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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!

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Acts 1:8 (p. 607)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Prelude

“How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place”

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

L: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. As we gather in worship, may our gratitude find expression.

P: *For the joys of life and faith and love, we pour forth our praise.*

L: Even in the struggles of life, may we praise God for his continual presence and written Word, guiding us through the trials and temptations we encounter.

P: *For the promises of grace and salvation, we pour forth our praise.*

L: Let our gratitude and praise sound forth as we praise God in song this morning.

† Hymn – #556

“Now Thank We All Our God”

† Congregational Prayer: *Gracious and Loving God, we gather as people who long to be faithful, and we confess that our longing comes more easily than our faithfulness. Although we sense your presence within us and among us, we often fail to fully acknowledge your grace. Help us to bear witness to your grace through the acceptance and compassion we show toward one another, and towards all. Forgive us, we pray, when the faith we practice places primary trust in human inventions and powers. Strengthen us to live a bold faith that places ultimate trust in your potent love and amazing grace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

† Hymn Response – #562

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

† Greeting One Another

Children’s Message

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

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:6-15 (p. 1096)

† (8:00) Sermon Hymn – #275

“How Firm a Foundation”

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Sermon

“The Man of Macedonia”

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“In His Time”

Second Offering for our Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

† Closing Hymn – #285

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

† Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #286, v. 1

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

† 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.

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 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 of Light, as we move from the season of Thanksgiving to the season of Advent and, as I'm thankful for the blessings and lessons of my life, may I be ever aware that Jesus came to be good news to all people. I pray for Tom and Megan, for Shobha and Ravi, for Tony and Leila, for Larry and Linda, and for Jason and Becky, our missionaries serving around the world. I pray for their health, for their endurance, for their patience, and most of all for their efforts in responding to your call upon their lives. May your Word be fruitful to them and through them. For your glory, I pray. Amen.

November Mission-A-Month – Christmas Cheer

Be sure to check out the Christmas Cheer Giving Tree in the sanctuary narthex. Take a tag from the tree to help supply items for Christmas Cheer. You can return the tag with your items to reuse if you so choose. Thank you!

Also be sure to see the bulletin board, as we still need a few volunteers to help with Christmas Cheer hospitality on Wednesday, December 6th at the Junior Fair Building on the Fulton County Fairgrounds. There are two different time slots available to help serve light refreshments and greet people with a friendly smile (5:45–8:00AM and 6:30–10:00AM). You can also sign up to provide cookies or coffee cake to be served with hot beverages. Ron and Karen Rice will be arriving at 5:00AM that morning to perk the coffee and prep the hot chocolate, as well as unlock the building. Should you have any questions, please see Ron and Karen, or contact the church office.

Sermon Notes:

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

Pre-K Class: The Preschoolers are using the story of Daniel to talk about how God watches over us when we're away from home, when we are at school, and when we are scared. In fact, he watches over us ALL the time.

Faith Village: We finished our unit entitled "Friendship". It used the story of David and Jonathon, found in 1 Samuel 18:1-4, to show what being a faithful friend looks like. What are some ways that you can be a good friend?

Confirmation: We learned about "mezuzahs" and made our own in class today. Ask a confirmand you know what a "mezuzah" is and its significance. What are things we can do in our lives today to help us remember the importance of God's Word?

Senior High Sunday School: This week we spent our SS hour helping out with the Pre-K class. One of our class's goals is not only better learning the Bible, but also learning how to share what the Bible teaches us, and taking opportunities to serve.

SYF: A heartfelt (and belly-full!) thank you to Justin and Carrie Yoder for opening their home for us for our Friendsgiving supper last Wednesday! The only thing better than Thanksgiving is having Thanksgiving two days in a row!



*'Twas the week before Advent, when all through the sanctuary,
Not a decoration was hanging, everything looked quite ordinary.
Soon the swags and angels will be hung with great care,
In hopes of a blessed and joyous Christmas this year.
So let's decorate the church - starting at 1PM today!
All are welcome to come "Deck the Halls!"*

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

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Membership Orientation (Pastor Erich's Office)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	1:00PM	Advent Decorating (Throughout Facility)
	5:30PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – Acts 9 (Fireside Room)
	1:30PM	Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	5th Grade Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal – Advent Night (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00PM	JYF Hand Bells Rehearsal (Chancel)
Thurs	3:00PM	Staff Reviews (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service – Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Birthday Party for Jesus (Preschool through 6th Grade)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service – Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:45AM	JYF Hand Bells Rehearsal (Chancel)
	2:00PM	Kajiado “Friendraiser” Event (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz’s, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)

Next Sunday – December 3 - First Sunday of Advent / Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sermon – “Be Always on the Watch” by Pastor Erich Christman; Scripture – Luke 21:25-38

Thank Offering Containers – Thank Offering containers are being collected today - please place in the designated box in the sanctuary narthex. This special offering will be divided equally between The Sparrow’s Nest and The Foods Resource Bank.

