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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.

December 31, 2017

8:00 & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God! First Sunday after Christmas Day

- Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer
Prelude
Call to Worship
† Opening Hymn – #125
† Responsive Prayer: *Great and Glorious God, we thank you for the sending of your Son, Jesus our Lord. You are the God of life, the God of creation, the God of the old and the new. On the dawn of a new year, take our lives and make them new. Refresh our spirits. Disturb our apathy. Strengthen us with courage. Guide us in being open to change, according to your Word. Your presence gives us joy! Be with us as we worship, and as we go from this place. Through Immanuel, God with us, we pray. Amen.*
† Greeting One Another in the Peace of Christ
Children's Message
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debt/debtors)
Service of Remembrance for Memorial Sunday
Words of Introduction and Lighting of Memorial Candles
Words of Remembrance
Hymn of Faith – #405, vs. 1 & 2
Memorial Prayer
† Epiphany Hymn – #163
Scripture Reading
Sermon
Sharing Our Tithes and Gifts of Gratitude
Offertory
† Doxology (#625) and Unison Prayer of Dedication: *Thank you, Lord, for seeking us and gathering us together; and for your love and provision, we praise you. It is with gratefulness that we bring these offerings to your altar, praying that they will shower your love and provision on others, as Jesus calls us to witness and extend care in this world. Amen.*
† Closing Epiphany Hymn – #166
† Benediction
† Benediction in Song – #166, refrain
† Postlude

Psalm 148 (p. 623)

“O How Joyfully”

“Joy to the World!”

#272, “Thy Word”

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Luke 2:41-52 (p. 1015)

“In the Temple Courts”

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

“We Three Kings”

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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. 2018/2019 Preschool registration for our SJCC family begins next Sunday, January 7th at noon with an open house in the preschool room; and for the community on Monday, January 8th at 7PM in the preschool room. Online registration will begin on January 16th at 8AM.

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.

Congregational Prayer – Say and pray these words of scripture from 1 Peter 1:3-5:

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”

Dear Lord, thank you for your great mercy. For in this new day, for in this new year, I have hope! Thank you for shielding me, that through my faith in you I can face any and every situation, for I know I am not alone. Praise be to you, O Wondrous God. Amen.

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

Faith Village: We continued the unit entitled “Journey to Bethlehem” which uses Luke 2:1-21 and Micah 5:2-5a as its references. People in Bible times waited with anticipation for the coming of the Savior. During Advent, we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of the promised Savior, Jesus. How do you think the shepherds felt when they saw the angels? When they found the baby Jesus?

Confirmation: This morning the Confirmands helped bring the Nativity Scene to life for the children of Faith Village, following the example of Francis of Assisi. Afterwards, we learned more about Francis and talked more about the significance of the nativity.

Senior High Sunday School: New Year resolutions seem somewhat out of fashion...perhaps because our culture believes more strongly in self-indulgence rather than self-discipline. But as Christians, we know two things: we know that we still have sin living in us (1 John 1:8), and we know that our goal is not merely self-control, but being in step with the Spirit of God (Gal. 5:13-25). This year, think not only about goals for improving academically and athletically...but think about how you can nurture the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

LOGOS / JYF / SYF: All will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

WEEK OF DEC 31ST AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Confirmation / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon		Happy New Year! (Office Closed)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study – 1 Samuel 2 (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – St. Martin's Lutheran Hosts (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:00PM	Stephen Ministry Start Up Team Meeting (TBD)
Thurs	6:30PM	Basketball Practice (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	9:00AM	Dismantling of Advent Decorations
	4:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall / Kitchen)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Confirmation / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Preschool Open House – Church Family (Preschool Room)
	6:00PM	Couples Small Group (Youth Room)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's, 733 W. Leggett Street, Wauseon)
	6:00PM	Young Adults Ministry (Bowling in Napoleon)

Next Sunday – January 7 - Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sermon – “Worthiness Through Christ” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The Jan/Feb/Mar Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor's office (suggested donation \$6 each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

January 1 - Our Heart's Desire	1 Samuel 1:1-28
January 2 - The Height of Praise	1 Samuel 2:1-11
January 3 - God's Secret Agency	1 Samuel 2:12-26
January 4 - When God Draws the Line	1 Samuel 2:27-36
January 5 - Are We Receiving Him?	1 Samuel 3:1-4:1a
January 6 - Taking God for Granted	1 Samuel 4:1b-22
January 7 - Above the Storm	Psalm 91

Dismantling of Advent Decorations – We will be taking down and storing Advent decorations on Saturday, January 6 beginning at 9AM. Many hands make light work!

2018 Offering Envelopes – Please note 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up on a table in the sanctuary narthex (arranged alphabetically by last name). If you did not find a box with your name on it and you would like offering envelopes, please contact the church office and a box will be assigned to you.

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray their teaching continues to lead to deeper relationships and good conversations; pray for their team as programs expand, and that they would make wise choices about where to invest their time and ministry.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at University of Michigan – pray for the students as the fall semester winds down, that the challenges of campus life and academics are not overwhelming, and that Reliant continues to reach more and more students.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray with them that the Lord would completely unite the BGSU Cru team He has chosen soon, miraculously, for the sake of the Gospel, and for glory to His Name.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray recent meetings with summer camp leaders are fruitful, as Tony & Leila have been asked to help train staff in the area of defending the Christian faith; pray for them as they interact with university students in nearby Sao Leopoldo.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for them as they follow up on conversations they had with 28 people, 17 of whom were interested in getting involved in a Discovery Bible Study; pray for them as they finalize plans for their long term housing, and long term support.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House – pray for Cheryl's new partnership with Habitat for Humanity as various repairs around her home get addressed; pray for the family as they go through the Christmas season for the first time without their husband and father.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at The Ohio State University – pray for Molly and Courtney as they are exploring belief in Christ as Lord and King; pray for more women from the Greek community of OSU to find a place in h2o; pray for wisdom in volunteering.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for freshmen who are involved with Cru, that they grow spiritually and relationally; pray for students struggling with loneliness, homesickness and academic challenges; pray for the development of their support team.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International Ministries – continued prayers for the on-going, short-term and long-term recovery efforts following the hurricane; offer prayers of thanksgiving that God is working through Freedom IM in these efforts.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for people with the HIV virus as they struggle with the personal and social complications of the virus, praying that they will receive necessary care and not be ostracized; pray for the staff of CRHP, that their loving witness of Christ's love and compassion continues to overcome stigmas and tensions.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – pray that the December 3rd "Friendraiser" event produces increased numbers of supporting churches and individuals; pray for two young adults of SJCC as they consider participating in the 2018 Summer trip to KCH.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at University of Toledo – pray for the students as the fall semester winds down, that the challenges of campus life and academics are not overwhelming, and that Reliant continues to reach more and more students.

January Mission-A-Month

Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Maurice Schmucker and family, upon the death of his wife, Ruth, on Friday.
- Karla Pursel's father, Joe Nafziger, who had a 5-bypass heart surgery on Wednesday.
- Phil Spiess, home after a brief stay at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo.
- Jen Lindsay, who is recovering from foot surgery.
- Esther Rice, who is rehabbing from a stroke.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- Dorothy Miller, as she continues to recover from her recent cancer treatment.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan.
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC.
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia.
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam.
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska.
- 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) Emily Walker
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(8:00) Doug & Nancy Rupp	
	(10:30) Steve & Kim Walker, Michael Walker, Toby Walker	
Greeters	(10:30) Nancy Ries, Phyllis Swietzer	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen	(Jan 7) Chris & Amy Baden
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Becca Grieser	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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