

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests – Please Pray For:

- Shirley Wyse fell on Monday and broke her pelvis, and is now recuperating at home.
- Chloe Merillat, surgery is the 27th, prayers for a successful surgery are greatly appreciated.
- Larry & Carol Robinson, as their daughter, Kim, has been moved to a care center in Wauseon and she is out of the coma and making small steps of improvement each day.
- Sue MacDonald, recovering from knee surgery on 8/11
- Karen Roth, dealing with an infection while in rehab at Montpelier Hospital.
- Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, Virginia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, Hawaii (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, Japan (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).

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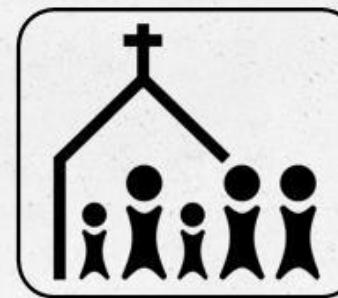
Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- August 24 – The Real Work BeginsNehemiah 6:15 – 7:3
- August 25 – Straight to the HeartNehemiah 7:73b – 8:12
- August 26 – Tent CityNehemiah 8:13-18
- August 27 – Who Before What.....Nehemiah 9:1-21
- August 28 – Emergency Use Only?Nehemiah 9:22-38
- August 29 – Death By CompromiseNehemiah 13
- August 30 – The Smile of GodPsalm 67

Today's Worship Servants:

Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both)	Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00)	Tyler Wyse	(10:30) Blake Grime
Ushers	(8:00)	Andrew Rohrs	(10:30) Mark & Tammy Nofziger
Easy Worship Tech	(Both)	Tom Hines	
Live Stream Tech	(10:30)	Ryan Christman	
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder	

Welcome to



St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

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| 8:00am | Worship in the Sanctuary |
| 8:30am | Pause for Praise Worship on 96.1 WMTR – Previous Week's Service |
| 10:30am | Worship in the Sanctuary |
| 10:30am | Live Stream Worship – use link on our website or Facebook Group |

Sacrament of Baptism

This afternoon, at the home of Justin & Carrie Yoder, three of our youth will be baptized in their pond: Cahle Roth, Cameron Yoder and Ella Yoder. A small gathering of family members will witness their baptism. Please be in prayer for Ella, Cameron and Cahle as they confess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.

August 23, 2020

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Welcome to our Worship of God!
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture

Psalm 92:1-8

"It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,² to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,³ to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.⁴ For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.⁵ How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!⁶ The senseless man does not know, fools do not understand,⁷ that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be forever destroyed.⁸ But you, O Lord, are exalted forever."

Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Prelude

"Immortal, Invisible/I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

*Hymns of Praise – #25
#59

"Immortal, Invisible"
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*The Apostles' Creed

*The Gloria Patri – #623

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

James 2:14-26

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?¹⁵ Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.¹⁶ If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.¹⁹ You believe that there is

one God. Good! Even the demons believe that-- and shudder.²⁰ You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?²¹ Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?²² You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.²³ And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.²⁴ You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.²⁵ In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?²⁶ As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Sermon

"Good Deeds + Outreach"

*Hymn of Commitment – #452

"Make Me a Blessing"

*Benediction

*Benediction in Song – #286, verse 1

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Postlude

Congregational Prayer – as a lead in to prayer this week, consider the situation of Solomon who was succeeding his father, David, as King of Israel:

In 1 Kings 5:3, David had been caught in the middle, with war waging all around him: "You know that because of the wars waged against my father David from all sides, he could not build a temple for the Name of the Lord his God until the Lord put his enemies under his feet."

Then in verse 4, Solomon says: "But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side, and there is no adversary or disaster."

Gracious God, I bow before you, humbled by your majesty, feeling contrite over my own sinfulness and burdened by the sinfulness of the world. We can feel hemmed in on all sides in these days we are living through. For many, maybe even for most or all of us, the burdens are heavy: the effect of the pandemic and the polarizing nature of politics, the evil of racism and the violence of responses, the yearning for peace and fellowship in a time of distancing, leading to greater afflictions of mental, emotional and spiritual health.

Give us rest, Lord. Put the burdens of our culture, our nation, and our own burdens under your feet. As Jesus bore our sins on the cross that we would know you and be saved by you, save us from the waging dilemmas of these days. Fill us with renewed hope, with new life that your promise in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.