

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 and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 119:33-40 (p. 608)

Prelude

"Blessed Assurance"

†Call to Worship (adapted from the work of Joan Stott, Australia)

Welcoming God, we gather to worship You, who accepts our vulnerability. L:

- Reassuring God, we come in all our fragility to be with You in prayer and praise. P:
- Forgiving God, we gather to honor You, whose generosity is utterly irresistible! L:
- Comforting God, we come to offer our sincere thankfulness for Your pardon. P:
- Reconciling God, we gather to revere You, who heals our deep brokenness. L:
- Restoring God, we come to honor You, the God who offers refreshment and renewal, A: and who yearns to welcome us into His open arms of grace and mercy. Amen.

†Hymn of Praise – #87 (verses 1,3,4,6,) "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"

†Unison Prayer of Confession (adapted from the work of Joan Stott, Australia)

Listening and Forgiving God, we come to You with a deep sense of inadequacy and failure! However committed we are to You and Your "way of life", we still fail miserably in our attempts to lead a life that is faithful and true to You! Yet we do not give up, because You are our only hope in our journey home to You. Give us all an understanding that enables us to obey Your words of truth; and we will practice them with all our heart. Help us to redefine our priorities and guide us in the choices we make, helping us to discern unhealthy influences in our living; guiding us in choosing to abandon them for higher and better choices. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and give us, we pray, a life, based on Your words of peace, truth and grace. In Christ's name. Amen.

†Hymn of Response – #345

"Blessed Assurance"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

(#579, v. 1, red, "Jesus Loves Me") **Brazil** Trip

Missionary Presentation Prayer Hymn – (Insert pg. #4)

"Sanctuary"

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

1 Corinthians 3:1-23 (p. 1129)

Scripture Reading Sermon

"Community and Leaders Belong to God"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"There Is None Like You"

†Spoken Benediction

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – (Insert pg. #5)

†Benediction in Song – #602 (v. 1)

"Lord, I Want to Be A Christian" "God Be with You"

†Postlude



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 outside of the chapel or at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

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 info is available at www.stjohnsarchbold. org.

Mother's Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room near our sanctuary – 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 "t" switch position.

This Week's Congregational Prayer:

Lord, thank you for being a gracious God, who extends mercy as I come to you in confession. Forgive me for the times I have caused disunity, for the times when I fail to honor you. May Paul's words of warning settle into my mind this week, that I would focus my praise on you! I thank you for the people who have taught me of the faith, who have opened up the scriptures to me, and I see them as your instruments, so I honor and praise you! Thank you, Lord. Amen.

July Mission-A-Month - Shepherd's Circle



The Altar Flowers are given in honor of Steve & Kim Walker's 20th wedding anniversary on July 11th.

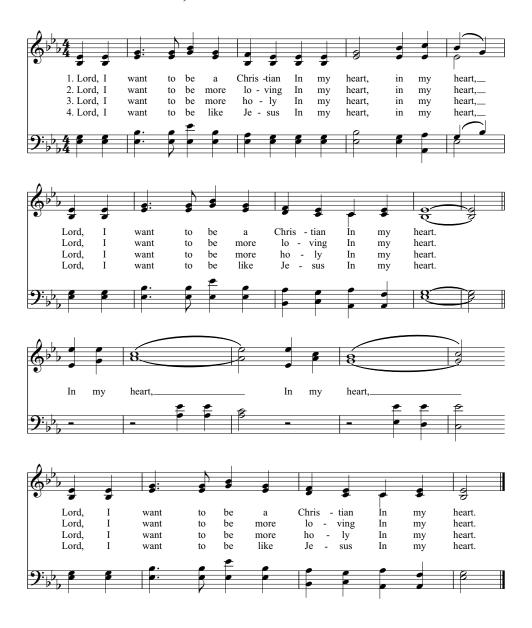


Sanctuary

Words and Music by John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs



Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



Text: Adapt. John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925 and Frederick J. Work, 1879-1942

Tune: Negro Spiritual;

adapt. Frederick J. Work, 1879-1942



Irregular
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
www.hymnary.org/text/lord_i_want_to_be_a_christian_in_my_hear

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Sermon – "Community and Leaders Belong to God" Scripture – 1 Corinthians 3

Paul continues to address the Corinthians need to mature in their spiritual faith, rather than continuing to follow their worldly ways.

