



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



"In his great mercy
he has given us
new birth into a
living hope through
the resurrection
of Jesus Christ from
the dead."

1 Peter 1:3



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*Pictured above: David & Nancy Lightner (top left), Evelyn Walker (top right),
and Duane & Linda Hayes (bottom).*

Welcome! We are so glad you are 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 a.m. 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.



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Instagram at @stjohnsarchbold and YouTube ("St. John's Christian Church").

Welcome to our Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 Peter 1:3-7 (pg. 1200)

Prelude

“Everlasting God/Everlasting Arms”

Call to Worship

†Hymn of Praise

#409, “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

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

Children’s Message

†(8:00) Hymn

#297, “I Love to Tell the Story”

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism - Evelyn Leann Walker, daughter of Corey & Jocelyn

The Apostles’ Creed (inside back cover, red hymnal)

Scripture - Ephesians 2:8-10

Baptismal Song

Adam Swisher

“None But Jesus”

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: You are baptizing your daughter, Evelyn, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Evelyn and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ’s way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16 (pg. 976), Romans 9:30-10:4 (pg. 1120)

Sermon

“The Unfairness of the Gospel”

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

“He Knows My Name”

Second Offering

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn

#285, “In Christ There Is No East or West”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#257, v. 1, “Our God Has Made Us One”

†Postlude

Sermon Notes

Sermon: "The Unfairness of the Gospel"

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16, Romans 9:30-10:4

Congregational Prayer

Lord of all Creation, I remain in awe of how your Word reveals your wisdom to us. Our own thoughts, beliefs, and ways certainly can be stumbling blocks, tripping us up in our faith. We can get so focused on works instead of focusing on righteousness. Thank you for your Word that reveals my salvation through the new birth into a loving hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I submit myself to you, in righteousness and devotion, that I will glorify your name in my life. In Jesus holy name. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Evelyn Leann Walker. Evy was born on April 21, 2021 to Corey and Jocelyn Walker, and is a little sister to Allie. Celebrating with us today are Godparents Collin Walker and Tara Mankowski; grandparents Dave and Karen Walker and Mike and Colleen Mankowski; and great-grandparents Dencel and Phyllis Miller, Lee Mankowski, and Ann Mackley.

Scripture Readings

1 Peter 1:3-7 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade -- kept in heaven for you,⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.⁷ These have come so that your faith -- of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire -- may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Matthew 20:1-16 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard.² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.³ "About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'⁵ So they went. "He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing.⁶ About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'⁷ "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'⁹ "The workers who were hired about the eleventh

hour came and each received a denarius.¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.¹² 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?'¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you.¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Romans 9:30 - 10:4 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith;³¹ but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it.³² Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the "stumbling stone."³³ As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 10:1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.² For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.³ Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.⁴ Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Announcements

- ◆ **Connections Sunday School Series** - Beginning today, Connections Sunday School will start a five-week study on Bob Goff's book, "Everybody Always." All are welcome to join us for our journey through this book at 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room!
- ◆ **Community Meal** - This Tuesday, the Community Meal will be held at St. Martin's Church from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The Gals will be heading to Bryan, Ohio for supper on Tuesday, October 19th, departing from the church at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up at the office bulletin board by Sunday, October 10th.

Week of September 26th 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)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	3:00PM	Funeral Visitation (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Memorial Service in Memory of Duane Hayes (Chapel)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. Martin's Lutheran Church)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	LOGOS/JYF (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Personnel Committee (Church Office)
Sun		World Communion Day
	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's)

Next Sunday - October 3rd, 2021: World Communion Day

Sermon - "Crossing the Road"

Scriptures - Jeremiah 6:16

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 26 – Learner.....Psalm 119:49-72
September 27 – Sin Finds You Out.....Genesis 12:10-20
September 28 – Appearances Can Deceive.....Genesis 13
September 29 – It’s All About Christ.....Genesis 14
September 30 – Trust the Promis-er.....Genesis 15
October 1 – God Sees Me.....Genesis 16
October 2 – Take Things Slow.....Genesis 17:1-14

Today’s Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey
Sound	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman
Head Usher	Jeff Rutledge

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Linda Hayes and family, upon the death of Linda's husband, Duane, on Thursday morning, at the age of 76. Visitation will be on Monday from 3pm to 7pm in the Chapel, with the memorial service on Tuesday at 4pm in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Nancy Lightner and family, upon the death of Nancy's husband, David, on Tuesday, at the age of 87. A service celebrating David's life was held yesterday in the chapel.
- ◆ Jack Spotts, who fell and broke a hip, and underwent surgery on 9/23.
- ◆ Mert Kinsman, hospitalized at FCHC due to Covid-19.
- ◆ Carol DeVries, who underwent surgery on Tuesday to implant a pacemaker and will have her left arm in a sling for about two weeks.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler as he continues to receive treatment for leg nerve regeneration.
- ◆ 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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Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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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.