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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.

March 15, 2020

8:00 & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God! Third Sunday of Lent

“Lent is not intended to be an annual ordeal during which we begrudgingly forgo a handful of pleasures. It is meant to be the church’s springtime, a time when, out of the darkness of sin’s winter, a repentant, empowered people emerges. Put another way, “Lent is the season in which we ought to be surprised by joy. Our self-sacrifices serve no purpose unless, by laying aside this or that desire, we are able to focus on our heart’s deepest longing: unity with Christ. In him – in his suffering and death, his resurrection and triumph – we find our truest joy.”

Dorothy Sayers, Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 17:1-9 (p. 539)

Prelude

“There is A Redeemer”

†Call to Worship

L: Let us give thanks to God!

P: We proclaim God’s grace, mercy and peace throughout all the world.

L: We worship in the assurance of faith, hope and love; the greatest of which is love.

P: Gathered together, we offer our worship to our great and glorious God.

†Hymn – #280

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

†Unison Prayer of Lent (opening words from 2 Corinthians 1:3) – ***Dear God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, in this season of Lent, we’re aware of our own difficulties and struggles. The way of life can seem dark, marked by grief and pain, and we’re not sure our circumstances will improve. We seek your strength, Lord, praying for the light and power of your Spirit to shine forth. Turn our despair to hope. Thank you that you are with us at all times, and we know you are greater than any struggle we face. Give us victory in Jesus, Lord! We offer our praise and thanksgiving to you. In Jesus’ mighty name. Amen.***

†Hymn of Response – #96

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Children’s Message

Junior Choir

“My God is Powerful”

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

†Hymn – #433

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Scripture Reading

Colossians 4:2-6 (p. 1167)

Sermon

“Lent: Prayer and Meditation”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“We Bow Down”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn – #428

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #604, vs. 2

“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

†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. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year (September through May) continues. Starting with the new school year, we will offer three sessions: Tues/Thurs morning and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon. 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 by our system for hearing aids with a “loop system” switch position.

Congregational Prayer – (Read Psalm 18 & 55) Lord, as I pray this prayer, I acknowledge that you are God, worthy of praise, and who saves me from my enemies. But who are my enemies? I ask this in the reality of the coronavirus – people are getting sick, even dying; fear has arisen, and is arising further; how serious is this virus compared to all the ills and worries of our day? Lord, please still my fears, calm my mind. May your grace and love be in our thoughts, in our conversations, in our interactions with people. Guide us to work and serve together, rather than stockpiling supplies just for ourselves. Lord, bring healing in the wake of this virus. Let us cast our cares upon you, O Lord, trusting that you will sustain us. Amen.

Stephen Ministry

Fear seems to knock on all our doors regularly. Fear may show up when you are lonely, asked to do something out of your comfort zone, receive a diagnosis you didn't want to hear, have thoughts of rejection, or any other distresses. We all need to remember that "fear" may be a big four-letter word, but "with" is even bigger. God says, "Fear not, for I am with you." (Isaiah 41:10) God is present all the time. We can climb into His lap at any time. He holds us when storms are brewing and our lives feel ready to fall apart. God holds, and He does not stop. Ever! Our fears may feel larger than life, but they are not larger than our all-sufficient God. God even provides people along our journey. Not only is God "with" us, so are those we meet on our faith walk. A Stephen Minister is such a person. A Stephen Minister holds your words and fears in confidence. God provides "withness" in the middle of our circumstances so we no longer need to fear. Don't journey alone. Ask about a Stephen Minister companion.

**54th ANNUAL FAIRLAWN HAVEN SPRING AUCTION
has been postponed and is tentatively scheduled for October 29-30.**

Easter Memorials/Flowers

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for giving Easter Memorials and Flowers (deadline March 13). 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.

Vacation Bible School

Kisha Genter and Bri Krukowski are teaming up once again to serve as co-directors of this year's VBS! Dates for this year's VBS experience are June 7th-11th.



IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of March 9, 2020 - \$778,060.01

Scripture – Colossians 4:2-6

Sermon Title – “Lent: Prayer and Meditation”

Reading a second Bible version:

Colossians 4:2-6 (NLT) “Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. 3 Don't forget to pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to preach about his secret plan -- that Christ is also for you Gentiles. That is why I am here in chains. 4 Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. 5 Live wisely among those who are not Christians, and make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be gracious and effective so that you will have the right answer for everyone.”

Jesus – a teacher of prayer:

Luke 3:21 “One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened...”

Luke 6:12 “One day soon afterward Jesus went to a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.”

Luke 11:1 “Once when Jesus had been out praying, one of his disciples came to him as he finished and said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.””

