

*God makes
all things new.*

- Acts 3:21

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to **Serve Together**

Happy **NEW YEAR**

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

Welcome to

**ST. JOHN'S
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**



Happy 2019!

**“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! First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 148 (P. 623)

Prelude

"Carol Medley"

†Call to Worship

L: Through the birth of Christ...

P: ...*God stands with us.*

L: Through the raising of Christ by Mary and Joseph...

P: ...*God shows faith in us.*

L: We are all family in Christ, and with Christ.

P: *Thanks be to God, for this amazing news!*

†Opening Hymn – Brown Hymnal #68

"There's a Song in the Air"

Children's Message

(#82, verse 1) "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

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

Service of Remembrance for Memorial Sunday

Words of Introduction and Lighting of Memorial Candles

Words of Remembrance

Hymn of Faith – #405, verses 1 & 2

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Memorial Prayer

†Hymn – Red Hymnal #131

"Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:1-9, 10-18 (p. 1184)

Advent Message

"We Are Family"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Bells Over Bethlehem"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Carol – Red Hymnal #119, verses 1 & 2

"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – Red Hymnal #119, verse 3

"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"

†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:

Father God, after reading of numerous men and women in Hebrews 11 who were faithful to you, Hebrews 12 begins with the reminder that those who have gone before us in the faith now serve as a "cloud of witnesses." And from the testimony of their lives we learn the value of throwing off the sin that entangles us, the need for perseverance in the life of faith, and the truth that the prize of being with Jesus is worth all we endure here on earth. As we remember those who have gone before us from within our own congregation, we pray their testimony might likewise inspire us. We pray also for all those still mourning the loss of a loved one, whether the loss was recent or has been long endured. Fill our hearts with the hope of being reunited with our loved ones in the faith, and with the hope that you will one day conquer death in us, that we might live with you forever and ever. Amen.



January Mission-A-Month

Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits:

Emergency Cleanup Kits, or Cleanup Buckets, provided by Church World Service are our January Mission-A-Month. The supplies provided in these cleanup kits enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado, or other disaster here in the United States.

Monetary donations given not only cover the cost of the supplies to assemble these emergency kits, but also cover sorting, packing, insurance and shipping costs to get the kits to their final destination. Please use your weekly offering envelopes for your donations and mark them M-A-M or CWS Kits. A list of needed items is posted across from the office.

Urgent Need! Sunday Worship Service Volunteers Needed



Please check the bulletin board to sign up for 10:30 worship service head usher, ushers, and greeters for 2019. A list of duties/responsibilities for ushers and greeters is posted next to each sign up sheet (contact the church office if you would like a printed or digital copy to have).

Sound Techs, Easy Worship Techs and Video Techs are also in high demand! While James, Angie, Kelly, Brian, Tom, Mark and Dean do a great job in getting ready for worship and their efforts on Sunday mornings are a blessing, changing schedules and other roles at church require us to find additional volunteers.

While each system can appear to be complicated, proper and sustained training has proven to make each task easy to pick up on. If we have more volunteers serving, it can make each person's schedule easier. If interested, please talk with Pastor Erich, James Grime and/or Kelly Ducey.

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

LOGOS / JYF : Will resume on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

SYF : Will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Senior High Sunday School: Our scripture today comes from Isaiah 9; revolving around the Prince of Peace, Jesus. He brought salvation to the world, and His peace is always worth the wait.

WEEK OF DEC 30 AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	7:00PM	Connections New Year's Eve Party (Parish Hall)
Tues		Happy New Year! (Office Closed)
Wed	7:00PM	SYF (SYF Room)
Thurs	9:00AM	Mending @ Fairlawn
	6:00PM	6th Grade Basketball (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service

Next Sunday – January 6

Sermon – “What Gift Did God Bring” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – John1:1-18



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.scripture-reunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

December 31 - Giving All, Gaining Everything,.....Matthew 4:12-25
January 1 - All Night Troas Acts 20:1-12
January 2 - In Ephesus Acts 20:13-24
January 3 - Of Battles To Come Acts 20:25-38
January 4 - Of Pain in Jerusalem Acts 21:1-16
January 5 - To a Jewish Audience Acts 21:17-26
January 6 - Patchwork of Praise Psalm 135

Dismantling of Advent Decorations

We will be taking down and storing Advent decorations on
Saturday, January 5 beginning at 9AM.

Many hands make light work!



Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins on January 1, 2019 at midnight. Go to www.stjohns.org and click on the "preschool" tab to register. Your child must turn 3 by August 1, 2019 and be potty trained by the time school starts in the fall.

