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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! Second 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, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 Chronicles 16:23-29 (p. 410)

Prelude

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

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

†Opening Hymn – #16

"We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"

†Unison Prayer of Confession – ***Lord Jesus, we recall your words from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Too often, I don't know what I am doing in my own selfish ways. I sin against you, Lord, even when I am striving my best not to sin. Forgive me, Lord. Cleanse me and remove my shame, filling me with your Spirit, that I would be more aware and attentive. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen.***

†Assurance of Pardon – "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:8-12

†Hymn Response – #462

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

(#244, Trees of the Field)

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

Junior Choir

"I Sing the Mighty Powers of God"

Scripture Readings

Psalm 40:1-2 (p. 555), Psalm 139:7-14 (p. 618)

Sermon

"Children of God, Wonderfully Made"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Who Am I"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – #87, vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

"May Jesus Christ Be Praised"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #47, vs. 1

"God Will Take Care of You"

†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" switch position.

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

O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.  
O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate.  
O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.  
O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.

(Howard Thurman)

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### **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.

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**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.

# SERMON NOTES

Mental Health Series – Lesson Two  
*“Children of God, Wonderfully Made”*  
Psalm 40:1-2, Psalm 139:7-14

## **Each and every person is a child of God**

- Created unique and gifted
- Loved by God
- Worthy and to be valued
- Romans 5:8 “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- Do I love my neighbors? And who are our neighbors? (Luke 10:25-37)

## **Mental Health – Mental Illness**

- Normalizing – erasing any past stigmas
- We are not our diagnosis (singular) or diagnoses (plural)
- Understanding behaviors
- Understanding expressions
- Loving with grace and compassion

## **WEEK OF March 17 AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	TGRM Chapel & Meal (Seeker's)
Mon	11:00PM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Soccer Practice (Gym)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Pastors Meeting
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Central Mennonite Hosting)
	7:00PM	CE Team (Fireside Room)
Wed	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Chapel)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	11:30AM	Senior Citizen Lunch (Gym)
Fri	5:00PM	Soccer Practice (Gym)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Young Adult Ministry (Stuckey's)

### **Next Sunday – March 24**

Sermon – “Elijah: Running Scared” by Pastor Alex Young

Scripture – 1 Kings 19:1-18

**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:

March 18 - Story Time .....	Matthew 13:1-9
March 19 - Let Me Tell You a Secret .....	Matthew 13:10-23
March 20 - Let It Be .....	Matthew 13:24-30
March 21 - Small Is Beautiful .....	Matthew 13:31-43
March 22 - How Much Is It Worth?.....	Matthew 13:44-52
March 23 - Hometown Blues.....	Matthew 13:53-58
March 24 - He's On Our Side .....	Psalm 146

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

**LOGOS:** PreK/Kind: This week, we talked about Mark 10:2-16 and Jesus blessing the children. God blessed us with terrific weather and the kids got a chance to play outside and enjoy the wonderful weather! 3rd Grade: We studied 1 Samuel 1-3 learning that Samuel listened, obeyed and served God his whole life. We discussed ways we can listen, obey and serve God too.

**SHSS:** Our lesson comes from Numbers 23-24 with a focus on the blessings on God's people. God is faithful to keep His promise to bless His people. We look at how we can reflect God by keeping the promises we make to Him as well as to others.



### *Third Thursday Luncheons*

Starting on 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!

## 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.

## **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, will start a new medicine early this week for treatment of cancer.
- Ryan Christman has returned to work full-time this past week, and he and his parents are most appreciative of your support and prayers!
- 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)	Rayne Kinsman	(10:30)	Krayton Kern
Ushers	(Head)	Greg Walker		
	(10:30)	Dale & Ann Grime, Keith & Kelli Kuntz		
	(8:00)	Jim Grieser		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Bo & Bri Krukowski	(March 24)	Jeremy & Sarah Kinsman
Sound Tech	(Both)	James Grime		
Video Tech	(Both)	Brian Roth		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Tom Hines		
Song Leader	(Both)	Andrew Rohrs		
Worship Leader	(Both)	Linda Heer		
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman		

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