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



JYF/SYF Dodgeball

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.*

January 26, 2020

8:00 & 10:30AM

## Welcome to our Worship of God!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

John 8:12 (p. 1059)

Prelude

"As We Gather/Every Time We Gather"

Call to Worship

†Opening Hymns of Praise (first verse of each of the following hymns)

- #1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
- #2 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- #8 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
- #10 "O Worship the King"
- #4 "How Great Thou Art"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Installation of 2020 Consistory and Officers

Opening Sentences and Vows and Promises

Congregation's Pledge: ***I pledge myself to be used by God, as a part of this congregation, to be at work in our church, our community, and the world to reflect the love and grace of Jesus Christ. I will pray for these officers, elders, deacons and deaconesses as they lead and oversee the ministry and work of St. John's. I will strive to be faithful in cooperating with the Consistory in our efforts to glorify God. In faith I pledge. Amen.***

Ordination of New Officers, Deacons/Deaconesses and Elders; Installation and Prayer

Hymn Response – #375, v. 3

"Jesus Calls Us"

(10:30) Stephen Leader Ministry Commissioning

Presentation, Address and Vows

Pastor: Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

Leader: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor: Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others to support, encourage, build up, and heal people in all their needs?

Leader: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Pastor: People of St. John's, will you open your hearts to the ministry of this Stephen Leader and pray for him as a servant of Christ? If so, answer: "Yes, with the help of God."

***People: Yes, with the help of God.***

Prayer and Blessing

Children's Message

†(8:00) Hymn – #381	“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
(10:30) Chancel Choir	“Worthy, Faithful and Righteous”
Scripture Reading	Revelation 2:1-7 (p. 1216)
Sermon	“Jesus Among the Lampstands”
Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings	
Offertory	“Christ In Us Be Glorified”
†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication	
†Closing Hymn – #477 (vs. 1, 2, 3)	“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
†Spoken Benediction	
†Benediction in Song – #477 (vs. 4)	“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
†Postlude	



## Welcome . . .

### Guests and Visitors

Welcome, welcome, welcome, to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together and enjoy fellowship. We hope you have felt God’s love in a new, refreshing way. So that our pastor may follow up with you, please fill out one of the pew cards and drop it in the offering plate later in the service.

### St. John’s Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year (September through May) begins on January 1st. Starting with the new school year, we will offer three sessions: Tues/Thurs morning and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon. 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.

## **Sermon Notes**

Scripture – Revelation 2:1-7

Sermon Title – “Jesus Among the Lampstands”

### **The Book of Revelation**

- The Revelation of Jesus Christ
- Chapter 2 – letters (messages) to seven churches, represented by seven lampstands
- The seven stars are the angels (messengers) of the seven churches
- Jesus Christ walks among the seven lampstands – symbolically meaning Jesus Christ is moving amongst the local churches
- The message contains divine knowledge of the church
- Words of praise – Jesus speaks of their hard work and their perseverance, of not tolerating wickedness and falsehood
- Words addressing their present condition – have forsaken (let go) their first love – lost their inner devotion to Christ, the quality and intensity have waned
- A call to repentance – if not, their “light bearing” could be removed (lost)
- A word of favor – hated the practices of the Nicolaitions

### **Application**

- Revelation – vision
- Jesus Christ is alive (Matthew 28:6)
- Jesus Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 5:23)
- Jesus is amongst his churches today – the Spirit of God is present
- Have we lost our love of Jesus Christ?
- Many people are fed up with the church and are walking away; as Christ is the head of the church, when people walk away from the church, they are walking away for Jesus

### **Action**

- Perseverance – feed your love of Jesus Christ
- Pray for the church, pray for people
- Pray for God’s righteousness in the church, and in people’s hearts
- Bear the light – keep it burning

## **WEEK OF January 26 At ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School / Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Kuntz's)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:00PM	Consistory Potluck
	6:45PM	Consistory Meeting
	7:00PM	FISH Board Meeting
Tues	7:15AM	YFC Bible Study - AMS
	9:15AM	Bible Study
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted and served by SJCC)
Wed	8:30AM	Mom's in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF
Sun		Super Bowl Sub Pick Up (After both services)
	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School/Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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### **Next Sunday – February 2, 2020**

Sermon – “Forgiveness - Forgiving Yourself” by Pastor Erich Christman  
Scripture – Luke 18:9-14

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**Discovery Daily Devotional Guides** – 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%20Reading%20Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

January 27 - The Repentant Rejoice ..... Luke 5:33-39  
January 28 - Heart of the Law-Giver ..... Luke 6:1-11  
January 29 - Divine Appointments..... Luke 6:12-16  
January 30 - Comforting the Afflicted ..... Luke 6:17-26  
January 31 - Supernatural Love..... Luke 6:27-36  
February 1 - Looking Grace-Fully ..... Luke 6:37-42  
February 2 - Sin is Serious ..... Psalm 38



