



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Let's blanket
the world in
love

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

The central image features a photograph of an elderly woman and a man smiling and holding a dark, textured blanket. The blanket has a white circular logo with a stylized 'i' and the text 'CHURCH WORLD SERVICE' below it. The background of the entire banner is a grey geometric pattern.

*Today is Blanket Sunday! A special offering can be made to provide
CWS Blankets to warm the hearts and hands of people in need.*

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.....

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 scanning the QR code, 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 one of the literature racks.



Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young children. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and Nursery. Please ask an usher for locations if needed.

Children's Busy Bags are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (Pink = Ages 1-2; Green = Ages 3-5; Yellow = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need - you just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print and Children's Bulletins are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnschurcharchbold
or Instagram at @stjohnsarchbold.

Welcome to our Worship of God
Blanket Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Church World Service - Blanket Sunday

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 23

Prelude

“As the Deer”

†Hymn of Praise

#106, “Praise Him, Praise Him”

†Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Leader: In Hebrews 10:22 we read, “Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.” Let us pray to Almighty God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, seeking his cleansing as we unite in prayer:

All: Gracious Lord God, in meekness and contrition, I come before you amidst this body of believers, offering my own confession of the sin in my life, in my heart. I’ve been so laden with guilt and I long for your forgiveness and grace. Free me from my guilt, O Lord, that I may be restored and strengthened to turn from future sin, living for and serving you. In your name, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Leader: Trusting in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, know the truth of Colossians 1:13-14, “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

†Hymn Response

#355, “Trusting Jesus”

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

Children’s Message

(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#271, “Standing on the Promises”

(10:30) Special Music

Keira Grandey and Jocelyn Walker

“Rescue”

Scripture Reading

Exodus 15:22-27

Sermon

“The Cast-Down Sheep”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“All Who Are Thirsty”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#350, “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#259, v. 1 & 2, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

†Postlude

“Arise”

Scripture Readings

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Psalm 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Exodus 15:22-27 Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) ²⁴ So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" ²⁵ Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There the Lord made a decree and a law for them, and there he tested them. ²⁶ He said, "If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you." ²⁷ Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

Sermon Notes

Sermon: "The Cast-Down Sheep"

Scripture: Exodus 15:22-26

Exodus 15, in context, follows the Israelites crossing through the Red Sea and their escape from the Egyptian chariots and army, who were swallowed up by the sea. The first 21 verses of the chapter share the song of Moses and Miriam, a song of praise and thanksgiving for the rescue from Egypt.

After three days travel, the Israelites are thirsty and the only water is bitter. In three days' time, the people go from jubilation at their marvelous rescue from Egypt to grumbling and complaining. After the Lord sweetened the bitter water, the Lord tested the people, with the following points:

- ◆ If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord
- ◆ If you do what is right in his eyes
- ◆ If you pay attention to his commands
- ◆ If you keep all his decrees

- ◆ The Lord then offers his promise of safety and healing
- ◆ And then the Israelites arrive at Elim – an oasis in the wilderness

Considerations:

1. Moses, a shepherd for 40 years, calls out to the One who takes care of His sheep
2. Solving their physical need for water, the Lord turns to a spiritual lesson
3. The people were cast down in their thirst, and the Lord brought healing
4. A cast-down sheep is one that's turned over on its back and can't get up by itself
5. The shepherd needs to respond to the sheep's need, rescuing and restoring
6. Such restoration involves three stages
 - a. Finding the cast-down sheep
 - b. Restoring the cast-down sheep
 - c. Following the cast-down sheep



CWS BLANKETS

Showing God's love to all: a tale of two churches

Congregations around the world host CWS Blanket offerings to live out a mission to serve God's people near and far; and that's exactly how two congregations in Washington state became connected.

First Presbyterian Church of Everett has been hosting "Dinner at the Bell" for 18 years. This weekly event is for low-income families, veterans, homeless, people with addictions – any community members in need – all are welcome. Along with a hot meal, guests receive blankets and hygiene kits.

"A lot of places push homeless people away, and it is nice for churches to open their arms to help people," said Amanda, a guest at "Dinner at the Bell."

In the same city, only five miles away, Cascade View Presbyterian Church fundraises for the blanket ministry of CWS so that organizations and churches like First Presbyterian can serve those in need.

"We have a church that believes strongly in how God calls us to love and reach out," says Pastor Luke Hyder of Cascade View Presbyterian. "We as a church want to make tangible differences for those in need."

One church gives money so the other can give blankets, and together they give hope and a tangible reminder of God's love.

Hope is powerful, especially in times like these. Will you answer the call to serve God's people and give hope today?



