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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



Forerunners Class

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! Twenty - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence, and Christ, the Light of the World.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Hebrews 12:1-3 (p. 1193)

†Opening Hymn – Brown #27

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Mission Moment

Tony and Leila Frank

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

Sermon Scripture

1 Corinthians 16 (p. 1140)

Sermon

“Growing in Solidarity with Believers”

Unison Prayer of Dedication - *Most Gracious God, we thank you because you have given us more than we need. From this excess, we give back to the church, that the ministries we support might continue to be a blessing to countless others. Amen.*

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Close to Thee”

2nd Offering, IYFB Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn – Red #477

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #282

“The Family of God”

†Postlude



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 outside of the chapel or 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. mornings and afternoons, and Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings and afternoons; and run from September through May. More info is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room near our sanctuary – 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 by our system for hearing aids with a "t" switch position.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for bringing us into your family. Enable us to see other believers as our brothers and sisters in Christ. Give us the courage this week to take one step forward in bridging the gap between us and others. Make us one. In Jesus' name, amen.

Advent & Christmas Decorating

Advent begins next Sunday, December 2nd, so we will be decorating the church building for our celebrations of Advent and Christmas today starting at 1:00PM. We are in need of some younger and stronger folks to help with this decorating project.

Please come and help us "Deck our Halls"!



The red rose on the altar honors the birth of Alexandra (Allie) Noel Walker, newborn daughter of Corey & Jocelyn Walker. Allie was born on November 19, weighing 7lbs, 9oz, and 20" long. Congratulations and blessings! Grandparents are Mike & Colleen Mankowski and David & Karen Walker.



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

Senior High Sunday School: Our lesson comes from Genesis 32: 24-32, where we focus on how God is working to change our hearts and give us new identities. We see our old, sinful selves passing away and the new, redeemed self alive and progressing, becoming more and more like Christ.

SYF: A heartfelt (and belly-full!) thank you to Jeremy & Jen Hurst 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!

Poinsettias from the JYF Fundraiser are available for pickup in the Parish Hall today. Wreaths will be arriving at the church tomorrow. Thank you for your support of the JYF youth and JYF ministry! With your help, we raised approximately \$800. Thank you, and we hope you have a colorful, merry, and bright Christmas!

Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Dinner – Senior citizens, mark your calendars for Thursday, December 13th at 11:30AM for the annual Christmas Dinner! A good time 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. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office by December 9th. A free will offering will be collected at the door.

2018 Advent Booklet – Copies of the newest advent devotional will be available on a table in the narthex of both the sanctuary and the chapel next Sunday, December 2nd. A special thanks to Nancy Rupp, all the writers who contributed to the booklet, and to Jesse & Luci Meyer for providing the beautiful cover artwork!

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!

December 3– 6, 2018 Junior Fair Building, Wauseon
Volunteer Workers for Cheer needed:

Monday the 3rd, sort and stock 10-4, Tuesday the 4th , 9-1, sort and stock.
Wednesday shop with families, 9-4:30, Thursday shop with families and sweep up, 9-1.
Questions? Call Phone Coordinator Brenda at 419-446-2122.

WEEK OF November 25th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	1:00PM	Advent Decorating
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Kuntz's)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:00PM	Discernment Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	FISH Board (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Praise Band
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy
	5:00PM	Community Meal @ Zion Mennonite (Lockport Mennonite Hosting)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Classroom Upstairs)
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir
Thurs	6:00PM	6th Grade Basketball
	6:30PM	Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Chapel)
	5:00PM	Small Couples Group Christmas Dinner & Party (Parish Hall)

Next Sunday – December 2, First Sunday of Advent / Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sermon – “Managing Un-Expectations” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Matthew 24:36-44

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 26 - Face to Face.....	Exodus 33:7-11
November 27 - A Glorious Request.....	Exodus 33:12-23
November 28 - Loved By a Jealous	Exodus 34:1-14
November 29 - A Brighter Shine.....	Exodus 34:29-35
November 30 - Multiplying Ministry	Exodus 33:30-36:7
December 1 - God With US	Exodus 40:1-16; 34-38
December 2 - Transforming the Darkness.....	Psalm 130