**Congregational Prayer** – Heavenly Father, thank you for the spiritual instructions you give in your Word. Help me take to the heart the warnings you include, that I would remain devoted to Jesus my Lord. I pray for your strength, that my love for you would not wane, but would be filled with the full measure of your joy. May my love for you be evident to all, that my deeds, my faithfulness and my love of you would draw others to you. May I not grow tired or weary or upset or cold. Keep me close, dear Lord, as I continue to strive to be strong and pure. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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#### **Sub Sales**

SYF is selling subs to raise funds for the 2020 DR Mission Trip. Choose between 4 subs (ham, turkey, Italian, and chicken salad). Subs come with chips and cookies. Subs are available for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday (2/2) after 8am worship, after Sunday School, and after 10:30am worship. The deadline for putting in your sub order is Tuesday 1/28. Call in your order to the church office so that you can have enough subs for your entire Super Bowl party!

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#### **Area Youth Concert**

##### **10 Talents**

With special guest Terrence Talley

January 28, 2020 at 7:00PM

The Garage - Archbold Evangelical Church

Cost is Free

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#### ***January Mission-A-Month***

#### ***Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits***

The supplies provided in these clean up kits enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado, or other disaster here in the United States. Please use your weekly offering envelopes for your donations and mark them M-A-M or CWS Kits.

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IYF Building Campaign Total Receipts as of January 21, 2020 - \$767,903.36

## **Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation**

✠Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – serving since 2009, Tom and Megan, with their children, Grace, Peter and David, continue serving with a team focused on teaching English, offering translation workshops, mentoring and discipleship.

✠Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron University – serving since 2018, David grew up in Wauseon and graduated from Akron U in 2017. David is focused on disciplining students and is involved in weekly Bible studies and worship services.

✠Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at University of Michigan – serving since 2008, Kyle is married to Melissa, and they have two sons, Jaden and Brennan. Kyle serves as pastor of New Life Church and has oversight and discipleship of North Campus students and staff as well as oversight of the teaching ministry at New Life Church.

✠Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – originally from Napoleon, Robert & Jenni started serving in September of 2018 and continue to build relationships with other staff and with students.

✠Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – Tony is originally from Stryker, and after serving in Russia and Mozambique, they transitioned to Brazil in 2014. They are engaged in teaching at a local church, teaching bible and discipleship at a college campus, and translation work.

✠Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – we began supporting Jon & Rachel, and their children, Jadon, Brendan, Joshua and Asher, in 2012, when they were in Indonesia. They transitioned to Chicago in the fall of 2016 where they train believers in discipleship, reach out to lost Muslims, and network broadly with like-minded people.

✠Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State University – Paige is a granddaughter of Lenny & Jean Stamm, and after serving a year in Brazil, they returned to Cru at OSU in July of 2017. Matt continues to oversee aspects of Cru's ministry in Brazil and the two of them serve at OSU, as well as at Columbus State University.

✠Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon, and children Finn, Paisely, Stacia and Moses & Daniel & Bethany Schrock, and children Luke & Grace – Freedom International – from the Pettisville/Wauseon area, the Suon's started serving in 2017 and the Schrock's in 2019.

✠India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – Shobha and Ravi are the children of the CRHP founders, who we've partnered with since 1967. CRHP includes a hospital, preschool, training center, teaching farm, prosthetic leg workshop and much more, all the while sharing Christ and providing quality health care to 40 villages.

✠Kenya – Kajiado Children's Home – Founded in the early 1990's by Larry & Linda Rupp. The home serves 60 to 90 orphans, providing lodging, meals, education, faith and a loving family environment.

✠Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at University of Toledo – Matt and MaryLynn served at OSU for six years, and we began supporting them in 2010 when they were at BGSU. They are the parents of Dominic, Isabella and Max. Matt serves as pastor and network director, at both Toledo and Bowling Green State University.

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

- Mike Henry remains hospitalized in the intensive care unit at UPMC. He is in stable condition following a heart attack, but complications arose as a result of the heart attack.
- Verlene Lovejoy fell and broke a hip and had surgery on Wednesday in Bryan.
- Marvin Fish spent a few days in the Bryan hospital and returned home Wednesday.
- Jamie Beck continues to recover from recent fusion surgery in her lower back.
- Velma Overmier is in rehab at Fulton Manor, room 211-2, following surgery on a broken hip.
- Sandy Miller continues to undergo chemo treatment.
- Sue Ruffer continues to recover from a second surgery on her elbow.
- Emma Hall continues to recover from recent hip surgery and has returned to school, starting with half days and moving towards full days.
- Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, at Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (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).
- 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) Raegan Rutledge	(10:30) Ian Grime
Ushers	(Head) Dave Walker	
	(10:30) Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Karen Walker, Michael Walker	
	(8:00) Ron, Karen & Dinah Rice	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Josh & Kasey Grime	(February 2) Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Worship & Song Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Computer Tech	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	

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