory.

P: We arise in the light of Christ, eager to sing his praises with thanksgiving and wonder!

† Hymn – #527

“Glory to His Name”

† Prayer of Invocation

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Ministry of Prayer

Call to Prayer – #433

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Reading of Confession – Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

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

Special Music

“Beautiful Savior”

Andrew Rohrs, trumpet; Lynne Christman, piano

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:19-25 (p. 1191)

† Sermon Hymn – #292

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Sermon

“It’s Rally Time Again”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“This Is My Father’s World”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn – #213

“Because He Lives”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #244

“The Trees of the Field”

† Postlude

Larry Beck, organ

Voluntary on “Kremser”

Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and faithful 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.

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 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:

Lord, may my prayer truly be one that offers, “Yes, Lord, Here I am, let my love for you help me rise up in serving you.” Even as I pray these words, Lord, you know I'm busy, or I'm too old, or I'm too young, or I'm not able to serve. Forgive me for not relying upon your guidance and power. Open up my mind, Lord, that I would be in prayer, seeking your will, as I discern what you would have me do. And I pray for the blessing of our ministries here at SJCC, that you would be glorified and your people would be blessed in faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank Offering Containers:

Thank Offering containers are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary or chapel narthex. The suggestion is to save your loose change for the next several months in this coin container. This special offering is collected at the end of November and will be divided equally between The Sparrow's Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.

Vacation Notice:

Pastor Erich and Lynne will be leaving for a week's vacation this afternoon and will return Saturday, August 19th. They are headed to Long Island, New York, to explore places Erich enjoyed when visiting his grandmother as a child – he's not been there in 30 years! Pastor Alex will be available for pastoral care.



**The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Bob and Carol DeVries
in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary yesterday.**



**The Bulletins are sponsored by the Doris Rupp Family
in honor of Doris' 93rd birthday on August 15th.**

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

Pre-K Class: We had fun spending time together this morning learning about Esther. Ask us what we learned!

Faith Builders: We had our final Sunday of Faith Builders this morning. Following a quick review of the summer lessons, children explored how to step out in faith, being willing to go where God wants us to go – ask them about we explored stepping out in faith and how we learned to trust!

Confirmation: What does “missions” mean to you? How would you describe God's mission in this world?

Senior High Sunday School: We're talking about sharing our faith in Sunday School this morning. Last week we talked about sharing our story with others. This week, we're talking about God's story...the story of how he cares for us and how he is at work in this world. How might this story be good news for someone you know?

WEEK OF AUG 13TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Faith Builders – Kindergarten through 6th Grade (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	1:00PM	Worship Planning (Nursery)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Judges 8 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – St. Peter's Catholic Church (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Children/Youth/Adults – Gather in Sanctuary for Rally Sunday Program
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:45AM	Fellowship Meal – Free Will Offering Collected (Parish Hall)

Next Sunday – August 20 - Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost - Rally Sunday

Sermon – “Serving Oneself or Serving Others” by Pastor Alex Young

Rally Sunday, August 20th – Our annual celebration of Rally Sunday will be held next Sunday, a morning when we'll promote our children and youth to their new classes/groups for the coming year. Children, youth and adults will all gather in the sanctuary at 9:15AM (parents are asked to accompany their children to the sanctuary). Following a special program, we'll release children and youth to their new classes/groups: Preschoolers will go to the nursery or preschool room, Faith Village children and shepherds will go to the Chapel, Confirmands and Senior Highs will go to the youth room.

To help celebrate Rally Sunday, the Fellowship Committee is serving a meal following our 10:30 worship service; the menu will be burgers and hot dogs on the grill, baked beans, chips, ice cream and brownies. All are welcome to come and enjoy great food and fellowship!

Community Meals – Each Tuesday, August 15 to September 26, we are in need of 3 more willing servants to help with clean up; arriving by 5:30PM in the kitchen to help with dishes, pots and pans. Everything is normally done by 6:30PM, so just an hour's worth of helping! Please let Pastor Erich or Sue Grieser know if you could help one or more Tuesdays. Thanks!

