



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

"For this is a journey we must all take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to Home."

Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*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.

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.



Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnschurcharchbold,
Instagram at @stjohnsarchbold and YouTube ("St. John's Christian Church").

October 3, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God
World Communion Sunday

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence, and Christ, the Light of the World. Inscribed on the Tower Bells - "To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship."

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"He Will Carry You"

A time to center our thoughts, centering on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and our worship of him.

Scripture

Exodus 15:1-13 (pg. 68)

Prayer of Invocation

†Hymn of Praise

#35, "Immortal, Invisible"

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lord, Help Us Live in Peace"

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

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 6:16-17 (pg. 754)

Children's Message

†Hymn

#488, "He Keeps Me Singing"

Sermon

"Crossing the Road"

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Invitation - Pastor

Unison Prayer - Lord, on this first Sunday of October, we, along with the world-wide Christian Church, observe and celebrate this sacrament of remembrance. We come before you as a repentant people, confessing our sin and seeking your grace. Though you created Creation good, the world today is fractured, polarized, and troubled. Such is the condition of the universal Church, too. In faith, as Jesus intends, the sacrament is an act of sacrifice, love and unity. As we come to the table this morning, may we each strive ever more diligently to be the disciples Jesus teaches and commands us to be. In his name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

†Hymn

#51, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#521, v. 1 and refrain, "Redeemed"

†Postlude

"Awesome God"

Sermon Notes

Sermon: "Crossing the Road"

Scripture: Jeremiah 6:16-17

Congregational Prayer

Lord, in light of World Communion Sunday, we pray, make us one. Bring unity in our lives with other believers. Help us reconcile with those believers with whom we've been quarreling. Make us one also with those who are far away. May we be united in prayer with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, including the peoples of other places, and the missionaries we support and know. Make us one, Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 15:1-13 Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. ² The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³ The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. ⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. ⁵ The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. ⁶ "Your right hand, O Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. ⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. ⁸ By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹ "The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' ¹⁰ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹ "Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like you-- majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders? ¹² You stretched out your right hand and the earth swallowed them. ¹³ "In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

Jeremiah 6:16-17 This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.' ¹⁷ I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But you said, 'We will not listen.'

October Mission-A-Month: Operation Christmas Child

Throughout the month of October, St. John's will once again collect for Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan's Purse. We welcome your generosity in items to supply for the boxes, such as small toys (cars, balls, dolls, kazoos, harmonicas, jump ropes, etc.), toiletries, school supplies, small Bibles, t-shirts, socks, or ballcaps, to name a few; or in financial contributions which will be used to purchase supplies for the boxes. Boxes will be packed by a team of volunteers here at St. John's. If you would like to pack your own box, please contact the church office so that we may supply you with a box. Items should be dropped off in the Chapel Narthex on or before October 24th. We thank you for your kind generosity as we support this important mission!



Announcements

- ◆ **Birthdays Cards** - Josephine Short turns 95 on October 8th and the Short family has asked for your help in showering Josephine with birthday cards! Cards can be mailed to 407 E. Lutz Rd., Room 405, here in Archbold. The Short family thanks you in helping them celebrate Jo!
- ◆ **GIF Gals October Time Change** - The GIF Gals will be heading to Bryan for supper on Tuesday, October 19th. Those planning on attending should now arrive to the church by 5:00 p.m. to carpool. Please sign up by October 10th at the office bulletin board. The Gals hope to see you there!

Week of October 3rd 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 (Kuntz's Home)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:00PM	Search Committee (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Mission 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	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
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	Couples Small Group (Youth Room)

Next Sunday - October 10th, 2021

Sermon - "Plug into the Source"

Scriptures - John 15:1-8

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:

October 3 – Waiter.....Psalm 119:73-96
October 4 – Living By Faith.....Genesis 17:15-27
October 5 – God Comes Near.....Genesis 18:1-15
October 6 – God Judges Rightly.....Genesis 18:16-33
October 7 – Say No To Evil.....Genesis 19:1-14
October 8 – Don’t Look Back!.....Genesis 19:15-29
October 9 – A Disguised Husband.....Genesis 20

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Worship/Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Children’s Message	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Kennedy Hurst	(10:30) Avery Roth
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Sue Kinsman, Rod Kinsman, and families, upon the passing of Mert on Wednesday at the age of 79. Services in memory of Mert were held yesterday.
- ◆ Jack Spotts, who is now in rehab at Rupp Rehab following hip surgery.
- ◆ Carol DeVries, who received good reports from her doctor this week regarding her recently inserted pacemaker.
- ◆ Lynne, Erich, and Ryan Christman, as Lynne's brother, Paul, entered eternal life Thursday evening. Paul was diagnosed two years ago with an aggressive type of dementia, and experienced a rapid decline in his health this past month.
- ◆ 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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