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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.*

## Welcome to our Worship of God! First Sunday of Advent

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 and Announcements

Mission Moment – Crossroad Child and Family Services

Missy Warnke

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 676)

Prelude

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

The Nativity Scene – The Stable – #157, verse 1

"Away in a Manger"

†(8:00)Advent Hymn – #120

"The Advent of Our God"

†(10:30)Praise Songs

"Joyful, Joyful"

"Hope Was Born This Night"

Advent Wreath – Lighting the Candle of Hope

(8:00) Shawn & Jenna Stuckey (Courtney and Camryn)

(10:30) Jake & Esther Rupp

Advent Song

"Now It's Time to Light the Candle" (See pg. 7)

Children's Message

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Zoë Castillo & Kenny Walker III - Percussion

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44 (p. 982)

Sermon

"Thank God, I've Been Left Behind!"

Advent Communion Service

Words of Invitation

Unison Prayer of Confession: ***Lord, we confess that at times, we focus more on preparing food, and decorations, and gifts for the holidays, than we think about preparing ourselves for your return. Grant us an eager desire for this glorious reunion that transforms our lives. May we be like the servant, who was found faithful when his master returned, that our joy on that day will be all the sweeter. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness

Words of Institution

Unison Prayer of Blessing and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors): ***Jesus, at your invitation, we come to the table you have set for us, to partake of the elements you have supplied for us. And as we come to this table, we are reminded of your promise, that you will partake of this meal with us when you return. What a glorious day that will be! Bless these elements and our reception of them, as we remember him who died for us, and who taught us to pray, Our Father...***

## Distribution of the Elements and Communion Music

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving: *We thank you, O God, for what you have done for us already: giving your life, that we might have life. We praise you! We thank you, O Lord, for what you've promised us beside: that our communion with you, will one day be face to face, and our fellowship with you, will be unbroken forever. Hallelujah! Amen.*

† Advent Hymn – #117, verses 1-4

“We Come, O Christ, To You”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song – #117, verse 5

“We Come, O Christ, To You”

† Postlude

## Welcome . . .

### Guests and Visitors

Welcome, welcome, welcome, to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together and enjoy fellowship. We hope you have felt God's love in a new, refreshing way. So that our pastor may follow up with you, please fill out one of the pew cards and drop it in the offering plate later in the service.

### 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 through 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.

**Congregational Prayer** – Father, we love to celebrate the gift of your Son at Christmas. This Advent season, help us remember that we have even more to look forward to in Jesus' second coming. Jesus, as we contemplate your promises, fill our hearts with your hope, peace, joy, and love. Enable us to be faithful, that we might be ready for your return, and greet you on that day with unbridled joy. Amen.

## *December Mission-A-Month – Crossroad*

**2019 Advent Booklet** – Copies are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex. A digital copy of the booklet is posted on the home page of our web site, under the "Events" tab.

### **Women's Ensemble**

We are inviting women to come and join in a women's ensemble to sing during the Sermon In Music next Sunday. There are copies of the music titled "Mary's Little Boy Child" in the office to look at and pick up. We will be rehearsing on Wed., December 4th at 7:00pm. Please let Andrew Rohrs or Lynne Christman know if you are interested or have any questions. Come enjoy making music for the Lord with us.

### **Sunday, December 8th – 7:00pm – Evening Concert**

Siberian Solstice is a musical group from northwest Ohio providing Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed "TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA" (TSO). The music format of traditional Christmas music and other classical pieces with electronic keyboards, drums, and guitars is enjoyed by all age groups. Siberian Solstice has eight members on stage to accurately reproduce the TSO style and will perform for approximately 90 minutes. They present the program "An Angel's Gift" with music, song and light show! There will be a free will offering received for the support of their music ministry.

### **Senior Citizens Dinner**



The Fellowship Committee would like to invite our senior citizens to a Christmas Dinner on December 10th, at 5:30 in the Chapel. Please sign up on the bulletin board (or contact the church office) if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you for an evening of good food and fun!