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. The July/Aug/Sep issue is available in the literature rack (suggested donation \$6 each), or you can access the guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

August 14 - A Psychological Warfare	Judges 7:15-24a
August 15 - Oh Dear!	Judges 8:22-35
August 16 - Enter Sampson	Judges 13:1-25
August 17 - Tantrums!	Judges 14:1-20
August 18 - Yet More Revenge	Judges 15:1-20
August 19 - The Comeuppance	Judges 16:1-22
August 20 - How Long, O Lord?	Psalm 74

Positions Available – We are seeking qualified applicants for the following positions (job descriptions are available upon request):

Director of Music Ministry:

St. John's Christian Church in Archbold, OH is seeking a part-time (12 - 14 hours) Director of Music Ministry. The ideal candidate is responsible for planning and leading the church's music ministry in the worship of God with traditional and contemporary resources. Strong organizational and communication skills are required, technology skills preferred. Must be able to be on site Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If this is your calling, send your resume to St. John's Christian Church 700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, OH 43502 or office@stjohnsarchbold.org, Attn: Personnel.

Accompanist:

St. John's Christian Church in Archbold, OH is seeking a talented musician with the ability to play piano and/or organ as well as a desire to serve in a musical capacity within a worship setting. Candidate needs to be comfortable with blended and contemporary styles of worship as well as traditional. If this is your calling, send your resume to St. John's Christian Church 700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, OH 43502 or office@stjohnsarchbold.org, Attn: Personnel.

Preschool Classroom Aide:

Our St. John's Christian Preschool is looking to fill a new part-time paid position, working one preschool class session per week and an additional session during the third week of each month. The aide will be in the classroom, assisting the Preschool Teacher Assistant with the daily classroom activities. This will create planning and office time for the Preschool Administrator each week. Contact the Preschool Administrator, Sue MacDonald (macfamily5@roadrunner.com), if you or someone you know would be interested in the position.

New Ministry Program – St. John's is starting a new ministry program with the Family Care Home located next door. The home is operated by Sunshine, Inc. of NW Ohio and provides a caring environment for individuals with developmental disabilities. We are hoping to develop relationships between people from our congregation and the residents of the home through various types of activities. Sunshine has given us a list of suggestions to help facilitate these interactions. The list includes things such as riding bikes, playing cards, and having coffee with the individuals that live in the home. The goal is to develop long term friendships that connect the residents with their surrounding community. Anyone interested in engaging in this community outreach is asked to contact the church office or Tammy Nofziger (567-239-6990; tammarmark88@gmail.com). Tammy will be coordinating this ministry with the staff at Sunshine.

Sunday School, Faith Village, LOGOS, JYF and SYF – As plans are being made for teacher and leader prep, and communicating everything with parents, please set one or more of the following dates aside on your calendars – August 27, 9:15AM, August 30, 6:30PM and September 6th, 6:30PM. Parents and volunteers will need to attend only one of these three sessions. These times will include a Parent Meeting for all parents who will register their child or children for our LOGOS ministry, and there will be a Safety Training Review for everyone working in any of our children’s and youth ministries.

Faith Village and LOGOS Volunteers Needed– As we continue to make plans for our children and youth ministries, we are in need of additional volunteers. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts in one or more of the following roles. For more information on any of the positions, please contact Kim M. Walker at 567-239-2021 or gkwalker@rtceexpress.net.

Faith Village Shepherd – “Shepherd” a group of kindergarten through 3rd graders, or 4th through 6th graders, assisting the Faith Village teacher as needed. Time commitment: Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 10:00 on a rotational basis.

Faith Village Teacher – Prepare and teach the same lesson on two consecutive Sunday mornings, adjusting the lesson to fit the needs of the different grade levels. You may teach as many or as few units (2 week sessions) as fits your schedule. Time Commitment: Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:00AM.

LOGOS Table Parent – Table Parents show genuine interest in each child at their table; encourage the children to engage in family time conversation; model what it looks like to treat others as a child of God. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 5:50 – 6:50PM weekly or on a rotational basis.

LOGOS Bible Study Assistant – Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 7:15 – 7:50PM weekly or on a rotational basis.

LOGOS Preschool Classroom Assistant - Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 6:45 – 8:00PM weekly or on a rotational basis.

