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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! Palm Sunday

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 and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 118:19-29 (p. 606)

Prelude

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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

†Palm Sunday Hymns of Praise – #173

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#174

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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..."

Palm Sunday Monologue

"The Not-So-Triumphal Entry"

Ministry of Prayer

**Unison Prayer of Confession – *Lord, as we enter into Holy Week, may we each deeply consider the walk that Jesus walked. We can marvel at the fickle nature of the people – from cheers of triumph to jeers of condemnation! We can wonder why Jesus wept over the city – for they knew not your way to peace. May our marveling and our wondering cause us to pause, to reflect and to confess our own fickleness and our own lack of knowing your way. (Pause) Forgive me, Lord. Hear my humble cry. Teach me anew this week, restoring me through the cross of salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.***

Hymn of Assurance – #201, vs. 4

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

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

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"King of Kings - Lord of Lords"

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-44 (p. 1040)

Sermon

"Entering Into Holy Week"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings of Gratitude

Offertory

"There's Something About That Name"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn – #529

"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #244

"The Trees of the Field"

†Postlude



**Welcome . . .**

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### **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:**

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what Palm Sunday stands for – the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings. I give you praise and honor for your ways are righteous and true. I give you worship for you are holy and just. I will declare that your love stands firm forever. For your loving kindness endures forever. Thank you that your ways are far greater than our ways, your thoughts far deeper than our thoughts. Thank you that you had a plan to redeem. Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you that your face is towards the righteous, and you hear our prayers, and know our hearts. Help me to stay strong and true to you. Help me not to follow after the voice of the crowds, but to press in close to you, to hear your whispers, and seek after you alone. I praise you, Lord! Thank you that you reign supreme and we are more than conquerors through the gift of Christ! In the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.

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***April Mission-A-Month – Growing Hope Globally***

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

**LOGOS:** PreK/Kind: This week we focused on "Noah saves the day", referencing Genesis 6-9. After listening to our story about Noah, we used various animals to sing our own version of "Noah Built a Great Big Ark" (similar to old McDonald). Then we used fruit loops to make a rainbow reminding us of our second chance from God. Third Grade: We learned in Luke 19-22, how Jesus was praised on Palm Sunday and how he was the servant at the last supper. Can we too praise Him and serve others because of His unmeasurable great love for us shown at Calvary?

**SYF:** On Wednesday night, we did some projects around the church, such as installing bookshelves and sorting through church records and storage closets.

**SHSS:** Reading into Joshua 10-11, we see the provision of peace when God fights for His people to provide the victory. As we all may be fighting a battle today, turn away from relying on your own strength, you are NOT enough!

The fellowship committee will be hosting a Maundy Thursday supper on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a light meal prior to attending the Maundy Thursday service. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office.

I don't know about you, but I love St. John's! The Evangelism Committee has the perfect opportunity for you to share why you love this church. We are sponsoring a friendly WHY I LOVE ST. JOHN'S poster competition and are encouraging ALL OF YOU to get involved! Artistic or not, old or young, individual or group, we would love for you to participate! Get involved with your Sunday School, youth group, preschool or Logos class! This would be a great family project!

Poster board will be available outside the chapel. All posters must be submitted to the church office by Tuesday, April 30th...so you have plenty of time to use your creative genius! All posters will be proudly displayed in the hallways and fellowship hall. Be certain your individual name, group name or family name is proudly displayed.

There will be a RANDOM drawing for winning entries. The three categories for the competition are: Individual, Family and Groups. Winning entries will have their prize poster displayed on the big screen advertisement at Skye Cinema and in the Crescent News. There are many reasons we all love St. John's. What is yours? Tell everyone! Show us with a poster!



### *"Farm Fresh Faith" VBS*

Mark your calendars for June 23rd - 27th from 6:00-8:30pm! Online registration can be done on our website or paper registrations can be found outside of the chapel. Please be in prayer about helping out with VBS this year, as we are in search of volunteers to fill a variety of positions. A sign up sheet is posted outside of the Chapel. Questions?

See Kisha Genter or Bri Krukowski.

## **WEEK OF April 14 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)
	12:00PM Private Party (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM Couple's Small Group (SYF Room)
	6:00PM Seekers (Grime's)
Mon	11:00AM Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:30PM "Stop the Bleed" Presentation (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tues	9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM Pastors Meeting
	5:00PM Community Meal (St. Martin's Lutheran Church)
	6:00PM Work Night
	6:30PM Stephen's Ministry (Chapel)
	7:00PM Preschool Board (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM SYF
	7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30PM 2nd Year Confirmands
Thurs	11:30AM Lunch Gathering
	5:30PM Soup & Supper - All Invited (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Fri	7:00PM Good Friday – Service of Tenebrae (Sanctuary)
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 (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 21st - Easter - Rejoice, He is Risen!**

Sermon – “Christ, the First Fruits” by Pastor Erich Christman  
Scripture – John 20:1-18