Of note – to the entire church, personal devotional life; inward life of prayer – outward, busy life

Key Words/Phrases of Colossians 4:2-6:

- a) Devote – continue steadfastly – earnest adherence; persistence, fervor
- b) Watchful – keeping awake – constant spiritual alertness – watchful, active in prayer; not careless or mechanical, dull or heavy – Matt. 26:41, Mark 14:38, 1 Thess. 5:6, 1 Peter 5:8
- c) Thankful – the spirit in which prayers should be offered – zest
- d) Pray for us – imprisoned in Rome, not a selfish request – advancement of the Gospel
- e) God may open a door – seeking opportunities to witness
- f) Mystery of Christ – redemption in Christ – Col. 1:26, 2:2, Eph. 1:9, 3:1
- g) Outsiders – make the most of every opportunity – in an unbelieving society – how to live
- h) Conversation – grace, seasoned with salt – wise, tactful, cautious – purity, wholesome
- i) Know how to answer everyone – how to speak

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – serving since 2009, their children are Grace, Peter and David. Pray for the growth of faith in strength and numbers they've been recently witnessing, praying for the believers to live their faith consistently. Pray for their team to grow as they need more workers for the harvest. Pray for their upcoming furlough in the USA.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron University – serving since 2018, David grew up in Wauseon and graduated from Akron U in 2017. Pray for their outreach efforts this spring, a spring break trip to Memphis to help with urban home repair and for upcoming seminars.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at University of Michigan – serving since 2008, Kyle is married to Melissa, and they have two sons, Jaden and Brennan. Kyle serves as pastor of New Life Church and has oversight and discipleship of North Campus students and staff as well as oversight of the teaching ministry at New Life Church.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – originally from Napoleon, Robert & Jenni started serving in September of 2018.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – Tony is originally from Stryker, and after serving in Russia and Mozambique, they transitioned to Brazil in 2014. They are engaged in teaching at a local church, teaching Bible and discipleship at a college campus, and translation work.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – we began supporting Jon & Rachel, and their children, Jadon, Brendan, Joshua and Asher, in 2012, when they were in Indonesia. They transitioned to Chicago in the fall of 2016 where they train believers in discipleship, reach out to lost Muslims, and network broadly with like-minded people.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State University – Paige is a granddaughter of Lenny & Jean Stamm, and after serving a year in Brazil, they returned to Cru at OSU in July of 2017. Matt continues to oversee aspects of Cru's ministry in Brazil and the two of them serve at OSU, as well as at Columbus State University.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon (Finn, Paisely, Stacia, Moses) & Daniel & Bethany Schrock (Luke & Grace) – Freedom International – the Suon's started serving in 2017 and the Schrock's in 2019. Pray for Leidy, a young child, who they've lost contact with, that God would reconnect them. Pray for sponsors for children of the school.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – Shobha and Ravi are the children of the CRHP founders, who we've partnered with since 1967. Pray for surgery camps, and for patients, families, staff and volunteers during those camps.
- ✠ Kenya – Kajiado Children's Home – Founded in the early 1990's by Larry & Linda Rupp. Pray for the children and staff of the home, and for an upcoming June trip to the home.
- ✠ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at University of Toledo – Matt and MaryLynn served at OSU for six years, and we began supporting them in 2010 when they were at BGSU. They are the parents of Dominic, Isabella and Max. Matt serves as pastor and network director, at both Toledo and BGSU. Prayers of rejoicing as leaders recently graduated with a masters in church planting, for the ordination of a new pastor in their ministry, and pray for 20 people who recently received Christ into their lives.

WEEK OF March 15 At St. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School / Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	TGRM Service and Chapel
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	7:00PM	CE Team (Fireside Room)
Wed	7:00PM	SYF
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School / Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Kuntz's)

Next Sunday – March 22, 2020

Sermon – “Lent - Self-Examination” by Pastor Alex Young
Scripture – 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

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:

March 16 - Solid Hope	1 Peter 1:1-12
March 17 - Things are Different Now.....	1 Peter 1:13-21
March 18 - A Powerful Word	1 Peter 1:22-2:3
March 19 - Living Stones	1 Peter 2:4-10
March 20 - Good Living.....	1 Peter 2:11-17
March 21 - Difficult Reading.....	1 Peter 2:18-25
March 22 - No Need to Fear.....	Psalm 46

March Mission-A-Month
The Friendship House

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Beverly Beaverson as she is going through a time of transition
- Dale VonDeylen will be undergoing treatment for stage 3 clear cell renal carcinoma.
- Kelsey Wyse continues to recover from recent shoulder surgery.
- Sandy Miller is in the midst of chemo treatments, and had a new port implanted recently.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed at Fort Campbell, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- AB Kali Collins, at Lackland, Texas (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- PFC Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning, Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, Virginia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Cpt. Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shane & Taylor Pitts, in Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- David Richardson, to be stationed in Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, stationed at MCBH, Kaneohe, Hawaii (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, Japan (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- PFC Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, Jacksonville, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Raegan Rutledge	(10:30) Cameron Yoder
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker	
	(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim Walker, Michael Walker	
	(8:00) Jim Grieser	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	(March 22) AJ & Kisha Genter
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Easy Worship Creator	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Computer Tech	(Both) Tom Hines	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	

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