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**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**



JYF Skating Party

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! Palm Sunday

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Scripture Reading

Psalm 118:26-29 (p. 606)

Prelude

“Jesus, Messiah/All Hail the Power”

†Call to Worship (L–Leader; *P–People*)

L: The way has been prepared.

*P: For the crowds, it is the way of celebration.*

L: For Jesus, it is the way of completion.

**P: Amid shouts and waving palms, He comes into the Holy City.**

L: Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

**P: We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus Christ. Amen.**

†Hymn of Praise – #173

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

†Unison Prayer of Invocation: *O Lord God, whose Son followed Your will, both as Servant and Savior, and now rules in the hearts of those who accept him as King: Open our hearts to his rule, that we may rejoice in the blessings of his kingdom and share with those who honor him with their lives. In his name, we pray. Amen.*

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Mark 11:1-11

Palm Processional

1) “Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye little children; God is love, God is love”

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2) “Love Him...” 3) “Serve Him...” 4) “Thank Him...”

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

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“The King is Coming”

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-44 (p. 1040)

†Palm Sunday Hymn – #483

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Sermon

“The Sanctity of Life”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

“Beautiful One”

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

Linda Heer

†Closing Hymn – #379

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #244

“The Trees of the Field”

†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).

## **Getting to Know St. John's:**

People interested in learning about St. John's Christian Church are invited to gather in Pastor Erich's office on April 8th and 15th, from 9:15am to 10:15am. Conversations will be about the beliefs, ministries and history of the congregation.

## **St. John's Christian Preschool**

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues./Thurs. mornings and afternoons, and Mon./Wed./Fri. mornings and afternoons; 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 through our loop system for hearing aids with a "t" switch position.

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

Lord, in a world where many act out in ways that devalue life, hear our prayers for peace and safety and love. Surround our schools with great peace and trust in Your presence. End the hurt, the brokenness, the pain. Open our eyes, shape our hearts, teach us to love our neighbor as ourselves. The bullied and those who are bullying. The hopeless and despairing. Raise up a community who wants to help those who are in need of support. I believe You can do this. Help my unbelief. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.



The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Jay and Karla Pursel  
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***March Mission-A-Month***  
***Friendship House (Homeless Shelter in Archbold)***

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

**Faith Village:** We continued talking about the story of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection, found in John 20. When Mary Magdalene discovered that the tomb was empty, what did she do? If that would have been you, what would you have thought had happened to Jesus' body? What would you have done?

### LOGOS:

**Third Grade:** We studied Mark 15 & 16 about the Gospel (Good news - almost too good to be true) Jesus is Alive!

**Fourth Grade:** We continued our study of Holy Week by reading from Matt. 21:1-11 and also chapters 26 & 27, relating it to the video we saw last week about Holy Week and Jesus' crucifixion.

**Confirmation:** Salvation was the topic of the morning. Key question of the lesson: What am I being saved from, and for what? Youth read Luke 7:36-50 – Jesus forgives our sins and by faith in him, we have peace in our lives.

**JYF:** The JYF enjoyed a fun night of fellowship as they ate pizza, chips and brownies while watching a movie together. The JYF will take a week off and gather next on April 4th.

### SYF:

- On Wed., March 28th, please meet at the church at 6:45PM to walk over to the Archbold H.S. Prayer Event. We will then return to play games.
- On Easter Sunday, April 1st, please plan to arrive by 6:15AM in order to prepare Easter Breakfast for the congregation.



“Are you ready to be rescued by Jesus? Shipwrecked VBS is coming June 17-21st from 6:00-8:30pm! If God is calling you to help lead these kids to TRUTH during our week of VBS, please see Sarah Nafziger, Amy Baden, Mindy Gruenhagen or Carrie Nofziger. We would love for you to join in on the God rescuing FUN!”

### Community Meal Ministry

After Tuesday, community meals will be hosted at Zion Mennonite Church for the months of April, May and June. They will return to St. John's for the months of July, August and September.

### Fairlawn Auxiliary Auction - April 5th & 6th - Founder's Hall - Sauder Village

Thurs., April 5 - Auction Preview Night 4:30PM-7:30PM

Fri., April 6 - Auction Night 5:00PM-8:00PM

Donation sheets can be found on the bulletin board across from the office.

## **WEEK OF March 25th AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	Palm Sunday
	8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:45PM SYF - Movie Night "I Can Only Imagine" (Meet at the Church)
Mon	11:00AM Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:00PM FISH Board Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM Pastors Meeting
	5:00PM Community Meal (St. John's Christian Church)
Wed	8:30AM Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM Bible Study at West Haven
	7:00PM AHS Prayer Time (Archbold H.S.)
	7:30PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Thurs	5:30PM Soup Supper - All Invited (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
Fri	7:00PM Good Friday – Service of Tenebrae (Sanctuary)
Sat	8:00AM Mindful Movement (Parish Hall)
Sun	Easter
	6:15AM SYF Meets to Begin Breakfast Preparation (Kitchen)
	7:00AM Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM Breakfast – Hosted by SYF - Free Will Offering Collected (Parish Hall)
	8:45AM Easter Egg Hunt – Hosted by JYF (Chapel / Sanctuary)
	9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### **Next Sunday – April 1st - Easter - Rejoice, He is Risen!**

Sermon – “Believe It!” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Mark 16:1-20



