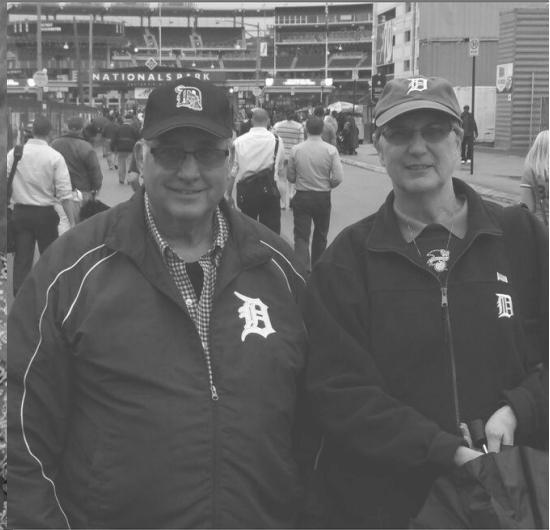




# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

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



*\*Pictured above: Marvin and Norma Fish (left); Bob and Carol DeVries (right)*

*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.*

**Welcome to our Worship of God!  
First Sunday after Epiphany**

Ringling of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

“You’re Not Listening”

Prelude

“Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 29

†Hymn

#234, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Hymn #326, verse 1 and refrain, “Softly and Tenderly”

Assurance of Forgiveness

†Hymn

#206, “There Is a Redeemer”

Children’s Message

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11, Acts 19:1-7

Sermon

“And so, the Holy Spirit”

†Hymn

#252, “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#608, “May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior”

†Postlude

## Scripture Readings

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### *Psalm 29*

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory of thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning. <sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!" <sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. <sup>11</sup> The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

### *Mark 1:4-11*

<sup>4</sup> And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

### *Acts 19:1-7*

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples <sup>2</sup> and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. <sup>4</sup> Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

## **Announcements and Updates**

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### **Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday**

January 17, 2021

Packets for the Annual Meeting are available on the table in the Narthex and online at [stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation](http://stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation).

The Sunday morning schedule for the 17th will be:

9:00am	Sunday School (B.A.S.I.C. and Forerunners Classes)
10:00am	Worship - In-Person and Live Stream Sermon - "Good Coming Forth" Scriptures - Psalm 139:1-6, John 1:43-51
11:15am	Annual Meeting - In-Person and Zoom

Business at the Annual Meeting will include:

- ◆ Education on the new accounting system initiated in 2020
- ◆ Approval of 2020 Financial Reports
- ◆ Consideration of 2021 Proposed Budgets
- ◆ Action on the 2021 Election Ballot, which is as follows:
  - Congregational President - Gary Frazier (3rd Term)
  - Congregational Secretary - (1st Term)
  - Elder (Elect 2) - Jon Lindsay, Betsy Redd, David Stuckey
  - Deacon/Deaconess (Elect 3) - Karen Walker, Missy Warncke, Bruce Wooley
  - Nominations from the floor will be accepted, with prior consent from the nominee
  - The Church Constitution states that the names of two or more nominees for each office of Elder and Deacon shall be presented, and one or more nominees for each office of congregational President and Congregational Secretary shall also be presented. After a lengthy nomination process and many calls, the Nominating Committee has been able to secure consent from the above listed people.

### **Men's Ministry**

Calling all Movie Lovers, History Buffs, and Men of Faith! SJCC's Men's Ministry is starting an 8-week video study entitled "Who has your six?" on 1/13 at 7:00pm here at the church. We will examine movie scenes with the makers of Rough Cut Men ministry. The mission of the series is to connect men and create awareness that every man needs another man to cover his six (his back). Each evening during the 8-week series will consist of a 20-30 minute video and another 30 minutes for discussion. Please consider joining us!

## **Announcements and Updates (cont.)**

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### **Update on Children and Youth Ministries**

Pastor Erich held a Zoom meeting this week with many of the leaders and teachers of our Christian Education children's and youth ministries. In the meeting were parents of children of all ages, with a desire to raise their children in the Christian faith. There were school teachers and people whose career is in the medical field. While the plan is to work towards resuming Wednesday evening ministries on February 3rd and Sunday morning ministries on February 7th, the collective wisdom shared was to touch base on January 20th and see how things have gone at the schools in the days in between. In the meantime, we continue to work at thinking "outside the box" and see what we can be offering in the near future.

### **Sermon Notes**

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"And so, the Holy Spirit" - Mark 1:4-11, Acts 19:1-7

The scriptures shared in our services are following the Revised Common Lectionary, a schedule of readings from the Bible for use in Christian worship. The schedule includes provisions for the calendar of the liturgical year, observing the seasons and holy days of the Christian Church. The lectionary consists of a three year cycle of Bible readings, studying through the whole Bible over the course of the three years, this year being Year B.

Mark 1:4-11 - Preparing the Way

- ◆ John the Baptist is a key figure in preparing the way for people to know Jesus
- ◆ His preaching caused people to confess their sin and be baptized
- ◆ John points people to Jesus - "I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
- ◆ Baptism with the Holy Spirit - beginning of a new creation - Acts 2:1-4
- ◆ Jesus was baptized by John, baptized with water
- ◆ As Jesus came out of the water, the Spirit descended on him

Acts 19:1-7

- ◆ John's baptism - a baptism of repentance
- ◆ "...baptized in to the name of the Lord Jesus."
- ◆ "...the Holy Spirit came on them..."

## Welcome!

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### 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](http://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 January 10 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)
Tue	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:00PM	Men's Ministry (Fireside Room)
Sat	11:00AM	Visitation in memory of Bob DeVries
	1:00PM	Memorial Service in memory of Bob DeVries
Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	B.A.S.I.C./Forerunners, Women's Class
	10:00AM*	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:00AM*	Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary and Zoom)

## **Congregational Prayer**

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Lord, God Almighty, God of grace and God of love, I thank you that you receive me not according to my failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive me as I am. You show me what I can be. You have come to us all in Jesus Christ, to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us, sweep over me, with your Holy Spirit, change me by your love, that I may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

## **Health and Safety Guidelines**

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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' 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](http://stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com).

## **Distance Worship**

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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](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

## **Today's Worship Servants**

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Children's Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00AM) Kelly Ducey	(10:30AM) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30AM) Cayla Swisher	
Ushers	(8:00AM) Jim Grieser	(10:30AM) Steve Walker

## **Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:**

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Carol DeVries and family, as they grieve the loss of Bob and prepare for his memorial service on Saturday.
- ◆ Norma Fish and family, as they grieve the loss of Marvin, whose memorial service was held at the church yesterday.
- ◆ Kenny Walker IV and his family, as Kenny is scheduled for an extensive surgery on January 28th in Cincinnati.
- ◆ Kevin and Angie Neuenschwander, regaining health and strength yet still recovering from COVID-19.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who continues to receive monthly treatments for his prostate cancer.

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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Associate Pastor - Rev. Alex Young (Cell: 330-206-8762)

Admin. Assist. - Jocelyn Walker ([office@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:office@stjohnsarchbold.org))