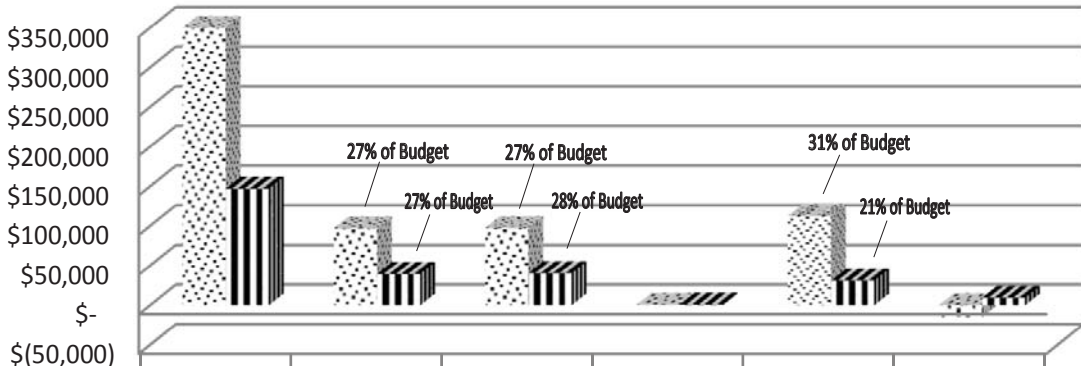
**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – The Apr/May/June Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor’s office (suggested donation \$ each). You can access this guide online at <http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20ReadingDiscovery>. Below is the list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

- April 15 - When Courage Fails ..... Matthew 26:69-75
- April 16 - Utter Despair ..... Matthew 27:1-10
- April 17 - Crowd Pleaser ..... Matthew 27:11-26
- April 18 - Mockery and Derision ..... Matthew 27:27-44
- April 19 - Death and Cosmic Drama ..... Matthew 27:45-56
- April 20 - Silent Saturday ..... Matthew 27:57-66
- April 21 - Resurrection Day! ..... Matthew 28:1-20

**Stop the Bleed Training – Monday evening, 6:30pm, April 15th**

Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action. Stop the Bleed is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. Staff members of the Trauma Department at The University of Toledo Medical Center will be leading this training time. This training is for anyone, and we are specifically encouraging ministry leadership, teachers, and congregational leaders to attend. The purpose is to train people so they’re ready to respond if they come upon a car accident, work place accident, gun or knife injury, etc. A sign-up sheet is posted so can make sure we have enough room for everyone!

**2019 Operating & Mission Funds as of April 8**



	2019 Budget	2019 Budget % of year (14/52 wks)	2019 YTD Receipts	Receipts Comp to YTD Budget	YTD Expenses	2019 YTD Receipts Comp to Expenses
Operating	\$360,425	\$97,038	\$97,404	\$367	\$112,465	\$(15,061)
Missions	\$147,300	\$39,658	\$40,543	\$885	\$31,109	\$9,434

**IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of April 8, 2019 - \$698,386.21**

## Monthly Spotlight on Missionaries SJCC Supports



Meet the Schrock Family!  
Daniel, Bethany, Luke and Grace  
Dominican Republic  
Freedom International Ministries

### Freedom International Ministries

Mission: Equip people to engage culture according to their design.

Vision: Develop life-changing relationships with those most unlikely so that they become catalysts for change within the Dominican Republic.

The Schrock's currently live in Wauseon and connected with SJCC through our support of their friends, Jason & Becky Suon, who are already serving with Freedom International.

### Recent Updates and Prayer Requests:

- They recently returned from a support raising trip in South Dakota
- They are traveling through Ohio and Michigan for further support raising endeavors
- Their house has been sold and they have moved out
- They are in the final stage of getting their visas processed
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the target date for arriving in the DR
- They are currently at 78.8% of their monthly support. That leaves just about 21% yet to raise.
- They ask us to pray for 1) visa paperwork, 2) finishing other paperwork/items of business before June 2, 3) health, 4) new contacts and raising their final 21%

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

- Shiela Short remains hospitalized in Florida following surgery.
- Larry Rupp, Kajiado Children's Home, has been diagnosed with cancer and is working through medical appointments to determine treatment options.
- Deb Kauffman continues to recover from recent knee replacement surgery.
- Mary Jo Britt is recovering from a procedure on Thursday at St. V's
- Velma Overmier is home recovering from a recent procedure and hospital stay
- Sue & Tim Grieser, as the cancer treatments are getting more intense, causing great tiredness and affecting her appetite.
- Vern & Mary Lou Nemire as they cope with multiple health situations.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Afghanistan, (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- 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)	Cahle Roth	(10:30)	Ian Grime
Ushers	(Head)	Brad & Avery Roth		
	(10:30)	Craig & Jenny Grieser, Tony & Aiden Warnke		
	(8:00)	Brent Winzeler		
Nursery Staff	(10:30)	Jan Martinez	(April 21)	Tammy Nofziger
Sound Tech	(Both)	James Grime		
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder		
Computer Tech	(Both)	Mark Nofziger		
Song Leader	(Both)	Andrew Rohrs		
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman		
Trumpet	(Both)	Matt Hines		

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