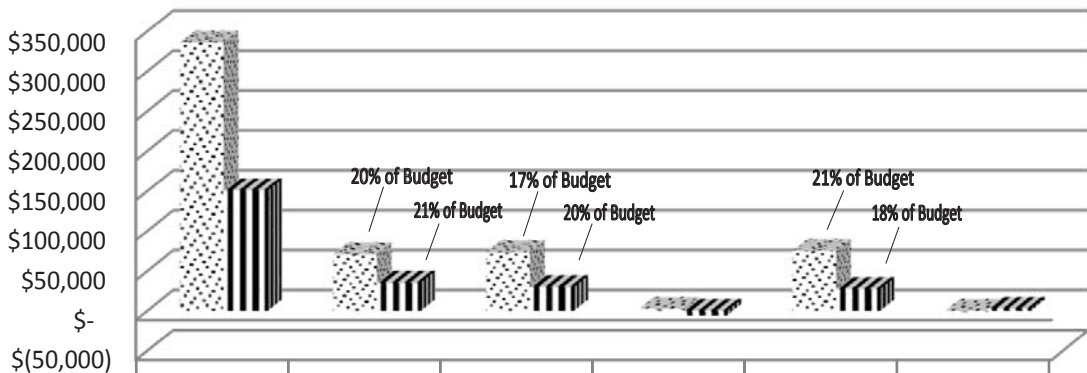
**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – The Apr/May/June Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor’s office (suggested donation \$ each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading%20Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

March 26 - Under Arrest .....	John 18:1-18
March 27 - Two Kingdoms .....	John 18:19-40
March 28 - Power Games .....	John 19:1-16a
March 29 - The Wondrous Cross .....	John 19:16b-27
March 30 - Finished! .....	John 19:28-37
March 31 - Dead And Buried .....	John 19:38-42
April 1 - The Third Day .....	John 20:1-10



# Sermon Notes

## 2018 Operating & Missions Funds as of March 19, 2018



	2018 Budget	2018 Budget % of year (11/52 wks)	2018 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2018 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$336,000	\$71,076.92	\$73,799	\$2,722	\$74,886	\$(1,087)
Missions	\$150,800	\$35,719	\$30,179	\$(5,540)	\$27,509	\$2,670

**IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of March 19, 2018 - \$585,869.69**

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation and Their Current Prayer Requests:**

- ✠ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – pray for their two newer team members, for a short-term worker, and the whole team as they plan for the upcoming months and years. Pray that those seeking would find, pray that being peacemakers will bring others to the truth.
- ✠ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for fruit to continue to come from recent student retreats, pray for the final \$425 to come in for his monthly goal, and for his fiancée, Blair, as she takes her nursing boards and moves to Akron.
- ✠ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – continue to pray for their h20 church plant team at Western Michigan University, that it would thrive and grow in unity, and for upcoming spring break ministry experiences.
- ✠ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray for upcoming spring break experiences, for their small groups to go deeper into God's Word, and for further support.
- ✠ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for Linda Heer, Mark Nofziger, Crissi Stuckey, Brenda Kaszer and Pastor Erich as they prepare for their time in late April to visit with Tony & Leila.
- ✠ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – Please pray for God to go before us in our new neighborhood, that we might encounter people of peace who are welcoming, willing to open their households, and ready to listen and pass it on. Pray for our kids to make fast friends in the area. Pray for openness in our Afghani friends' hearts, to look into the Scriptures while we assist them in assimilating into life in the U.S. Pray for God's provision of finances.
- ✠ China – Cheryl Wyse – Agape Family Life House (AFLH) – pray for their search for children who can benefit from their ministry and physical therapy, thanking God for the Bison's, the new family serving as managers of the foster home.
- ✠ Columbus – Whitney Varnau – Reliant Mission at Ohio State & She Has A Name (SHAN) – pray for their efforts to plant an h2o church at Indiana University, and for the Night of Jubilee of prayer and worship in April, and for her mentoring of college students.
- ✠ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State – pray for them as they continue to discover avenues of ministry as they disciple students and share the Gospel.
- ✠ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – pray for God's continual lead and provision as they befriend and disciple people living in poverty and a culture of superstitions; pray for them as they make plans for their first furlough back to the US in July.
- ✠ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – pray that their staff continue to be led by the Spirit in their never ending efforts of caring for the villages they relate to.
- ✠ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – Catherine Kitonde, an alumni of KCH and past guest at SJCC, represented Kenya at a science forum in South Africa in December. She participated in discussing issues facing Africa's transformative research, innovation, leadership and development, and the role of governments and international organizations. As a Kenya Award Fellow, she represented Kenya fully during discussions about the growth and development in Africa. Pray that God continues to guide KCH in their ministry as they transform the lives of orphans!
- ✠ Toledo – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – pray for follow up efforts to their February retreats, that much fruit will come from their networking efforts.

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

- Sharon VonDeylen, praising God as she returned home on Wednesday, being home for the first time since December 31st!
- Jim Redd, who had successful knee replacement surgery on Monday.
- Mary Zimmerman, as she continues radiation treatments to remove any remnants of the brain tumor.
- Pauline Short, in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #113.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Afghanistan (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Taylor Collins, stationed in Bolling, DC (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, stationed in Guam (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Donny Richardson, stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, stationed in Japan (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, Killeen, Texas (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents, and all our students.

## Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00)	Kenny Walker	(10:30)	Tyler Hurst
Ushers	(Head)	Greg Walker		
	(8:00)	Jim Grieser		
	(10:30)	Dale & Ann Grime, Ben & Sue Buehrer		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Ben & Tiffany Johnston	(April 1)	Keith & Kelli Kuntz
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30)	James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Kelly Ducey		
Song Leader	(Both)	Dan Light		

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