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



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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.*

# Welcome to our Worship of God! Third Sunday of Lent

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

*Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.*

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

*The lighted candles symbolize God's presence, and Christ, the Light of the World.*

*Inscribed on the Tower Bells – "To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship."*

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 29 (p. 547)

Prelude

Joshua Reeb

"How Great Thou Art"

*A time to center our thoughts, centering on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and our worship of him.*

Call to Worship

L: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: O LORD, you are the King of Creation, the Sovereign Lord of the Universe, and we praise You with the glory due your name.**

L: The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

**C: We are the sheep of your pasture, the people in need of your strength and peace. Grant us your good provision according to your all-sufficient grace, O LORD. Amen.**

†Hymns of Praise – #59

#38

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

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

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"He's Been There Too"

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:1-18 (p. 351)

Sermon

"Elijah: Running Scared"

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

"As The Deer"

Second Offering

IYFB Capital Campaign, Linda Heer

†Hymn Response – #51

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #52, v. 1, 2, 6

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**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).

**St. John's Christian Preschool**

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

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**This Week's Congregational Prayer:**

(These weekly prayers are given for unity and prayer guidance. Unity in the hope that everyone will offer this prayer daily throughout the week. Prayer guidance in the intent to assist everyone in knowing how and what to pray.) Father, in your care for Elijah, we see such tender and gracious love, that our hearts are moved to adore you. And then we hear that you love us as much as you love Elijah and our hearts skip a beat. Such wondrous love! Lord, we pray, draw us even closer to you. And we pray, let our love reflect your love, as we seek to be compassionate both with ourselves and with others. Finally, Lord, we pray not only to enjoy your love and reflect your love, but we pray for those who are suffering. May your grace and peace, and the joy found only in you, be rich in their lives this week. Amen.



The Altar Flowers are sponsored by Jay and Karla Pursel  
in loving memory of Kaitlyn.



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**Easter Memorials** – Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for giving Easter Memorials. 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.

# **SERMON NOTES**

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**Mental Health Series - Lesson Three**  
**“Elijah: Running Scared”**  
**1 Kings 19:1-18**

## **WEEK OF March 24 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 (Stuckey's)
Mon	11:00PM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	5:00PM	Soccer Practice (Gym)
	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Training (Chapel)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. Peter's Hosting)
	7:00PM	Discernment Team (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Mom's In Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	West Haven Bible Study
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Chapel)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	7:00PM	Accounting Group
Fri	5:00PM	Soccer Practice (Gym)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	3:00PM	Joan Grieser's Piano Recital
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Foote's)

### **Next Sunday – March 31**

Sermon – “Understanding, and Community Support” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Psalm 23, Luke 8:26-37

**Discovery**® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access the guide online at <http://www.scripture-reunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

March 25 - A Fountain of Life ..... Proverbs 10:1-32

March 26 - A Sure Reward? ..... Proverbs 11:1-31

March 27 - Heart Before Hands ..... Proverbs 15:1-33

March 28 - A Hall of Mirrors ..... Proverbs 16:1-33

March 29 - Family Matters..... Proverbs 17:1-28

March 30 - Hold Your Tongue..... Proverbs 18:1-24

March 31 - Global and Local ..... Psalm 147

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

**SHSS:** Our lesson comes from Deuteronomy 31-32 with a focus on the promise of God's presence. God warns of the consequences of unfaithfulness to Him. We know that because we experience salvation through Christ we are able to overcome sin's enslavement through the power of the Holy Spirit.



**Vacation Bible School – Kisha Genter and Bri Krukowski** are teaming up to serve as co-directors of this year's VBS, which will be held June 23rd thru June 27! The theme of the week will be "Farm Fresh Faith: God's Faithfulness to Joseph!" Registration forms are on our website or can be picked up outside of the chapel.

