



Dale & Ann Grime

**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! First Sunday of Lent

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.*

*Inscribed on the Tower Bells – "To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship."*

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 138 (p. 617)

Prelude

Emma Nafziger

"What a Beautiful Name"

*A time to center our thoughts, centering on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and our worship of him.*

†Opening Hymn – #8 (brown)

"All Hail the Power"

†Unison Prayer of Confession – ***God of all, you love each one of us and you grieve the way we live in discord, in discord with ourselves and one another. Forgive us. Forgive us for narrowness and aloofness, our stingy grace and quick tempers. Help us to be the people you created us to be. Help us to trust in your will for our lives. Help us to live in peace, with ourselves and with one another, loving and caring for one another as you love and care for us all. We ask this all in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.***

†Assurance of Pardon (Pastor) "In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding." Ephesians 1:7-8

†Hymn of Response – #342

"Just As I Am"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

(#579, vs. 1, "Jesus Loves Me")

Sharing Joys and Requests for Prayer

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

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"Lift Me Up"

Scripture Readings

Psalm 13 (p. 537), Luke 12:22-34 (p. 1031)

Sermon

"I'm Not a Raven or Lily"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Nearer My God / In the Secret"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – #43

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #41, vs. 2

"God Is So Good"

†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).

### **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](http://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 by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system"

### **This Week's Congregational Prayer:**

Offer these verses of Psalm 119:137-144 as words of prayer: "Righteous are you, O Lord, and your laws are right. <sup>138</sup> The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy. <sup>139</sup> My zeal wears me out, for my enemies ignore your words. <sup>140</sup> Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them. <sup>141</sup> Though I am lowly and despised, I do not forget your precepts. <sup>142</sup> Your righteousness is everlasting and your law is true. <sup>143</sup> Trouble and distress have come upon me, but your commands are my delight. <sup>144</sup> Your statutes are forever right; give me understanding that I may live."

### **Lenten Coin Folders**

Youth and adult Lenten coin folders are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex. Please feel free to pick yours up today! These offerings will be collected on Easter Sunday (April 21st) and will be divided equally between the Aroles and Back Bay Mission.

**Easter Memorials/Flowers** – Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for giving Easter Memorials and Flowers (deadline March 22). Memorial and flower sponsorships will be listed in Easter Sunday bulletins, and flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 service of worship on Easter Sunday.

***March Mission-A-Month - Friendship House***

# SERMON NOTES

## *“I’m Not a Raven or Lily”*

Psalm 13 - A psalm of David, An appeal for deliverance

- Structure of the psalm – appeal, reason for lament, expression of confidence in the Lord
- How long? Asked four times. He’s been oppressed by his enemies for a long time
- Believes the Lord has forgotten him – hidden his face – David felt abandoned
  - David was able to conquer mighty Goliath because he believed in the Lord’s presence
  - Now, feeling distant from the Lord, David is more easily moved to despair
- Bitter anguish and inner turmoil – not necessarily by his foes, by his theological assumption that the Lord rewards the righteous with prosperity
- Yet David knows of the Lord’s readiness to save
- A psalm of transition, from discouragement and despair to trust, joy, and encouragement.
- In reading the psalms, we often see ourselves and the feelings or situations we encounter.
- David took counsel in his own soul, which led to daily sorrow.
- David seeks the Lord in prayer.

Luke 12:22-34 - Do not worry about your life or about your body

- Life is more than food and the body more than clothes
  - How much is society caught up in a food craze?
  - How many of us have twice as many clothes as what we can wear?
- Jesus knows the damage worry can do to a person – stress affects the entire person.
- Consider the ravens, God takes care of them; we should expect He will take care of us.
- Yet birds don’t just sit with open mouths, expecting God to feed them, they work.
- Worry over material things of life stems from a low understanding of our value before God. We don’t comprehend how much He loves and cares for us.
- Worry accomplishes nothing; self-defeating and useless.
- As God cares for the flowers, not every day is bright and sunny, if there were not clouds and rain, the flowers would quickly die.
- O you of little faith.
- Give to the poor – take the focus off yourself, practice spiritual discipline
- Do not focus on the material, but seek his kingdom...where His treasure is.
  - Physical health is not the ultimate focus of life – spiritual health
- This teaching of Jesus comes after a parable in which the focus was on earthly treasure

## **WEEK OF March 10 AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Fellowship Hour
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Couple's Small Group (SYF Room)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Ministry (Dan Stuckey's)
Mon	11:00PM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Soccer Practice (Gym)
	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Training (Chapel)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Pastors Meeting
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (SJCC Hosting)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Classroom Upstairs)
Wed	9:00AM	W. Haven Bible Study
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Youth Room)
Fri	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	5:00PM	Soccer Practice (Gym)
	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Sun	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	TGRM Chapel & Meal (Seeker's)

### **Next Sunday – March 17**

Sermon – “Children of God, Wonderfully Made” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – 1 Chronicles 16:23-29, Psalm 40:1-2, Psalm 139:7-14

**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:

March 11 - Not Quite What We Expected .....	Matthew 11:1-9
March 12 - Not Quite What We Want .....	Matthew 11:20-30
March 13 - Not What We're Used To .....	Matthew 12:1-4
March 14 - Not Where Our Hope Is .....	Matthew 12:15-21
March 15 - Not What You Do.....	Matthew 12:15-21
March 16 - Not 'Til You Prove It .....	Matthew 12:30-50
March 17 - Praise His Holy Name .....	Psalm 145

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

SHSS: Our lesson comes from Numbers 21 & John 3, where we see the promise of God's provision. The bronze serpent points to both God's punishment of sin and His salvation through Jesus. When have you faced a decision that required faith?



