



# 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: Steve Walker and Isaac Meyer (left); Ella Yoder, Cagnee Grime, and Joshua Reeb enjoying root beer floats at JYF resumption night (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.*

March 7, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

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

Ringing of the Tower Bells	
Welcome and Announcements	
Mission Moment	Friendship House
Scripture and Prayer of Invocation	Psalm 19
Prelude	"Be Thou My Vision"
†Call to Worship	#590, "This Is the Day"
Lenten Lesson	"The Wonder of Worship"
†(8:00) Hymn	#59, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
†(10:30) Song	"The Heart of Worship"
Children's Message	
Ministry of Prayer	
Sharing Joys and Concerns	
Prayer Hymn - #371, v. 1 & 3, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"	
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)	
†Sermon Hymn	#382, "Be Thou My Vision"
Scripture Reading	John 2:13-22, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Sermon	"Any Signs Visible Today?"
†Hymn	#276, "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
†Spoken Benediction	
†Benediction in Song	#244, "The Trees of the Field"
†Postlude	"How Can I Keep From Singing"

## Scripture Readings

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**Psalms 19:1-14** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. <sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. <sup>6</sup> It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat. <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. <sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. <sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. <sup>10</sup> They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. <sup>11</sup> By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. <sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. <sup>14</sup> May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**John 2:13-22** When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the

coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup> Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." <sup>20</sup> The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

## Sermon Notes

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Sermon "Any Signs Visible Today?"

Scripture John 2:13-22, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (Revised Common Lectionary Reading)

Clearing the Temple – Matthew 21:12-13, Mark 11:15-17, Luke 19:45-56

- ◆ The synoptic gospels place the event after the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem
- ◆ John's gospel places this event soon after the calling of the first disciples
- ◆ Illustration of drawing insight from all four accounts
  
- ◆ Why were the temple courts serving as a marketplace?
- ◆ Why did Jesus clear out the marketplace? What statement was he making?

A Miraculous Sign – Why were the Jews asking for a sign?

- ◆ A metaphor is a comparison made between two or more things using figurative language.
- ◆ Metaphors turn difficult ideas into simple concepts.
- ◆ Metaphors are figures of speech used to be more effective, persuasive, and impactful.
- ◆ Deuteronomy 32:4 – "He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just."
- ◆ Isaiah 64:8 – "...we are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand."
- ◆ Psalm 23:1 – "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."
- ◆ John 15:5 – "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
  
- ◆ Vs. 19 – "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."
- ◆ Vs. 21 – "But the temple he had spoken of was his body."
- ◆ Vs. 22 – "After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken."

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

- ◆ What is meant by "the message of the cross" in verse 18?
- ◆ How is the message heard differently by those perishing compared to those being saved?
- ◆ Preaching Christ crucified
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 1:25 – "For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength."

## **March Mission-A-Month: Friendship House**

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This two-story home located near downtown Archbold is designed to provide shelter for one or two individuals or family units at a time until they are able to become self-sufficient. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board. Currently, the home is undergoing some maintenance and improvement work, including an upcoming project to update utility and living spaces, and upgrades to the heating/cooling system. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life.

## **Messages and Announcements**

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- ◆ Kenny, Mandy, Kenny IV, and Gavin Walker would like to share the following message this morning: “The prayers and support you all showered us with in the last month have made all the difference in this challenging time. It is when situations like this come up that make it very clear why a church family is so important. We could literally feel that we had people praying for us and God answered in a big way. Kenny has had an amazing recovery! The cards were truly enjoyed by the whole family. The encouraging words kept us focused and strong. Thank you all so much.”
- ◆ Easter flower orders are due today! 😊

## **Next Sunday, March 14, 2021**

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Scriptures – Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon - “That Most Famous Reindeer”

## **Discovery Daily Devotional Guides**

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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:

March 7 – The Lord Reigns.....	Psalm 93
March 8 – Daring Discipleship.....	Mark 11:1-11
March 9 – Proper Purpose.....	Mark 11:12-19
March 10 – Faith-Filled Prayer.....	Mark 11:20-26
March 11 – In the Hot-Seat.....	Mark 11:27-33
March 12 – Whose Vineyard Is It?.....	Mark 12:1-12
March 13 – The Right Answer.....	Mark 12:13-17

## 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 outside of the sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. 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. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

**Large Print and Children's 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 March 7 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	Sunday School, Faith Village & Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz Home)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	LOGOS (Parlor)
	6:50PM	JYF (Gym)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary and YouTube Live) Men's Ministry (Youth Room); Life Planning (Chapel)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
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)

## **Congregational Prayer**

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Lord, in this season of Lent, a time of reflection, a time of penitence, I come before you as a humble servant. Rend my heart, Lord. Guide me in ridding my life of sin, that the chains holding me down would be broken, freeing me in body and spirit. Have your own way within me, Lord, I pray. As Lent points to Easter, point me towards the glory of the empty tomb, a sure sign of the power and authority Christ has over the grave. I pray for Christ's power and authority to wash over me, deepening my trust and further equipping me to serve you. In Christ, Amen.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Reader	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00AM Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	

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

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Aaron & Jordyn King, as their son, Dawson William, was born on February 26th. Dawson weighed 8lbs. 3 oz. and was 22 ½ inches long. Congratulations!
- ◆ Tracey & Sodie Warren, as radiation therapy for Tracey's prostate cancer will begin in May.
- ◆ Kenny Walker IV, and Kenny, Amanda and Gavin, as all four were in worship on 2/28, celebrating Kenny's progress that enabled him to come home two weeks early!
- ◆ Barbara Christman, Pastor Erich's mother, who has entered into hospice care in her apartment.

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, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (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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