



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 (from left to right): Shirley Wyse, who turns 90 on 2/4; John & Mary Beck, who celebrate their anniversary tomorrow; Kenny Walker IV, who underwent major surgery on 1/28.*

*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.

January 31, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God!
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 111

†Hymn

#141, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

†Hymn

#462, “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

†The Apostles’ Creed

†The Gloria Patri

Children’s Message

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21-28, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Sermon

“A New Teaching”

†Hymn

#461, “He Leadeth Me”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#461, Refrain, “He Leadeth Me”

†Postlude

Next Sunday - February 7, 2021

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Scriptures – Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Sermon – “Knowing Who Jesus Is”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 111 Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. ²Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. ³Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. ⁵He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations. ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ⁸They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever-- holy and awesome is his name. ¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

Mark 1:21-28 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are-- the Holy One of God!" ²⁵"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching-- and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey

him." ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But the man who loves God is known by God. ⁴So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. ⁵For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), ⁶yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. ⁷But not everyone knows this. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat such food they think of it as having been sacrificed to an idol, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. ⁸But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. ⁹Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone with a weak conscience sees you who have this knowledge eating in an idol's temple, won't he be emboldened to eat what has been sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So this weak brother, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. ¹²When you sin against your brothers in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause him to fall.

Sermon Notes

Sermon "A New Teaching"

Scripture Mark 1:21-28, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (Revised Common Lectionary Reading)

The Setting

- ◆ At a synagogue in Capernaum on a Sabbath day
- ◆ Capernaum, home of Peter, a base of operation for the Galilean ministry of Jesus
- ◆ Jewish custom permitted recognized visiting teachers to speak (Acts 13:15)

The Characters

- ◆ Jesus and his first disciples
- ◆ People at the synagogue
- ◆ Teachers of the law (not mentioned, but surely present)
- ◆ A man, possessed by an evil spirit
- ◆ Evil spirit(s) (us)

Focal Points

- ◆ Teaching – what Jesus taught is unknown – only the reaction of the people is known
- ◆ The authority of Jesus – no quoting of authorities, straight from God
- ◆ Interruption – Jesus responded
- ◆ Jesus of Nazareth – evil spirits knew who Jesus was; knew his mission – to destroy
- ◆ Jesus came to destroy the power of Satan – 1 John 3:8
- ◆ The words and actions of Jesus spoke volumes, and news about him spread

Application

1. Do I recognize the authority of Jesus in every aspect of my life? What must I address?
2. Am I relying on my own knowledge? Am I truly drawing knowledge from the Bible? What am I doing with my knowledge that glorifies Christ?
3. How could, or how are, my actions seen by others? Building up or a stumbling block?

Announcements:

- ◆ The family of Kenny Walker IV created a CaringBridge page to keep family and friends updated on Kenny's recovery over the next several weeks. You can access Kenny's page by going to www.caringbridge.org/visit/kennywalkeriv or by searching for Kenny Walker on the CaringBridge homepage, www.caringbridge.org.
- ◆ In celebration of Shirley Wyse's 90th Birthday on 2/4, the family is hoping people of the congregation can send Shirley a birthday card to lift up her spirits and help her celebrate this milestone! Cards can be mailed to Shirley's attention at Genacross Lutheran Services, 1036 South Perry Street, Napoleon, Ohio, 43545.
- ◆ Live Stream Tech Needed: The Sunday morning Live Stream Team is in need of one additional tech to help with worship services during the months of April through July. If interested and available, please contact Jocelyn in the church office at 419-446-2545 or via text message at 419-575-4218.

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.

February Mission-A-Month

Archbold FISH Food Pantry

St. John's will collect food and personal care items as well as monetary donations in support of the Archbold FISH Food pantry throughout the month of February. Food and personal care items can be dropped off to the large white box outside of the Chapel and monetary donations can be made using your weekly offering envelopes or by going to stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com/give/online.



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' 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.

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 31 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)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz Home)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Zoom Meeting - CE Leaders
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Men's Ministry (Chapel)
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Congregational Prayer

God of every time and place, God of all mercy and peace, sharpen our awareness of the authority of Jesus. Jesus spoke the truth and he acted in truth in the synagogue. As Jesus cleansed the man possessed, we ask for him to cleanse our minds and thoughts. Enable us to make wise and careful choices as we live each day, forsaking the sinful pleasures of the world while experiencing the joy of peace in Christ. We seek your encouragement, mighty God, to help us step forward as people unafraid of choices, even when they involve moral dilemmas and gray areas of ethics. Guide us by the teachings of Jesus, guide us by your enlightening Spirit. Remind us always that you call us to act in a world where right answers can be elusive, so we depend upon your Word for direction. In your glory, we pray. Amen.

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:

- January 31 – Out of the Depths.....Psalm 88
- February 1 – Welcome to the Family Tree.....Genesis 10:1-32
- February 2 – The Tower of Babylon.....Genesis 11:1-32
- February 3 – God Keeps His Promises.....Genesis 12:1-9
- February 4 – Sowing and Seeing.....Mark 4:1-9
- February 5 – No Guarantee.....Mark 4:10-20
- February 6 – Amazing Light.....Mark 4:21-34

Today's Worship Servants

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| Accompanist | (Both) Lynne Christman |
| Song Leader | (Both) Roger Zimmerman |
| Easy Worship | (Both) Kelly Ducey |
| Sound Tech | (8:00) Angie Neuenschwander (10:30) James Grime |
| Live Stream Tech | (10:30) Jocelyn Walker |
| Video Tech | (Both) Dean Sauder |
| 8:00AM Usher | Jim Grieser |
| Head Usher | Steve Walker |

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Kenny Walker IV, recovering from major surgery this past Thursday in Cincinnati.
- ◆ Wayne Spiess and family, as they grieve the loss of Susie, whose memorial service was held in the Chapel yesterday.
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, who continues to recover in rehab at Genacross in Napoleon following hip surgery.
- ◆ 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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Betsy Redd, Brad Roth

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Kern, Jan Lindsay, Crissi Stucky, Karen Walker,
Missy Warncke, Bruce Wooley

Officers - Gary Frazier (President), Kim S. Walker (Secretary)