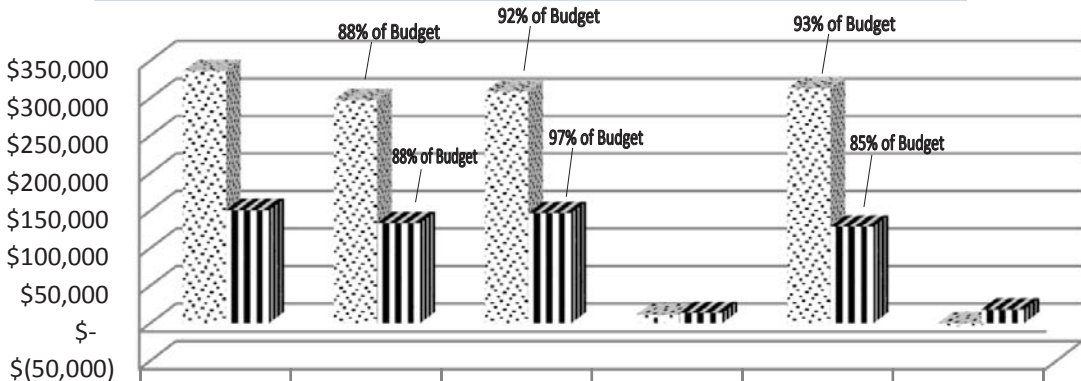
Sermon Points

1. Grow in solidarity by offering aid to others (vv.1-4)

2. Grow in solidarity by working together (vv.5-14)

3. Grow in solidarity by receiving aid from others (vv.15-18)

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of November 19, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (46/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$297,230.77	\$308,414.00	\$11,183	\$312,452.00	\$(4,038)
Missions	\$150,800	\$133,400.00	\$146,858	\$13,458	\$128,687	\$18,171

IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of November 19, 2018 - \$626,339.70

Praying for Missionaries – From Wycliffe

PRAY FOR OPEN DOORS – “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message.” Colossians 4:2–3a (NIV)

- Open doors include more than just access to nations and people groups. Individuals’ hearts also need to be open and receptive to God’s truth.
- Pray ...
 - That God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships and friendships.
 - That those who serve will be led by the Holy Spirit and recognize open door opportunities.
 - That God will lead his people past barriers to hearts ready to receive his Word

PRAY FOR PROTECTION – “Pray, too, that we will be rescued from wicked and evil people, for not everyone is a believer.” 2 Thessalonians 3:2 (NLT)

- In some countries, missionaries may be exposed to the possibility of danger and personal harm. Opposition to the gospel may include hatred and violence.
- Pray ...
 - That God will keep missionaries safe.
 - That God will change the hearts of those who are resistant to his Word.

PRAY FOR TRAVEL – “And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”” Mark 16:15 (NLT)

- Many missionaries travel frequently, both nationally and internationally. Their modes of transportation may vary from airplanes to buses, to canoes and motorbikes, and everything in between.
- Pray ...
- For required permissions to be granted for travel (visas and passports) and for necessary funds for tickets and fees.
- For protection and provision during travel.
- For God’s grace and favor when challenges or obstacles appear on any journey.

PRAY FOR REFRESHMENT – “Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”” Matthew 11:28–30 (NLT)

- Missionaries deal with many of the same stresses you face in life, like overwhelming workloads, conflicts in relationships and financial uncertainties. Often, struggling alone.
- Pray ...
 - That God will provide opportunities for missionaries in isolated areas to spend time with other believers.
 - That God will provide times of peace and relaxation to refresh his workers.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Callie Ruffer, born July 26, 2018, daughter of Cameron & Kristen, granddaughter of Ed & Julie, continues in medical care due to a heart syndrome that affects the flow of blood through the heart.
- Sue Kinsman, who had hip replacement surgery on November 12th.
- Joel Foote, who had knee replacement surgery on November 7th.
- Charlene LaFountaine, who had surgery and was released from the hospital after an 11 day stay.
- Tootie Beck, recovering from a fractured left hip, with no surgery needed.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, undergoing a new round of chemo treatments.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, at Guam (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shayne & Taylor Pitts, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- David Richardson, enlisted in the Marines, reports to boot camp on 2/25 (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Donny Richardson, in the Marines (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, in the Marines (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, at 29 Palms, California (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00)	Ian Grime	(10:30)	Blake Grime
Ushers	(Head)	Steve Walker		
	(8:00)	Gary & Judy Sears		
	(10:30)	Paige & Dave Miller, Jeremy & Jen Hurst		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Ryan & Jill Holdgreve	(Dec. 2)	Jeremy & Sarah Kinsman
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30)	James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Worship/Song Leader	(Both)	Mike Meyer		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Kelly Ducey		
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman		

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