

Welcome to



St. John's Christian Church

“The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ”

- 8:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 8:30am Pause for Praise Worship on 96.1 WMTR – Previous Week’s Service
- 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:30am Live Stream Worship – use link on our website or Facebook Group



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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.

September 13, 2020

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Welcome to our Worship of God!

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Prelude

“O Worship the King/Come, Now Is the Time”

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

*Call to Worship (L: Leader, C: Congregation)

L: Our God is invisible.

C: Though we can't see him with our eyes, in faith we see him all around us.

In every good thing, in every blessing, we see the provision of our good God.

L: Let us sing our praises to God, for he is good.

C: Our God is good and faithful, and loving and true. We will worship him with our songs, with our offerings, and with our very lives as well.

L: He is our God, and we will praise him. Now and forever, we will praise him.

*Hymns of Praise

#25, “Immortal, Invisible”

#262, “Holy, Holy, Holy”

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

(10:30) Special Music by Klaire Kern

“What a Beautiful Name”

Children's Message

Scripture Passage

Esther 4

Sermon

“Faith in an Invisible God”

*Hymn of Response

#206, “There is a Redeemer”

*Spoken Benediction

*Benediction in Song

#335, “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

*Postlude

10 Talents – During the 10:30am service next week, we will welcome the praise band 10 Talents to help lead our time of worship. 10 Talents has led assemblies and concerts at Archbold High School, and this would be a good opportunity for our youth to invite their classmates and friends to church, as they may remember 10 Talents from the school assembly last year.

Sermon Notes

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests – Please Pray For:

- Willie Buehrer and family, during his final days due to his kidney failure.
- Larry Woolace is in treatment due to the return of prostate cancer, which is now in the bone.
- Residents and staff of Northcrest Nursing Center in Napoleon, in light of a recent COVID-19 outbreak and being short-staffed.
- Marilyn Buehrer is in rehab following a mini-stroke.
- Shirley Wyse is in rehab at the Lutheran Home in Napoleon for several weeks.
- Karen Roth, has returned home and family is planning for ongoing health care.
- Chloe Merillat, is recovering well and should be able to return to school earlier than expected.
- Larry & Carol Robinson, as their daughter, Kim, looks to return home soon. She has come out of her coma and has recovered physical and conversational abilities more than expected.
- Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, Virginia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, Hawaii (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, Japan (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – available in the hallway literature rack (suggested donation \$6 each). The guide is online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. This week's readings cover Esther 1-5.

Unison Prayer of the Week – Father, we long for the days when we shall see you face to face and dwell in your glorious presence forever. In the meantime, we confess that our experiences of hardship in this present life sometimes makes us feel like you're sleeping, or on vacation, or maybe unconcerned by our troubles. Lord, when we can't see you, and can't see what you're up to in our world and in our lives, help us remember the story of Esther. Help us remember that when it seemed you were missing from the drama, you were at work behind the scenes, ensuring the story would reach its happy conclusion. Uphold and increase our faith in you in the midst of these difficult days. Also, grant that we might serve those around us, just as Mordecai encouraged Esther, helping her have faith in you even when it seemed all was lost. In these dark days, grant that we might be a reminder of your light, that others might turn to you and rejoice in you. You are good, O Lord. Our trust is in you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Today's Worship Servants:

Worship Leader	(Both)	Linda Heer	
Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both)	Mike Meyer	
Acolyte	(8:00)		(10:30) Isaac Meyer
Ushers	(8:00)	Linda Heer	(10:30) Dave Walker
Easy Worship Tech	(Both)	Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(Both)	James Grime	
Video Tech	(10:30)	Dean Sauder	
Live Stream Tech	(10:30)	Jocelyn Walker	