



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

“The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ”

Come **H**ear the **R**eason we're **I**nspired to **S**erve **T**ogether



The Candle of Peace

*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.

December 6, 2020

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Second Sunday of Advent
A Service of Hymns and Hymn Stories

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| Prelude | | "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" |
| Welcome | | |
| Scripture and Prayer of Invocation | | Matthew 1:18-25 |
| Mission Sharing | Tony & Leila Frank, Ivoti, Brazil; Serving with World Team | |
| The Nativity Scene - The Manger | | |
| Hymn Story | | "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" |
| †Advent Hymn | | #123, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" |
| Advent Wreath | | The Candle of Peace Ryan, Jill, Lainey, & JD Holdgreve |
| Advent Hymn | Verses 1, 2, & 3, "We Light the Advent Candles" | |
| Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) | | |
| Special Music | Molly Rutledge | "Let There Be Peace on Earth" |
| Children's Message | | "A Story of Peace" |
| Hymn Story | | "O Little Town of Bethlehem" |
| †Hymn | | #141, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" |
| Scripture Reading | | John 1:14-18, Hebrews 4:14-16 |
| Sermon | | "God Has a Face" |
| Hymn Story | | "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" |
| †Hymn | | #128, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" |
| †Spoken Benediction | | |
| †Benediction in Song | | #138, refrain, "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" |
| †Postlude | | "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" |

Scripture Readings

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” - which means “God with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

John 1:14-18

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’” ¹⁶ From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Sermon Notes

Next Sunday, December 13, 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

The Candle of Joy

Sermon - "Worship Works Wonders"

Scriptures - Luke 2:13-15, Matthew 1:18-25, Psalm 150

Congregational Prayer

Lord God, may this Advent season truly be one of preparation – preparing my heart to hear anew the voices of scripture that are calling. The voice of John the Baptist, calling me to repent. The voice of Jesus, calling me to come to him. As I seek to dwell in his peace, I confess my sin, I turn from my sinful thoughts and actions, claiming the cleansing of baptism and the promise of forgiveness. As I go about my daily journey, may I offer Christ’s peace in both word and deed, shining the brightness of Christmas hope and peace in this special season. I thank you, precious Lord, for your presence and love. Amen.

December Mission-A-Month: Crossroad

For more than 134 years, Crossroad Child & Family Services in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has focused on the needs of children and families who have few alternatives. Today, they work with emotionally troubled children other providers have chosen not to work with, or have failed to help. Your prayers and generous financial support truly helps change the futures of young people, and the Crossroad Board of Directors and staff send their thanks for our partnership in helping these vulnerable children!

Distance Worship

We continue to offer distance worship options. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30AM on 96.1 WMTR to listen to last week’s worship service. Our 10:30AM worship service is streamed via YouTube Live, which can be accessed on the St. John’s Christian Church website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

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.

Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

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. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

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 December 6 at St. John's Christian Church

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| Sun | 8:00AM | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 8:30AM | Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR) |
| | 9:15AM | B.A.S.I.C./Forerunners, Women's Class |
| | 10:30AM | Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live) |
| Mon | 11:00AM | Staff Meeting (Office Closed) |
| Tue | 8:00AM | Poinsettia Pickup Day (Chapel) |
| | 9:15AM | Bible Study (Fireside Room) |
| | 7:00PM | Property Committee (Fireside Room) |
| Wed | 8:30AM | Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room) |
| | 7:00PM | Memorial Service (Chapel) |
| Sat | 7:40AM | Men's Prayer Breakfast (Gym) |
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Announcements

- ◆ Thank you to those who ordered poinsettias from JYF! Order pickup will take place this upcoming Tuesday, December 8th starting at 8:00AM in the Chapel .
- ◆ Copies of the 2020 Advent Devotional may be picked up at a table in the narthex and digital copies are available for download at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.
- ◆ Let's flood our shut-ins' mailboxes with Christmas cheer! Please consider sending your family's Christmas card to our shut-in members as a simple reminder that we are thinking of them during this Christmas season. Addresses can be found on the front of the December Visitor (digital copy at <https://stjohnsarchbold.org/monthly-newsletters/>).
- ◆ Our church family would like to extend a special happy birthday to Betsy Redd, who celebrated her 70th birthday yesterday, December 5th!

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:

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| December 6 – God's Shining Face..... | Psalm 80 |
| December 7 – Round Trip..... | Luke 24:13-35 |
| December 8 – Let Him In..... | Luke 24:36-53 |
| December 9 – Do It Now!..... | Haggai 1:1-15 |
| December 10 – Less Is More..... | Haggai 2:1-9 |
| December 11 – Never Beyond Blessing..... | Haggai 2:10-23 |
| December 12 – Let It Go..... | Zechariah 1:1-6 |

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist - Buffy Riley
Worship & Song Leader - David Stuckey
Lay Reader (8:00AM) - Joshua Reeb
Easy Worship Tech - Brian Roth
Sound Tech - James Grime
Live Stream Tech (10:30AM) - Jocelyn Walker
Head Usher - Dave Walker

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Betsy Ducey, upon the passing of her mother, Betty Brown, on 11/29 at the age of 91.
- ◆ Larry and Carol Robinson, upon the passing of their daughter, Kim, on 12/2.
- ◆ Praises for the recovery from Covid-19 for several from our church family, including Avery Roth, Kisha Genter, Dave Walker, Bob and Barbara Vos, and Bill Barnhart; and for their families' health throughout their times of quarantine.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who continues to receive monthly treatments for his prostate cancer.
- ◆ Mert Kinsman, who has completed his radiation treatments and continues to await results.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ 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 Nat. 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 Short)
- ◆ 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 Ruffer)



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