

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests – Please Pray For:

- Willie Buehrer and family, during his final days on earth due to his kidney failure.
 - Larry Woolace is in treatment due to the return of prostate cancer, which is now in the bone.
 - Residents & staff of Northcrest in Napoleon due to Covid-19 outbreak and being short-staffed.
 - Marilyn Buehrer is home from rehab and continuing to work through some health issues.
 - Shirley Wyse is in rehab at the Lutheran Home in Napoleon for several weeks.
 - Karen Roth is home and her family is providing for ongoing health care.
 - Chloe Merillat is recovering well and is starting half days back at school.
 - Larry & Carol Robinson’s daughter Kim has been released from the hospital and has temporarily moved in with them as she continues to recover after her 12-day coma.
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- 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, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
 - AJ Short, Japan (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – Available online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>.

Also available in the hallway literature rack (suggested donation \$6 each).

This week’s readings cover Revelation 10 – 13.

Today’s Worship Servants:

Worship Leader	Brad Roth
Accompanist	Buffy Riley
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Acolyte	Ian Grime
Ushers	Linda Heer, Jean Stamm
Easy Worship Tech	Tom Hines
Sound Tech	Angie Neuenschwander

Welcome to



St. John's Christian Church

“The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ”

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	YouTube Live Stream Worship – Access at stjohnsarchbold.org



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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.

Welcome to our Worship of God!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture

Psalm 32:8-11

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. ¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. ¹¹ Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!”

Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

*Hymn of Worship – #205, brown

“He Keeps Me Singing”

*Unison Prayer of Confession and Assurance

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom, we are taught the way and the truth. You have spoken your Word to us and in us, but we have not always listened to you. We have not been mindful of your presence or attentive to your voice. Have mercy on us, forgive us now, we pray, and create us anew, as we pray the powerful cleansing words of Psalm 51, “Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.” We praise you for the saving grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose mighty name we pray. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed and The Gloria Patri

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn – #199, brown

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Scripture Reading

James 3:13-18

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

Sermon

“Wisdom of the World”

*Closing Hymn – #242, brown

“Draw Me Nearer”

*Spoken Benediction

*Benediction in Song – #42, brown, verse 1 and chorus

“God Be with You”

*Postlude

“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

Health and Safety Awareness Guidelines – we encourage everyone to continue to abide by these healthy hygiene and safety practices:

- Wear a facial covering when in the building, unless a person meets one of the exclusions
- Sanitize/wash hands frequently and cover coughs/sneezes
- Remain home if you are sick or not feeling well, or live with or care for someone who is sick or not feeling well
- Maintain 6' social distancing between individuals and/or families, including in the church pews – be mindful of people around you
- People sitting in the back of the sanctuary should exit first
- Offerings will be received in plates at the sanctuary doors, or can be mailed to or dropped off at the church office, or given on-line.

This Week's Congregational Prayer – Lord, God of truth and wisdom, you pull our thoughts from out of the world's ways of envy and selfishness, pointing us to your purity and mercy and peacefulness. When we get so caught up in purveying our own agenda's, when we fail to place your will first in our lives, when we have that earthly tendency to put forth our own wisdom as gospel, forgive us, Lord. Pull us back to the truth, the truth of scripture, to honor you with our lives. We praise you for guidance of scripture, such as the two beatitudes in Matthew 5:8-9: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.” Let us see you, God, visibly and spiritually, at work in our own hearts and minds, and in the world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

This Week's Church Activities

Monday, September 21st, 6:15pm – Spiritual Council MeetingMonday, September 21st, 7:30pm – Consistory MeetingWednesday, September 23rd, 7:30pm – Chancel Choir PracticeSunday, September 27th, 10:30am – Malone University Chancel Players will share several dramas during the worship service.

Pastor Erich and Ryan are flying to Bozeman, MT on Tuesday, to help move Erich's mother into an assisted living unit, then the two of them will be driving a moving truck back to Archbold. Erich's mother has benefited from her three weeks of therapy and time will tell what physical mobility will be her new normal. Your prayers for his mother are greatly appreciated!