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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! Reformation Sunday

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

1 Corinthians 10:31 (p. 1135)

Prelude

“O For a Thousand Tongues”

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

L: Who is this God whom we have come to worship?

*P: We worship the God whose glory is declared by the heavens, whose handiwork is proclaimed by the skies.* (Psalm 19:1)

L: For we know God alone is our rock and our salvation; he is our fortress. (Psalm 62:2)

*P: As the twenty-four elders said, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”* (Revelation 4:11)

L: Come, we that love the Lord, let us worship God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

† Hymn – #66

“To God Be the Glory”

† Affirming Our Faith: The Apostle’s Creed

† Gloria Patri – #623

† Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(#244) “The Trees of the Field”

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

Scripture Readings

Exodus 14:5-18 (p. 67); Isaiah 42:5-8 (p. 717)

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn – #25

“Immortal, Invisible”

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”

Sermon

“Glory To God Alone”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Adonai”

† Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn – #569

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #569, refrain

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

† Postlude

# 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](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

## **Membership Orientation**

Sunday morning sessions will be offered during the month of November, on the 5th, 12th and 19th, at 9:15AM in the Chapel. We invite people to come who want to know more about our congregation's faith and history, our ministry opportunities and what it means to be a member of SJCC. We invite current members to come – this is a good refresher about our faith practices – like a refresher Confirmation Course for adults!

## **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 – (Martin Luther's Evening Prayer):**

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray You to forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## ***October Mission-A-Month – Operation Christmas Child***

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a mission that strives to get needed supplies and The Word of salvation to children living in dire conditions throughout the world. This month, we are collecting items to be included in plastic boxes that will be packed by volunteers here at our church. If you want to pack your own box, please contact the church office and we will provide you with the plastic box(es); otherwise you can put donated items in the white mission box in the Chapel narthex, or give monetary donations using your weekly offering envelope or by dropping off your donation in the church office. Here is a list of items we would like donated or you should pack: Toothbrushes, socks, hats, gloves, dolls (girls only), pencils, pens, notebooks, coloring books (with the least amount of words possible), crayons or colored pencils, pencil sharpener, hairbrush/comb, boxes of band aids, washcloths, bars of soap, hair bows, chapstick, sunglasses, flip flops, and any other toys like puzzles, cars, etc. Please NO food, candy or toothpaste, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, and refrain from packing or donating stuffed animals or animal-related things because they cannot be sent to some countries.

## Sermon Notes:

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

**Pre-K Class:** This morning we talked about David and Goliath. David trusted God. Ask your child what they learned about David trusting God.

**Faith Village:** We continued the unit entitled "Joshua Leads the People" which uses parts of Joshua 1; 3; 4; 6 as its references. After Moses died, God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. God told Joshua to be strong and courageous because God would be with him wherever he would go. How can you be strong and courageous at home or school, knowing God is also with you wherever you go?

**Confirmation:** In a second lesson from the book of Exodus, the study was on Exodus 7-11 and the ten plagues in which the focus was on how God liberated his people. Can you name the ten plagues? How does God give us freedom today?

**Senior High Sunday School:** We read from Daniel 3:1-18 and then discussed that there will be times we are tempted and even asked to violate what we believe. The big question is "How do we make a stand for what is right?"

**LOGOS: Preschool/Kindergarten:** This week we talked about 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and focused on our sense of hearing. With our amazing ears, we identified loud and soft sounds and created different kinds of animal sounds. And because owls make such interesting sounds we made an owl craft and had an owl snack. **1st & 2nd Grades:** The 1st and 2nd grades talked about the story of how Jesus fed the 5,000. **3rd Grade:** We learned in Genesis how Jacob did everything he could to receive the birthright and the blessing. Do we realize our birthright through Jesus Christ and do everything we can do to receive his blessing? **4th Grade:** The fourth graders looked at ways God has made their lives better.

**JYF:** Steve Walker shared a devotional about endurance and running, using cross country running as an illustration of running the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1). Following a fun and insightful game of "Two Truths and a Lie," the youth prepared for their Poinsettia and Wreath Sale.

**SYF:** We went to hear Michael Franzese "Prince of the Mafia" at Founder's Hall share his testimony about how he went from being "The Godfather" to living for God THE Father.