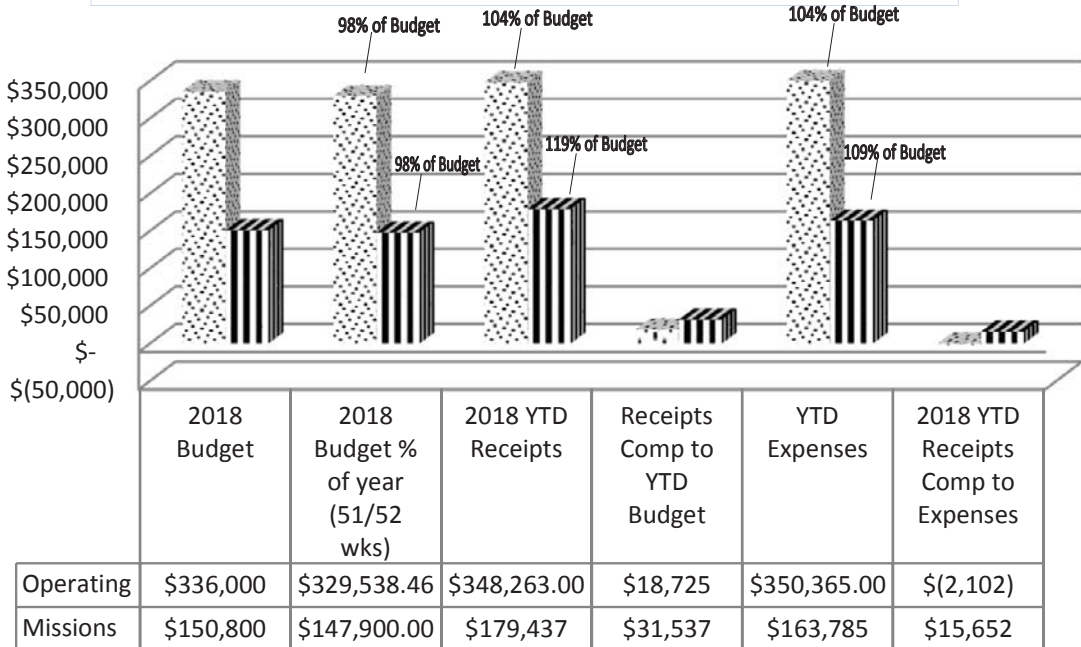
2019 Offering Envelopes

Be sure to pick up your box of offering envelopes for next year on a table in the sanctuary narthex (arranged alphabetically by last name). Should you not find a box with your name on it and would like one, please contact the church office.

Custodial Position Available

Due to Nick's resignation we are in need of someone to fill the custodial position which is 12 hours per week. Days and times have some flexibility. Please submit your interest in this position with a resume to the church office and it will be forwarded to the Personnel Committee.

2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of December 24, 2018



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of December 24, 2018 - \$641,724.23.

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation

- ✚ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for justice and peace as issues with civil unrest linger; pray for further opportunities to share the gospel and go deeper; pray for commitment, desire and courage for islanders to study the Bible together; pray for additional team members.
- ✚ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – thank the Lord for David’s time with us on November 11th, and pray that David continues to be supported through prayer and funding so can continue to focus on meeting and ministering to students on campus.
- ✚ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – thank the Lord for Kyle’s time with us on November 11th, and pray for his strength as Kyle continues to be wise and courageous in preaching the gospel and coordinating the campus church
- ✚ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – thank the Lord for Robert & Jenni’s time with us on November 11th, and pray that the encouragement they received undergirds their efforts in closing out their first semester of full-time campus ministry.
- ✚ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for them as they’re on home assignment now, that their travels and time with their supporters are blessed times of refreshment and renewal, and that the Lord blesses them with further stamina and wisdom as they prepare to return to Brazil.
- ✚ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers
- ✚ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH)
- ✚ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – She Has A Name (SHAN) – thank the Lord for our mutual partnership with Whitney as she served students on campus, and pray for her well-being as she ends her time with Reliant at OSU and becomes fully funded by SHAN.
- ✚ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – continue to pray for their encouragement in the many ways they are ministering to students at OSU and Columbus State University, and for Matt’s continued involvement with Cru’s work in Brazil.
- ✚ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray for Jason & Becky, and pray for a new family, the Schrock’s, who are now raising support so they may join Jason & Becky in their efforts in the DR. Pray for their encouragement and perseverance.
- ✚ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray for the CRHP staff as they mourn the loss of Lois Heer, who, with her husband, Richard, was instrumental in furthering our strong partnership. CRHP will have a service in memory of Lois during December.
- ✚ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – pray the Lord opens doors and provides direction as they seek to meet important goals – rescuing 20 additional orphans, building a greenhouse, creating a tutoring program, and installing indoor toilets in the dorms.
- ✚ Thailand – Kinsey Smith – CRU at Grace International School - pray for her continued encouragement, focus and energy as she teaches and witnesses each and every day.
- ✚ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – thank the Lord that Matt was able to be with us on November 11th, and pray that his leadership in the campus network continues to bring blessing and fruitfulness to the staff and students he is engaged with.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Sue Grieser, who had bowel resection surgery on Thursday, which went well.
- Callie Ruffer, will have pretesting on January 2nd, for her heart surgery on January 7th.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, who had a biopsy done on December 26th.
- 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, in boot camp (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)	Jack Hurst	(10:30)	Blake Grime
Ushers	(Head)	Ryan Christman		
	(8:00)	Gary & Judy Sears		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Rachel Kinsman	(Jan. 6)	Vond & Mary Hall
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30)	James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Song/Worship Leader	(Both)	Andrew Rohrs		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Kelly Ducey		
Accompanist	(Both)	Buffy Riley		

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