LOGOS Jr. Choir Assistant – Be present and assist the Jr. Choir Director with non-musical tasks. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 6:45 – 7: 20PM weekly or on a rotational basis.

Summer Pocket Change Challenge – We encourage you to continue to fill up your coin bank for our Summer Challenge!! Don’t worry, you still have time to pick up a bank (on tables near the east and south entrances) and collect your coins, which will be collected the first two Sundays in September (3rd and 10th). Adult and youth banks are available. Let’s challenge ourselves to provide further funds toward our Imagine Your Faith (IYF) Building Campaign!

IYF Building Campaign - 2nd Offering – Beginning on the 4th Sunday of August, and on the 4th Sunday of each month thereafter, a special second offering will be received, with the offering directed towards our Imagine Your Faith (IYF) Building Campaign. Once the ushers have passed the plates down the pews for the support of our operating, ministry and mission budgets, the ushers will come back through, passing the plates a second time for our once a month second offering. People may use the colored building fund envelopes that are in the pew racks for this second offering.

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for the healing of a sick friend's wife; for a team member who has recently returned to the island; for their pregnant friend, for health and safety of both her and the baby.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Michigan – as the start of a new semester is just weeks away, pray for energy and conviction for staff members as they reconnect with students from past years, as well as greet new students.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – praise God that thru their sharing with potential supporters, they have been re-centered on their focus on making Jesus known; pray for accelerated connections with partners who will help send them to campus this fall.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – prayers of thanksgiving for their own salvation in Christ, causing them to praise God for his promises, spurring them on in their bold efforts of sharing Christ.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – prayers of encouragement and for perseverance as they care for their own family, while being a witness for Christ with the people they meet.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for the management couple who started earlier this year, that they experience a spirit of cooperation and understanding with the staff, children, community and government officials; and for Cheryl as she cares for her children.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State Univ. – pray for the 50,000 students coming to campus this fall, and for the Cru leaders who will be sharing Jesus; pray for the 162 people registered for training on what human-trafficking looks like and how to respond.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – continued prayers for their re-entry into campus ministry, after being in Brazil the past year; for their needed support; for strength in sharing Jesus with staff and students.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for them and their four young children; for peace and strength in sharing Jesus with children at the school and in the villages; pray for lives to be changed, bringing people to glorify God.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – praise God for a very productive surgical camp held recently, for the many operations that occurred; and praise God for former patients who were changed by the CRHP ministries and now are on staff with them.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – praise to the Lord for recent visits to the home from young adults who passed through the home in their own orphaned childhood, as they are a great example to the current children; and pray for some of these returnees who are getting involved in the on going work of the home.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at Univ. of Toledo – pray for the ministry as a new fall semester is nearing, for the passionate hearts of returning student leaders, and for the light of Christ to be evident as they welcome new students on campus.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Stan and Sheila Whitlock, Jen Grime's parents; Sheila was recently diagnosed with throat cancer and will be starting treatment at Cleveland Clinic in a few weeks. Prayers for her treatment and for safe travels to and from Cleveland Clinic.
- Mary Lou Nemire, who is recovering from knee surgery.
- Sharon VonDeylen, who is recovering from surgery.
- Bob Bostelman, who is recovering from surgery.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, doing very well in his cancer treatment.
- John Lovejoy, Paul and Joan Lovejoy's son, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Gary Frazier, undergoing chemo treatments.
- Benjamin Chapman, stationed in Lynchburg, Virginia.
- 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, stationed in California for advanced training.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed at Fort Bennington, Georgia for boot camp and basic training.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Braden Eichler	(10:30) Tyler Hurst
Ushers	(Head) Mark Nofziger	
	(8:00) Tim & Sue Grieser	
	(10:30) Joel & Annie Foote, David & Crissi Stuckey	
Greeters	(10:30) Jed & Jen Grime	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Bo & Bri Krukowski	(Aug 20) Lucas & Lindy Lantz
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Song Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Organist	(Both) Larry Beck	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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LOGOS Director Kim M. Walker (gkwalker@rtecexpress.net)

Preschool Administrator Sue MacDonald (macfamily5@roadrunner.com)

It's Rally Time Again! With Rally Sunday on August 20th (next Sunday), many folks are working diligently to line up schedules, lessons/themes, volunteers, publicity, and all the necessary details that come with a new program year! Can you help us put together an awesome year of ministry?