## WEEK OF OCT 29TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	4:00PM	Autumn Event – Sponsored by B.A.S.I.C. Sunday School Class (Doug & Nancy Rupp's, 22396 State Route 2, Stryker)
	6:00PM	Couples Small Group (Youth Room)
Mon	10:00AM	Preschool Halloween Party – MWF AM Class (Parish Hall)
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	2:00PM	Preschool Halloween Party – MWF PM Class (Parish Hall)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – 1 Thessalonians 1 (Fireside Room)
	10:00AM	Preschool Halloween Party – T-TH AM Class (Parish Hall)
	1:30PM	Worship Planning (Pastor Erich's Office)
	2:30PM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	2:00PM	Preschool Halloween Party – T-TH PM Class (Parish Hall)
	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Reformation Night / Games (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Hand Chimes (Choir Room); Hand Bells (Chancel)
	6:45PM	JYF (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thurs	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Membership Orientation (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Stuckey's, 24556 County Rd. D, Archbold)

### **Next Sunday – November 5 - Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

Sermon – “You Do For Me” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – Matthew 25:31-46

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

October 30 - Farewell, Princess .....	Genesis 50:15-26
October 31 - Is She “The One?” .....	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
November 1 - Gospel Family Love .....	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
November 2 - True Gospel Crowns .....	1 Thessalonians 2:17–3:5
November 3 - Life for All .....	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
November 4 - True Gospel Lifestyles .....	1 Thessalonians 14:1-12
November 5 - Longing for Home .....	Psalm 84

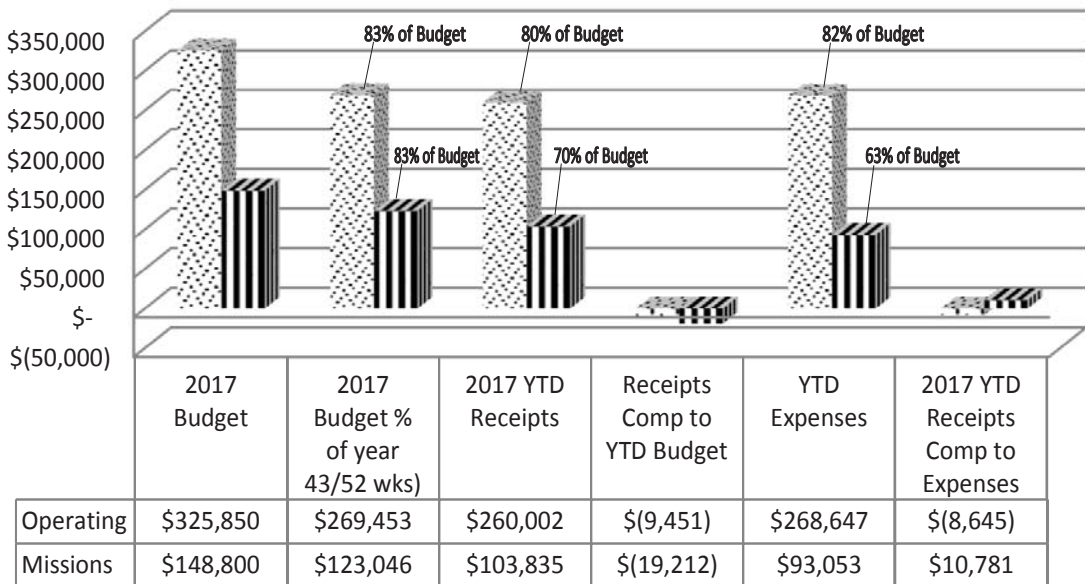
**Veteran's Breakfast - Sunday, November 12th, 9:15AM** – There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board for this breakfast, being held for veterans, their spouses and immediate family members, for spouses of deceased veterans, and for parents of those men and women currently serving in the military. Pastor Dan Gallagher will provide a program from his service in Vietnam.

**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.

**Fairlawn Auxiliary Activities/Events** – Please see the bulletin board outside the church office for detailed information on this year’s Fairlawn Auxiliary Season of Giving events. This Thursday, November 2 at 6:30PM, the auxiliary live auction of crafts, sweets, holiday decor and more begins - a light supper is available at 6PM. This Friday, November 3rd at 11:30AM, the Season of Giving Luncheon and Dessert will be held (Tickets \$18 – call 419-445-3075), with entertainment following lunch. Any questions on Fairlawn Auxiliary activities and events can be directed to Elaine Winzeler (419-446-2200).

