



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Celebrating this week:

Ethan Krukowski 6/20, Eyan Krukowski 6/18, Ali Genter 6/15

Linda & Duane Hayes 6/19, Emily & Colin Walker 6/15

*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.

June 13, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God!
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 20

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

† Hymn of Praise

#477, “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

†The Apostles’ Creed

Inside Back Cover of Red Hymnal

†Gloria Patri

#623, Red Hymnal

Children’s Message

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

†Sermon Hymn

#275, “How Firm a Foundation”

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:26-34, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Sermon

“The Kingdom of God is Like...”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Seek Ye First”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#536, “Happy the Home When God Is There”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#610 “Go Now and Live for the Savior”

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

Psalm 20:1-9 May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. ² May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion. ³ May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. ⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. ⁵ We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the Lord grant all your requests. ⁶ Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand. ⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. ⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm. ⁹ O Lord, save the king! Answer us when we call!

Mark 4:26-34 He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain -- first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed,

which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." ³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ We live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Sermon Notes – “The Kingdom of God is Like...”

Mark 4:26-34, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

The Parable of the Growing Seed (4:26-29)

- Follows the parable of the sower
- This parable is unique to Mark’s gospel
- The parable of sower focused on the proper soil
- The emphasis here is on the mysterious power of the seed itself to produce a crop
- How the Kingdom of God grows – the sower doesn’t understand how, but the seed grows
- As seedtime is followed by the harvest, so the present mystery of the Kingdom of God will be succeeded by its glorious manifestation
- There will be a time for the harvest

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

- Third and last parable about the seed sown
- Mustard seed could be thought of as “smaller than any seed in the ground at is sowing.”
- Proverbial for its smallness. This is not a botany lesson, but a parable lesson of comparison
- From a small seed can grow a large plant
- The Kingdom of God is like what happens to the mustard seed – from an ordinary beginning to a day of glory and power

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A Call to Prayer! Pray for Mercy and Justice: Slaughter in Burkina Faso

Jean-Paul Tiendrebeogo is a missionary serving in Burkina Faso and is a mission effort of the Evangelical Association. Burkina Faso is a country in West Africa, north of Ghana.

Prayer is desperately needed for Burkina Faso after more than 160 people were slaughtered in the north by assailants on Saturday, June 5. It is one of the deadliest attacks in a country increasingly devastated by violent aggressors, including religious and political extremists. The assailants attacked a gold mine and market by the village of Sobha near the border with Niger.

As a result of violence, Burkina Faso has a huge displacement crisis. The United Nations estimates more than 1 million people have fled their homes since 2019, and 3 million people require humanitarian aid – this in a country with a population of 20 million people.

1. Please pray for extraordinary prayer by Christians worldwide to advance God’s Kingdom in Burkina Faso.
2. Pray God would empower Christians in-country to minister to a grieving nation.
3. Pray God’s mercy and justice would come with power – resulting in many salvations. Do not underestimate the power of your prayers! God hears and answers prayers. We are grateful and thankful for your prayers.

-Your friends at Kingdom Investment International

Rebekah’s Haven, the women’s ministry of TGRM, is in need of three women to help with Children’s Chapel for 90 minutes one time per month on any given evening, but Fridays. While their moms are in chapel, TGRM has a separate activity for the children. Time would be 6pm to 7:30pm. Volunteers would need to have a background check. Anyone interested should let Pastor Erich know.

GIF Gals

The GIF Gals had their first outing on May 13 at the Das Essen Haus. Fifteen ladies were in attendance. There was good food, good conversation and lots of smiles and laughter. The next get together will be Wednesday, June 16 @ 5:00. They will meet at Sullivan’s Restaurant in Wauseon. If you would like to carpool, meet in the church parking lot at 4:30. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Hope to see you there for a fun evening together.

Sunday School Bible Study Series

Join the Connections Sunday School Class in this 11-part series on the Gospel of Mark beginning June 13. Author and speaker Francis Chan invites us to walk with him along the ancient ways of the Master. Tracing the steps of Jesus and the Twelve through Israel, Francis explores the major themes of the Gospel of Mark, and asks: Are we willing to take this journey to embrace discipleship? The series will be shown in the Chapel.

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:

- June 13 – Molecules and Mountains.....Psalm 104
- June 14 – Unlikely Leaders.....Acts 7:20-38
- June 15 – God’s Dwelling Place.....Acts 7:39-53
- June 16 – The Death of Death.....Acts 7:54-8:1a
- June 17 – From the Ashes.....Acts 8:1b-8
- June 18 – Come, Holy Spirit.....Acts 8:9-25
- June 19 – More Than Words.....Acts 8:26-40

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 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 June 13 at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	5:00PM	GIF Gals @ Sullivan's Restaurant
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)
	6:00 PM	Seekers (Church)

Next Sunday, June 20, 2021

Father's Day

Scriptures - Psalm 9:1-2, 7-10, Mark 4:35-41, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Sermon - "Believing Through the Hardships"

Congregational Prayer

We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for your kingdom grows from the smallest beginnings, and you have given us all a home in the shelter of your love. You created the heavens and the earth, and from the tiniest seeds, you filled the earth with life. You called your people to walk by faith, not by sight, and you anointed faithful rulers to lead them in your ways. Your son, Jesus, came among us sharing stories of your love and grace and teaching us the mysteries of your kingdom. He died on the cross, but you raised him to life for us, and in him everything has become new. Now we are confident that you will grant our heart's true desire: to be at home with you forever. Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Adapted from a prayer of Nathan Nettleton, 2006)

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both)	Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both)	Mike Meyer	
Easy Worship	(Both)	Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00)	Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30)	Ryan Christman	
Usher	(8:00)	Jim Grieser	(10:30) Brad Roth
Nursery	(6/13)	Sarah & Jeremy Kinsman	(6/20) Anna & Eric Yoder

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Gary Beck, son of Bud & Tootie, in great pain due to return of cancer.
- ◆ Jay Pursel's father, Rich, was placed in a medically induced coma to allow his body to rest and heal, and remains in a very serious condition.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler will soon be transferring to a long term health care facility, as the nerve recovery needed in his legs will take many months to heal.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, Roger & Kay's granddaughter, is going through another biopsy as recent scans have revealed something.
- ◆ KCH staff, Ruth and Nelson, recovering from injuries suffered in a car accident.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, awaiting a second MRI scheduled in August.
- ◆ Tracey Warren began 45 days of as radiation treatments on June 3rd.

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)
- ◆ MAJ 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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