### ***53rd Annual Fairlawn Haven Auxiliary Benefit Auction***

**Thursday, April 4 - Preview Night and Dinner**  
4:30PM - 7:30PM

**Dinner, Music, Auction preview, Purchase baked goods, Shop the Ten Thousand Villages booth, Participate in a silent auction and More**

**Friday, April 5**  
4:00PM - 7:00PM

**Free Will Donation Dinner, Chinese Raffle, Silent Auction and Box Sale**

5:00PM - 8:00PM

**Live Auction - Quilts, Sports items & tickets, Toys, Art, Gift cards and Much more**

**There is a sign-up sheet for pie donations on the bulletin board outside of the office.**

### **Scholarship Information**

**College & Seminary Scholarships**

**St. John's Christian Church offers and administers four scholarships:**

- 1. Springer Scholarship – for students enrolled in seminary, pre-seminary or Christian Ed. studies**
- 2. Nursing Scholarship – for a nursing student who is a member of SJCC and who attends an accredited post-secondary school of nursing**
- 3. College Scholarship – awarded to enhance the Christian faith of active members of St. John's Christian Church who are either attending or planning to attend college in the coming year**
- 4. Seminary Scholarship – tuition scholarships for students attending seminary**

**The deadline for applications is April 1st. Applications may be picked up from the church office, or students may contact the church office ([office@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:office@stjohnsarchbold.org)) to have the information and application packet digitally sent to them.**

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation**

- ✚ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – in regards to creating community, pray that believers would continue to find ways to meet and grow together, and create godly traditions for their families. Pray for repentance, forgiveness and healing needed for the greater community.
- ✚ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron U – pray for two upcoming spring break mission trips, for breakthrough in the lives of ten non-believers who have been attending gatherings and events; for their Greek outreach event, and for the discipleship program David directs.
- ✚ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at U of Michigan – New Life Church – pray for the entire staff of New Life – 7 pastors, 16 campus staff, 6 city staff, 10 operations staff, 7 staff at Eastern Michigan University, 2 international missionaries and 4 interns!
- ✚ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – pray that their Thursday evening gatherings will be a blessing as they share the gospel and engage with students.
- ✚ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – pray for their physical and spiritual well-being, as they expend great energy in their three-pronged efforts of ministry – church, college and relationships.
- ✚ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – pray for their support raising efforts, for them to continue reaching out and training effectively, they need to raise an additional \$2000 per month; the support raising efforts are critical, but this takes their time and energy away from their primary focus – sharing the gospel of Christ!
- ✚ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State & Columbus State – pray for their spring break opportunities at both schools, and for their own health and stamina.
- ✚ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon and Daniel & Bethany Schrock – Freedom International – continue to pray for the Suon's ministry in the DR, for staff and students; and for the Schrock's as they continue to raise support to leave for the DR – pray for their courage and boldness, for the sale of their home and for a support raising connection in S. Dakota.
- ✚ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP – with more than 163 million people in India not having access to safe drinking water, as they head into the hottest and water-scarce part of the year, CRHP is reminded that health involves not just the spiritual and physical, but the social, economic, and environmental – pray their community ministries continue to be avenues of blessing, peace and health.
- ✚ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children's Home – praising the Lord for the supportive relationships they are experiencing through the county government's education department and several foundations that are helping to supply food, school supplies and other resources.
- ✚ Thailand – Kinsey Smith – Grace International School – for students, pray they would know and love Jesus and be equipped to live for him; for staff, pray for strength and wisdom for loving, serving and teaching students well; for parents (missionaries), for their well-being and their ministries – with trafficking victims, orphans, unreached people groups.
- ✚ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at U of Toledo – seeing college students surrender their lives to Jesus and become leaders for Christ is amazing, and gives purpose and direction to the continual work of pastoring with H2O while he continues to direct the network and plant further campus churches. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and renewal.

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

- Jeremy Neuenschwander, who started a new medicine on Thursday for treatment of the cancer.
- Sue & Tim Grieser, as she continues through chemo treatments for the colon cancer.
- Vern & Mary Lou Nemire as they cope with multiple health situations.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Afghanistan, (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, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- David Richardson, in Marine boot camp (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, 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.

## Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Jack Hurst	(10:30) Carly Grime
Ushers	(Head) Bruce Wooley	
	(10:30) Dale & Ann Grime, Keith & Kelli Kuntz	
	(8:00) Jim Grieser	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Jeremy & Sarah Kinsman	(March) Lucas & Lindy Lantz
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(Both) Dean Sauder	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Worship & Song Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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