Jealousy and quarreling are two signs they are thinking worldly, rather than thinking in the mindset of Christ.

Instead of giving honor to those planting and watering, which are key acts of spiritual service, people must recognize the one who makes all things grow, God alone is worthy of praise.

Three Metaphors:

God's Field (5-9)

God's Building (10-15)

God's Temple (16-17)

Self-Diagnostic Test (18-23)

The chapter concludes with Paul writing about the foolish wisdom of the world, which the Corinthians have been pursuing, and Paul reminds them of their error, for they are to be of Christ, who is of God.

WEEK OF July 8th AT St. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 6:00PM Young Adult Ministry (Dan Stuckey's) 11:00AM Staff Meeting (Office Closed) Mon. 9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room) Tues. 4:00PM Laundry Buddy Ministry 5:00PM Community Meal (Hosted by Central Mennonite) 7:00PM Property Committee (Fireside Room) 4:00PM Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room) Wed. 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast Sat. 8:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) Sun. 9:15AM Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School 10:30AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 6:30PM Seeker's (Kuntz's)

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – The July/Aug/Sept 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%20 Reading Discovery. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

July 9 - Newness	Isaiah 43:14-28
July 10 - Every Day A Fearless Day	Isaiah 44:1-8
July 11 - Useless Idols	
July 12 - Job Done!	Isaiah 44:24-28
July 13 - God Chooses Whom He Wants	
July 14 - He is My All in All	
July 15 - The Lord Remembers Us	

Next Sunday - July 15th

Sermon – "Keeping Away from Arrogance" by Pastor Alex Young Scripture – 1 Corinthians 4:1-21



The 2018 Book Bag Bash is scheduled for August 5th, from 4PM to 6PM! From now until then, the Evangelism Committee is once again asking for your generous support of this supply and outreach event. We are hoping people will be generous in their funding of this special event. Just mark checks or envelopes with "BBB" and we'll designate such gifts to the Book Bag Bash—all donations will be greatly appreciated and will be accepted through the end of July!

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- •Paul Sigg, recovering at Rupp Rehab.
- •Deb Light, daughter of Dan, leading a trip with Habitat for Humanity in Malawi thru July 14.
- •Kinsey Smith, raising support for a two year commitment to teach 11th grade US Literature at Grace International School in Chiang Mai, Thailand, thru Cru. Her goal is to leave on July 23rd.
- Toby Walker, recovering from tendon surgery on his left hand.
- •Sandi Newland, receiving treatments for cancer.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, working through some further medical appointments.
- •Shannon Richardson's father, who has cancer.
- •Doris Rupp, who has moved to Assisted Living, room #236, at Fairlawn.
- •Lois Heer, who is in hospice care at Fairlawn, room #122.
- •Ryan Christman, off work this past week, still awaiting delivery of new medication to treat his Crohn's Disease.
- Pastor Erich, scheduled for lower back surgery on August 22nd, and will most likely be off of work for a month.
- •Brenden Bostelman, back from Afghanistan, now in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- •Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- •Jared Kuntz, at Guam (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- •Shayne & Taylor Pitts, 5525-C Washington CT SW at Bolling AFB, DC 20032 (both in Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- •Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- •Steve Schink, stationed 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, and all our students.

Today's Worship Servants

Nursery Staff

Sound Tech

Video Tech Computer Tech

Song Leader Worship Leader

Accompanist Children's Moment

Acolytes	(8:00)	Kenny Walker	(10:30)	Tyler Hurst
Ushers	(Head)	Tom Johnson		•

(8:00) Gary & Judy Sears

(10:30) Dave & Paige Miller, Kelly & Betsy Ducey (10:30) Matt & Kim Hines (July 15) Rachel Kinsman

(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander (10:30) Dean Sauder

(Both) Kelly Ducey

(Both) Mike Meyer

(Both) Jan Lindsay

(Both) Lynne Christman

(Both) Nancy Rupp

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(10:30) James Grime

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