



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

“The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ”

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



**Pictured above: Tully Dylan Pursel, daughter of Justin and Kelsey.*

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

- ◆ Gabe Smith and Mindy Enderle welcomed daughter, Wren Rose, on 10/8 weighing 6lbs, 15oz. Grandparents include Brad and Susie Enderle.
- ◆ The family of Willie Buehrer, upon his death on 10/10 at the age of 93.
- ◆ Mert Kinsman has begun radiation treatment for his prostate cancer.
- ◆ Larry Woolace continues treatment for prostate cancer, which is now in the bone.
- ◆ Karen Roth, for contentment amidst her new dependence upon regular caregivers.

- ◆ 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, VA (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army National Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary).
- ◆ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie)



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, Ohio 43502
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Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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October 18, 2020

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Worship Service Scripture Readings

Welcome to our Worship of God

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship (L- Leader; P-People)

L: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that is.

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that will be.

L: Blessed are you, O God, who has made us in your image.

P: Let us remember what our God has done! Praise be to God!

†Hymn of Praise

#8, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

†Hymn of Response

#66, verse 1 & chorus, "To God Be the Glory"

Mission Moment

Reliant Ministries at the U of M

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism – Tully Dylan Pursel, daughter of Justin & Kelsey

The Apostles' Creed

Scripture – Proverbs 22:6

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: *You are baptizing your daughter, Tully, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Tully and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.*

Hymn – #379, verse 1, "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3

Sermon

"Heaven & Hell - The Day of the Lord"

†Closing Hymn

#92, "Love Devine, All Loves Excelling"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#244, "Trees of the Field"

†Postlude

"My Tribute"

1 Chronicles 16:23-25

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. 24 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. 25 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods."

2 Peter 3

"Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. 2 I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles. 3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. [a] 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. [b] That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. 17 Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

Sermon Notes

Sermon "Heaven & Hell – The Day of the Lord"

Scripture 2 Peter 3

2 Peter – Author and Context

V. 3 "...in the last days scoffers will come..."

V. 5 God's Word

V. 9 "He is patient with you..."

V.10 "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief."

V.11 "...what kind of people ought you be?"

V.14 "...make every effort..."

V.16 "...which ignorant and unstable people distort..."

V. 18 "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Tully Dylan Pursel. Tully was born on May 9, 2020 to Justin and Kelsey Pursel. Grandparents are Jackie Weirauch and Todd Short, Jay and Karla Pursel, and the late Doug Weirauch. Great-grandparents include Paul Avina, Joe and Carol Nafziger, Jeanine Pursel, Rich and Debra Pursel and Dean and Kathy Genter.

This Week's Congregational Prayer

Lord, I know you are the Creator of all, you are the Redeemer of all, and you are the Sustainer of all. Saying I am thankful doesn't seem to say it well enough, but I am thankful that Jesus came to conquer the sin that exists in humanity, that exists within me! I praise you God for your amazing and powerful love, a love that through Jesus enables his followers to have power over sin through his forgiveness. I know how the suddenness of situations can cause anxiety, negative responses or worse. May the guidance of the scriptures continue to prepare me for that day, a day of judgment, a day of suddenness, a day of deliverance. Help me be on guard, O Lord. Amen.

Health and Safety Guidelines

We encourage everyone to abide by these hygiene and safety practices:

- ◆ Wear a facial covering when in the building, unless you meet one of the exemptions.
- ◆ Sanitize/wash hands frequently and cover coughs and sneezes.
- ◆ Stay home if you are sick, not feeling well, or live with or care for someone who is sick or not feeling well.
- ◆ Maintain 6' social distancing, including in the pews. Be mindful of people around you.
- ◆ Individuals and families seated in the back of the sanctuary should exit first.
- ◆ Offerings will be received in plates at the sanctuary doors. They can also be mailed to/dropped off at the church office or given online at stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com.

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

October 18 – Remember Us.....Psalm 74
October 19 – Your Authorized Version.....Luke 12:1-12
October 20 – You Fool!.....Luke 12:13-21
October 21 – Father Knows Best.....Luke 12:22-34
October 22 – It Will Be Good.....Luke 12:35-48
October 23 – Weather Warnings.....Luke 12:49-59
October 24 – No Blame Culture.....Luke 13:1-9

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. We hope you feel God's love in a new, refreshing way.

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. Nursery care for infants and pre-kindergarten children is currently suspended. A diaper changing station is located in the Mother's Room. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room.

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.

Week of October 18 at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Faith Village/Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Mom's in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	LOGOS/JYF/SYF
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri	6:00PM	Pursel/King Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat	3:30PM	Pursel/King Wedding (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Faith Village/Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	1:30 PM	Memorial Service in Memory of Esther Rice (Sanctuary)

Next Sunday, October 25, 2020—Reformation Sunday

- ◆ Next week we will focus on the Protestant Reformation and its insight for us today.
- ◆ **Memorial Service of Esther Rice** – Esther entered into eternal life on June 20th at the age of 100 and her family chose to delay a memorial service. They have now made plans to hold a memorial service on Sunday, October 25th at 1:30 PM. The service will be held in the sanctuary as Esther requested that the organ she played for over 60 years be played during the service. People of the congregation are invited to attend the celebration of life service and time of remembrance.

October Mission-A-Month: Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a mission that strives to get needed supplies and the Word of salvation to children living in dire conditions throughout the world. In October we collect items to be included in cardboard boxes that will be packed by volunteers here at our church. If you want to pack your own box, please contact the church office so we can provide you with a box; otherwise you can place donated items in the white mission box in the Chapel narthex, or give monetary donations using your offering envelopes or sending your donation to the church office.

Distance Worship

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, we will continue to offer distance worship options. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM on 96.1 WMTR to listen to last week's worship service. Our 10:30 AM worship service is streamed via YouTube Live, which can be accessed on the St. John's Christian Church website at stjohnsarchbold.org.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist - Buffy Riley
Song & Worship Leader - Andrew Rohrs
Easy Worship Tech - Mark Nofziger
Sound Techs - (8:00AM) Angie Neuenschwander, (10:30AM) James Grime
Video Tech (10:30AM) - Dean Sauder
Live Stream Tech (10:30AM) - Ryan Christman
Head Usher - Jay Pursel
Usher (8:00AM) - Jim Grieser