**JYF Poinsettia & Wreath Sale** – The JYF Poinsettia and Wreath Sale is underway! This year we have three sizes of flowers available – a 4 ½” plant (maybe for small rooms or apartments) and the standard 6 ½” and 8 ½” sizes, all come in a choice of four colors. We are also offering a 22” mixed evergreen wreath – with wreath orders having to be placed by November 7th. Flower orders can be placed through November 19th. Funds raised will be used to support the events and ministries of JYF in the coming year! Your support is very much appreciated! Youth will be outside the sanctuary and chapel today, November 5th and 12th to answer any questions and to take your orders!

### 2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of October 23, 2017



**IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of October 23, 2017 - \$529,056.48**

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:**

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – the island school has been dragging their feet but finally started on 9/26. Please pray for positive starts for all of our kids (especially our boys who are very nervous). We hope for friendly, understanding teachers and good friends for all three of them. Pray for an island brother that Tom meets with regularly that is struggling with old habits that could hurt his witness. Pray for islanders studying abroad— we’ve had a few young brothers go abroad and come back years later unsure what they believe.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at University of Michigan – pray that the Spirit of God would be present and active through his efforts in sharing the gospel of Jesus with campus students.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for numerous relationships uniting around their ministry vision, for significant strides towards campus this fall, and for faith, love and perseverance as they fulfill the work before them.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray people join the 2018 trip to support and encourage them.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for wisdom, boldness and understanding as they continue to serve the Lord through ministering to a Muslim population. Pray for good conversations, that the Word of God will be active piercing, and for their peace.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for continual support of Cheryl and her family as they live in Northwest Ohio while Cheryl continues to administer the Life House, which continues to minister to children with “brittle bone” disease.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State University – pray for continued wisdom and grace, for health and stamina, for a peaceful and gentle heart, as she interacts with students, and witnesses with women affected so harshly by human trafficking.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray the Lord continues to use them in discipleship on campus, as well as bless them with wisdom and support in their ministry.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – pray for them and all the island residents, and neighboring islands, as they work to survive, let alone rebuild, in the aftermath of the hurricanes. Pray for health, stamina and resources!
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – CRHP is praising God for the 50 year partnership between them and SJCC! They’re thankful for our continued support, which is just over \$421,000 in those 50 years. Pray their community and health ministries continue to be a witness of God’s presence and providence.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – pray for 2018 mission trip participants, for increased number of partner churches, and for the staff community at the home. Be in prayer for a December 3rd Friendship Event SJCC is hosting as we attempt to enlist new church partnerships with KCH.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at University of Toledo – pray that the Spirit of God would be present and active through his efforts in sharing the gospel of Jesus with campus students.

## Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Dominican Republic (DR) Mission Trip – Dan Light and his daughter, Deb Light, will be part of a Group Mission Trip to help with recovery efforts from Hurricane Irma. They'll be building a simple house of cinder block and wood frame construction. Dan leaves from Archbold on November 2nd, and then he and Deb leave from Columbus on November 4th. They will return from the DR on November 11th. Please keep them, all the participants, and the people of the DR in your prayers.
- Lynda Schnitkey, recovering from a broken lower leg and foot due to a fall on October 14th.
- Norma Fish, pray for healing, strength and peace as she endures through cancer treatments.
- Susie Enderle, who will soon be starting cancer treatments at the Cleveland Clinic. Be praying for her and her family and friends, as Susie will be staying in Cleveland during the treatments, and a family member and/or friend will be staying with her. Pray for encouragement and healing.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, whose treatments continue and his condition improves.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam.
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- Steve Schink, stationed at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan.
- Kyle Stuckey, stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, awaiting deployment overseas.
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

## Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Kenny Walker	(10:30) Hailey Wooley
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(8:00) Ken Nafziger, Jim Grieser	
	(10:30) Todd & Jill Nafziger, Brad & Aimee Roth	
Greeters	(10:30) Tim & Sue Grieser, Kent & Shiela Short	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Justin & Carrie Yoder	(Nov 5) Josh & Kasey Grime
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Becca Grieser	
Song Leader	(Both) Dan Light	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Children's Message	(Both) Matt Hines	

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