Donate today to provide CWS Blankets to warm the hearts and hands of people in need. Scan this QR code or visit cwsblankets.org/bulletin to make a secure donation and learn more about your gift in action.

Scan Me! →

"And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."

— HEBREWS 13:16

2020 was challenging, but congregations stepped up and provided **101,472** CWS Blankets and Kits to families impacted by the pandemic, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises including homelessness and poverty.

Here's how *your* gift helped in 2020:



Blankets	21,855	Hygiene Kits	39,855
School Kits	32,820	Cleanup Buckets	6,942

To view the full 2020 Shipping Report, visit cwsblankets.org/stories-and-reports

You can show God's love and provide hope to your neighbors by making an online donation today at cwsblankets.org/donate. Each \$10 gift provides a blanket and enables someone to see and feel God's love in their lives.



"We love to reach out and help those locally but we also love to reach out to CWS who in turn reaches out to those around the world. And when you have that helpless feeling during these times, I can look at what CWS is doing and can say, 'Hey, I can support that!'"

— REV. LUKE HYDER,
CASCADE VIEW PRESBYTERIAN
EVERETT, WASHINGTON

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Week of September 19th 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, Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Search Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	LOGOS/JYF (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Sat	10:00AM	Parish Hall Reserved
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)
	11:30AM	Parish Hall Reserved

Next Sunday - September 26th, 2021

Sermon - "The Unfairness of the Gospel"

Scriptures - Matthew 20:1-16

Special Music - Adam Swisher, "None But Jesus"



JYF kicked off the season on 9/15 with some time spent getting to know each other with outdoors games & water challenges!

Announcements

- ◆ **TGRM Love Your Neighbor (Back to Basics) Campaign** - Many thanks to those of you who have already donated items for this campaign! Donated clothing and filled backpacks left over from the Book Bag Bash were taken to TGRM on 9/12 thanks to Ann and Dale Grime. If you are still interested in helping a family at Rebekah's Haven with essential Back to School clothing, tags are available on the Mission Bulletin Board outside of the office. Donated items will continue to be collected through the end of September. The SJCC Mission committee thanks you for your help!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The Gals will be heading to Bryan, Ohio for supper on Tuesday, October 12th, departing from the church at 5:30PM. Please sign up at the office bulletin board by Sunday, October 10th.

A Message of Thanks

Thank you, thank you to all who helped put together a beautiful day of worship and fellowship on BLAST Sunday! The day would not have come together without the diligent planning of our Fellowship Committee and the many generous volunteers and servants who played a part in the day. We are excited to enter this new year of church ministry as we believe, learn, and seek truth, together.



September Mission-A-Month: TGRM

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) has been providing men and women in the Toledo, Ohio area with shelter and resources since 1955. Both the men's shelter and women's shelter (Rebekah's Haven) provide for the spiritual, physical, and material needs for homeless persons through generous support of Northwest Ohio. St. John's has supported them for the last several years prayerfully and financially, and with material donations. Several times per year, St. John's will share in the TGRM men's chapel services, with members of St. John's preparing a meal with chapel guests for after service. To learn more about TGRM and the many services they provide, visit tgrm.org.

Daily Discovery Guide

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:

- September 19 – The Way of Faithfulness.....Psalm 119:25-48
- September 20 – Endure Till the End.....Hebrews 10:26-39
- September 21 – Assurance in Action.....Hebrews 11:1-22
- September 22 – Walk of Faith.....Hebrews 11:23-40
- September 23 – Run Right.....Hebrews 12:1-13
- September 24 – Live Right.....Hebrews 12:14-29
- September 25 – Love Right.....Hebrews 13

Congregational Prayer

Good and Gracious God, I am so thankful that you are always ready to hear us when we come to you in prayer. Increase our awareness of your care for us. As the passages from Psalm 23 and Hebrews 15 speak of, your providential care has always been present, and I am so grateful for your love and faithfulness. Increase in us our desire to strengthen our relationship with you. We pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, our shepherd, mediator and Lord. Amen.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines
Sound	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Cayla Swisher
8:00AM Usher	Tim Beck
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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Mark Beltz and family upon the death of Mark's mother, Rilla Beltz, on Wednesday afternoon.
- ◆ Kenn Sweitzer, who is dealing with being off work due to a recent case of Covid-19.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, as he continues to receive treatment for leg nerve regeneration.
- ◆ John Barr, father of Mary Hall, as he recovers from heart bypass surgery.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz is grateful for your prayers as both tibias are healed (Yay!) and the left fibula shows it is starting to heal, so she is down to wearing just one boot.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Iraq (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, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (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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*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.