



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 Joy

*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 13, 2020

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God!
Third Sunday of Advent**

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Luke 2:13-15

Prelude

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

The Nativity Scene – The Angel and the Shepherd

†Advent Hymn

#131, “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Advent Wreath

The Candle of Joy
Josh, Kasey, Andee, Josee, Ian, Cagnee, & Reese Grime

Advent Hymn

Verses 1 & 4, “We Light the Advent Candles”

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

Special Music

Joshua Reeb

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Children’s Message

†Carol

#135, “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25, Psalm 150

Sermon

“Worship Works Wonders”

†Carols - first verses only

#125, “Joy to the World!”
#133, “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”
#144, “How Great Our Joy!”
#145, “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#144, refrain, “How Great Our Joy!”

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

Luke 2:13-15

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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.

Psalms 150

¹ Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. ² Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. ³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, ⁴ praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, ⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. ⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Next Sunday, December 20, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Candle of Love

Sermon - “God Guides the Wise”

Scriptures - Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 2:1-7, 7:13-14

Sermon Notes

Sermon "Worship Works Wonders"

Scriptures Matthew 1:18-25, Psalm 150

"Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others – the armies of heaven – praising God: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,' they sang, 'and peace on earth for all those pleasing him.'" Luke 2:13-14 (The Living Bible)

Worship – ascribing worth, worthiness

Psalm 150 – The 5th and final Hallelujah Psalm

Praise the Lord – Hallelujah!

Verse 1 – Where God should be praised

Verse 2 – Why God should be praised

Verses 3-5 – How God should be praised

Verse 6 – Who should praise God

Worship

- ◆ Verbally

- ◆ In Community

- ◆ Demonstrably

Congregational Prayer

Resulting from knowing and experiencing your hope and peace, dear Lord, joy wells up within my soul – the joy of knowing Jesus as my Lord! Glory to God in the highest! How awesome it is as my spirit bursts forth in such joy! Yet, honestly, I must acknowledge that I have my times of joylessness. Lord, I pray for your strength and cleansing, to remove any complaints from my mind, wiping away any antagonistic thought, and filling my spirit with Christmas joy – a joy that is exemplified by your love. May I produce fruit by living for you, being a light of love and joy to people you bring my way, that my voice would be a blessing in your kingdom. In the name of my Lord Jesus, 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 help 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 13 at St. John's Christian Church

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)
	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Sat	11:00AM	Private Party (Parish Hall)
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Announcements

- ◆ SJCC Family Christmas Card: It's been a long year of our church family worshipping in different locations - so let's come together and end 2020 with all of us on a virtual Christmas card! Send a recent family photo to office@stjohnsarchbold.org by December 18th. The card will be posted on the SJCC website and Facebook Page the week of December 21st. We can't wait to have our church family "together" to end this year!
- ◆ 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.

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:

December 13 – Remember God's Goodness.....Psalm 81
December 14 – Urban Renewal.....Zechariah 2:1-13
December 15 – I Choose You.....Zechariah 3:1-10
December 16 – Power Under Control.....Zechariah 6:9-15
December 17 – Ecological Disaster.....Zechariah 7:1-14
December 18 – An Imagination Run Wild.....Zechariah 8:1-23
December 19 – Standing on the Promises.....Zechariah 9:9-17

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist - Lynne Christman
Song Leader - Mike Meyer
Easy Worship Tech - Mark Nofziger
Sound Tech - James Grime
Video Tech (10:30AM) - Dean Sauder
Live Stream Tech (10:30AM) - Jocelyn Walker
Head Usher - Dave Walker
8:00AM Usher - Nancy Rupp

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jocelyn Walker and family, upon the passing of her grandfather, John Mackley, on 12/8 at the age of 75.
- ◆ Kevin and Angie Neuenschwander, who are ill with Covid-19.
- ◆ 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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