### *Third Thursday Luncheons*

Starting with March 21st, Pastor Erich invites senior citizens to join him for a soup and sandwich luncheon. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am with a time of welcome and fellowship, with lunch to be served at 11:45am. Following the meal, folks will have opportunity to enjoy a group activity – a game, program, discussion or study topic. Come on out and enjoy some friendly Christian fellowship.

Yes, Pastor Erich will provide the soup and sandwiches, though there may be a free-will donation basket on the table! There will be at least two soup options so people can have a choice!

### **Free Event**

March 12th, 6pm, in the room above Pennycrest, downtown Archbold. The musical group "10 Talents" and Juan Otero (songwriter of the Newsboys and writer of "God's Not Dead") will be featured, showing a short film of his testimony and playing a few songs.

### **Scholarship Information**

#### College & Seminary Scholarships

St. John's Christian Church offers and administers four scholarships:

1. Springer Scholarship – for students enrolled in seminary, pre-seminary or Christian Ed. studies
2. Nursing Scholarship – for a nursing student who is a member of SJCC and who attends an accredited post-secondary school of nursing
3. College Scholarship – awarded to enhance the Christian faith of active members of St. John's Christian Church who are either attending or planning to attend college in the coming year
4. Seminary Scholarship – tuition scholarships for students attending seminary

The deadline for applications is April 1st. Applications may be picked up from the church office, or students may contact the church office ([office@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:office@stjohnsarchbold.org)) to have the information and application packet digitally sent to them.

### **A Praying Life Seminar**

March 29 & 30, 2019 Archbold Evangelical Church

For information on the seminar & registering go to: [seeJesus.net/events](http://seeJesus.net/events) by March 20.

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation**

- ✚ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – in regards to creating community, pray that believers would continue to find ways to meet and grow together, and create godly traditions for their families. Pray for repentance, forgiveness and healing needed for the greater community.
- ✚ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for two upcoming spring break mission trips, for breakthrough in the lives of ten non-believers who have been attending gatherings and events; for their Greek outreach event, and for the discipleship program David directs.
- ✚ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – New Life Church – pray for the entire staff of New Life – 7 pastors, 16 campus staff, 6 city staff, 10 operations staff, 7 staff at Eastern Michigan University, 2 international missionaries and 4 interns!
- ✚ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray that their Thursday evening gatherings will be a blessing as they share the gospel and engage with students.
- ✚ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for their physical and spiritual well-being, as they expend great energy in their three-pronged efforts of ministry – church, college and relationships.
- ✚ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for their support raising efforts, for them to continue reaching out and training effectively, they need to raise an additional \$2000 per month; the support raising efforts are critical, but this takes their time and energy away from their primary focus – sharing the gospel of Christ!
- ✚ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State & Columbus State – pray for their spring break opportunities at both schools, and for their own health and stamina.
- ✚ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon and Daniel & Bethany Schrock – Freedom International – continue to pray for the Suon's ministry in the DR, for staff and students; and for the Schrock's as they continue to raise support to leave for the DR – pray for their courage and boldness, for the sale of their home and for a support raising connection in S. Dakota.
- ✚ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP – with more than 163 million people in India not having access to safe drinking water, as they head into the hottest and water-scarce part of the year, CRHP is reminded that health involves not just the spiritual and physical, but the social, economic, and environmental – pray their community ministries continue to be avenues of blessing, peace and health.
- ✚ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – praising the Lord for the supportive relationships they are experiencing through the county government's education department and several foundations that are helping to supply food, school supplies and other resources.
- ✚ Thailand – Kinsey Smith – Grace International School – for students, pray they would know and love Jesus and be equipped to live for him; for staff, pray for strength and wisdom for loving, serving and teaching students well; for parents (missionaries), for their well-being and their ministries – with trafficking victims, orphans, unreached people groups.
- ✚ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – seeing college students surrender their lives to Jesus and become leaders for Christ is amazing, and gives purpose and direction to the continual work of pastoring with H2O while he continues to direct the network and plant further campus churches. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and renewal.

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

- Jeremy Neuenschwander, making some small but very positive steps. Please pray for miracles of healing, and for God's peace to be with him, Chris, Toni and Trevor.
- Ryan Christman, who hopes to return to work in another week or so.
- Sue & Tim Grieser, as she continues thru chemo treatments for the colon cancer.
- Sue Buehrer, who is home and recovering well from her recent hip replacement surgery.
- Vern & Mary Lou Nemire as they cope with multiple health situations.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Afghanistan, (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, in Marine boot camp (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL (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) Tyler Wyse	(10:30) Blake Grime
Ushers	(Head) Bruce Wooley	
	(10:30) Steve & Kim Walker, Keith & Kelli Kuntz	
	(8:00) Jim Grieser	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Rachel Kinsman	(March 17) Bo & Bri Krukowski
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Children's Moment	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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