Faith Village

Our Sunday morning education program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade

- Shepherds – shepherding a specific age group of children for the hour of Faith Village, in a rotating schedule of shepherds, serving four week cycles
- Greeters – welcome children as they arrive for Faith Village Gathering Time, serving four week cycles
- Workshop Teachers – teaching a four week rotation of the age grouped classes, teaching one or more rotations per year
- Gathering Time Leaders – leading the opening activities for four weeks at a time

Sunday School

- Adults and Older Youth willing to join the team of teachers for our Preschool Classes
- Adult Faith & Fellowship – we're looking for a coordinator, host / hostess, speakers, and topical ideas for this adult Sunday morning ministry that will begin to meet in the chapel

LOGOS

Our Wednesday evening ministry for 4 year olds through 12th graders

- Table Parent – sit at a table of children and interact with them during the meal
- Kitchen Helper – helping to prepare, serve and clean up the weekly meals
- Dining Hall Set-Up – setting up tables and chairs, setting tables with plates, cups and silverware...
AND Dining Hall Take-Down – putting tables and chairs away
- Bible Study Teacher or Assistant Teacher - preparing and teaching a weekly lesson for four to ten children/youth
- Childcare – providing care for children of our LOGOS leaders, from 5:30PM to 8:00PM
- Power Point Creator – weekly shows of themes, meal prayers, and thank you songs
- Decorations – planning for, setting up, and taking down weekly theme decorations

Children's Ministries

- Nursery Volunteers – during the 10:30AM service of worship – caring for preschool children on a scheduled basis.
- Junior Church Leader / Helper – hoping to restart our once a month Sunday morning program for 4 year olds through 2nd grade children, during 10:30AM worship
- Mission Band Leader / Helper – hoping to restart our once a month Sunday morning program for 3rd through 6th grade children, during 10:30AM worship
- Christmas Program Coordinator/Helper – working with Pastor Erich and Lynne to prepare for and guide this special celebration event of Christ's birth!

Youth Ministry

- JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) – interested in leading a game, teaching a lesson, providing a snack or leading a song? Talk with Pastor Erich
- SYF (Senior Youth Fellowship) – whether you're administratively gifted and would enjoy a behind-the-scenes job, or if you enjoy being in front of a crowd or in a small group discussion, SYF has a place you can use your gifts to help our youth connect with others and with God!

Alpha – Wednesday evening evangelism ministry for adults

- We're looking for eight people to participate in this 13 week course, who are willing to invite someone to join them – inviting people who are unchurched or who have become disconnected from a church

Office Work – Assisting behind the scenes to support our ministries

- Brochures – Creating / Copying / Folding / Mailing – getting the word out about SJCC
- Bulletin Boards – updating one hallway bulletin board every month or every season

Fellowship / Hospitality

- Fellowship Hours – hosting a program
- Coffee – prepping for Sunday morning, possibly including juice, fruit and coffee cakes
- Congregational Meals - helping to prepare, serve and clean up occasional meals

Worship

- Greeter – welcoming people on Sunday mornings from 10AM to 10:30AM, stationed at south entrance or outside sanctuary narthex
- Usher – greeting people, passing out bulletins and collecting offering – both services
- Chancel Choir – singing at 10:30 services, with Wednesday evening practices
- Special Music – vocal and instrumental, solos or ensembles, any time during the year
- Adult Hand Bell Choir – occasional practices and playing in worship
- Instrumental Ensemble – forming a practiced group for inclusion in worship
- Vocal Ensemble – forming a practiced group for inclusion in worship
- Drama – worship dramas throughout the year, with scheduled practices and performances
- Seasonal Decorations – coordinating / helping with sanctuary, entrance and hallway
- Technicians – for Sound, Video and Computer – being trained to staff our sanctuary systems for worship, funerals, weddings and special programs

Church Leadership / Committees

- Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses – be praying for people willing to step forward in faith to serve the congregation
- Pastoral Care Committee – we're looking for some encouraging, hospitable adults who would be willing to serve a two year term offering care to a group of people of the congregation.