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:

November 27 - Today's the Day!	Mark 13:28-37
November 28 - Saul, Stopped	Acts 9:1-9
November 29 - Recommissioned	Acts 9:10-19a
November 30 - Persecutor to Preacher	Acts 9:19b-31
December 1 - Power in Jesus' Name	Acts 9:32-43
December 2 - A Journey to Caesarea	Acts 10:1-8
December 3 - Christ Revealed	Psalm 88

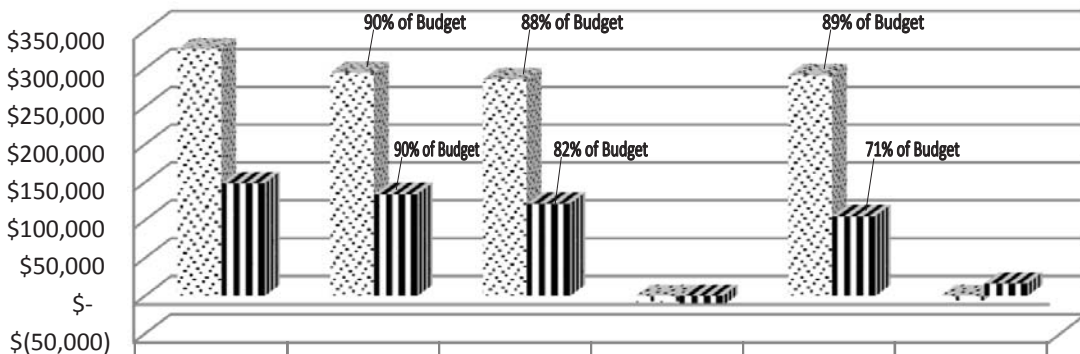
2018 Advent Booklet – Copies are available on a table in the narthex of both the sanctuary and the chapel. A special thanks to Nancy Rupp, all the writers who contributed to the booklet, and to Emma, Ethan and Eyan Krukowski for providing the beautiful cover artwork!

Worship Accompanists – While the search for a Director of Music Ministry continues, we also are earnestly seeking one or two accompanists to assist in playing during our worship services. Accompanists would play the piano and/or organ at 8:00 services or 10:30 services, or both, following a schedule that would fit each accompanist’s availability. The accompanists can either volunteer their services or receive payment on a per service basis. We ask the congregation to be in prayer about this search, and please talk with pianists and organists you know who might be interested. Your help would be appreciated!

Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Dinner – Senior citizens, mark your calendars for Thursday, December 14th at 5:30PM for the annual Christmas Dinner! A fun night is always had by all who attend this festive holiday event, held in the Chapel. A delicious meal will be served by the Fellowship Committee, and then a fun night of bingo will follow the meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office by December 10th. A free will offering will be collected at the door.

IYF Building Campaign - 2nd Offering – This is the 4th Sunday of November the Sunday designated each month to receive our special 2nd offering that will be directed toward our Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign. Once the ushers have passed the plates down the pews for the support of our operating, ministry and mission budgets, they will come back through, passing the plate a second time for this once a month second offering. You may use the colored building fund envelopes that are in the pew racks for this second offering.

2017 Operating & Missions Funds as of November 20, 2017



	2017 Budget	2017 Budget % of year 47/52 wks)	2017 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2017 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$325,850	\$294,518	\$285,809	\$(8,709)	\$291,522	\$(5,713)
Missions	\$148,800	\$134,492	\$121,647	\$(12,845)	\$105,370	\$16,277

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of November 20, 2017 - \$534,277.48

St. John's Christian Church – Mission Information

2017 Mission Budget – \$148,800

As of November 20th, Donations to the Mission Fund Include:

Designated Donations – \$50,582 Undesignated Donations – \$63,826

Interest Income – \$5,000 Farm Income – \$2,239

Total to Date – \$121,647

Mission Goal for 10-½ Months (47 weeks) of the Year (90%) Would Be – \$134,492

Number of Missionaries SJCC Supports – 12 Missionaries

Support Ranges from \$500 to \$13,000

Average Support – \$4,402 per Missionary

Serving in 7 Countries and on 5 College Campuses

Number of Agencies SJCC Supports – 18 Agencies

Support Ranges from \$1,000 to \$12,000

Average Support – \$3,100 per Agency

Supporting 7 Agencies in Fulton County and 3 in Lucas County

Supporting 5 World-Wide Agencies and 3 Located in America

Number of Ministries SJCC Supports with Mission Funds – 11 Ministries

Support Ranges from \$1,000 to \$6,000

Average Support – \$2,909 per Ministry

These ministries are extensions of SJCC ministries

Number of Mission Trips SJCC Supports with Mission Funds – 3 Trips

Support Ranges from \$1,500 to \$4,000

Average Support – \$2,833 per Trip

Funds are forwarded to missionaries, agencies and ministries on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. For example, funds are usually sent to local agencies on a monthly basis, to overseas agencies/missionaries on a quarterly basis, or annually to seasonal ministries like Operation Christmas Child or Christmas Cheer. There are transfer fees associated with overseas transactions, so sending quarterly lessens the frequency of those set fees.



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(Local)

(Ohio/America)

(World)

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Jon Lindsay, recovering from outpatient shoulder surgery.
- Sue MacDonald, recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- Ruth Schmucker, in rehab at Fulton Manor.
- Dorothy Miller, recovering from throat surgery.
- Lynda Schnitkey, recovering from a broken leg and foot.
- Norma Fish, pray for healing, strength and peace as she endures through cancer treatments.
- Susie Enderle, who is undergoing cancer treatments at the Cleveland Clinic.
- 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 in Korea.
- 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) Carly Grime
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Gary & Judy Sears	
	(10:30) Dale & Ann Grime, Steve & Kim Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Bob & Carol DeVries	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Ryan & Devin Bernath	(Dec 3) Bo & Bri Krukowski
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Worship & Song Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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