### **Stephen Ministry**

Are you the child of an aging parent? Do you work or volunteer in a care facility? On Monday, December 9th at 6:30PM, Paul Reichert, pastor of St. Martin's Lutheran Church, will be presenting a 30 – 45 minute information session on "Ministering to Those Experiencing Losses Related to Aging." Some of us have already experienced some of these losses – hair that sprouts in places where it never belonged, changes in our strength and endurance, loss of hearing, or grieving the death of peers, spouses or even children. Some of the objectives covered may include: recognizing some of the losses that can occur with advancing age; exploring the feelings aged people have regarding themselves; understanding the needs for care that go in each phase of aging; and how to care for people in the aging process. Although this is a continuing education class for our Stephen Ministers, the evening is open to all who would like more information on caring for the aging. All are welcome!

## WEEK OF December 1 AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

		Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Birthday Party for Jesus (Preschool Through 6th Grade)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tues	7:15AM	YFC Bible Study (AMS)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Meal by Central Mennonite Church)
	7:00PM	SYF Leader's Meeting
	7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	6:30PM	Children's Program Practice (Chapel)
	7:00PM	SYF
	7:00PM	Women's Ensemble Rehearsal
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00PM	JYF Hand Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thurs	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Children's Program Practice
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	10:45AM	Jr. Church
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Siberian Solstice Concert

### Next Sunday – December 8, 2019

Sermon – “The Alpha and Omega” by Erich Christman

Scripture – Revelation 1:4-8

**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – 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%20ReadingDiscovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

December 2 - Choose Wisely - Choose Wisdom .....	2 Chronicles 1:1-17
December 3 - Only the Best.....	2 Chronicles 2:1-18
December 4 - The Heart of Worship .....	2 Chronicles 5:1-14
December 5 - Worship Matters.....	2 Chronicles 6:1-11
December 6 - Meeting Point .....	2 Chronicles 6:12-42
December 7 - Glory!.....	2 Chronicles 7:1-22
December 8 - Complete Turnaround.....	Psalm 30

## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture – Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Title – “Thank God, I've Been Left Behind!”

1. One thing I Liked:

2. One thing I Learned:

3. One application for my Life:

# Now It's Time to Light the Candle

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Martha Spong, 2015

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

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Now it's time to light the can-dle, Soon God's prom - ise will be here.  
Now it's time to light the can-dle, Mes - sen - gers pre-prepare the way.  
Now it's time to light the can-dle, In God's name we will re - joice.  
Now it's time to light the can-dle, Shin - ing love in Je - sus' name.

Young and old we wait to - geth - er For the Sav - ior draw - ing near.  
Wolf and lamb lie down to - geth - er; Right - eous - ness marks God's new day.  
Bells and or - gan play to - geth - er, We will shout in one loud voice!  
When all peo - ple join to - geth - er Earth will nev - er be the same.

Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: See the hope the Christ Child brings.  
Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: Live the peace the Christ Child brings.  
Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: Sing the joy the Christ Child brings.  
Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: Be the love the Christ Child brings.

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

- Jack Stover has returned home, continuing to recover from his recent stroke.
- Sue Ruffer continues to recover from her fall, which resulted in outpatient elbow surgery.
- Audrey Smith is a patient at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.
- Mike Henry has received word that due to issues with his health, the kidney transplant process has been stopped at this point. Pray for his healing, his patience and for perseverance. Please also pray for the donor's peace, as he had had been through several tests already.
- Toni Neuenschwander is recovering from surgery to repair a broken elbow.
- Jodi Beltz is recovering from surgery to repair a ligament in one of her fingers.
- Ella Yoder continues in the healing process following arm surgery.
- Mike Henry and the kidney donor – it's lengthy, slow process, so please pray for Mike's health and for patience and perseverance for both through the process.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (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).
- 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) Jack Hurst	(10:30) Blake Grime
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker	
	(10:30) Tom & Laura Johnson, Bill & Kathy Bostelman	
	(8:00) Doug & Nancy Rupp	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Chris & Amy Baden	(Dec. 8) Bo & Bri Krukowski
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Worship Leader	(Both) Jan Lindsay	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth	
Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
	(10:30) Praise Band – Chris Baden, Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Emma Nafziger, Sarah Nafziger, Todd Nafziger, Buffy Riley	

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