



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: Bennett Mae Bzovi, who was welcomed into the world by her parents, Collin and Miranda on Sunday, October 17th. Congratulations, Bzovi Family!

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

Psalm 119:11, 105-106 (pg. 607)

Prelude

“How Majestic/Holy, Holy, Holy”

†Hymn of Praise

#270, “Wonderful Words of Life”

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (Red Hymnal, inside back cover)

†The Gloria Patri

#623

Children’s Message

(10:30) Special Music

Klaire Kern

“All in All”

†Hymn

#424 , “Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1 (pg. 532)

Sermon

“Reading for Transformation”

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings and Offertory

“Close to Thee”

Second Offering

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn

#521, “Redeemed”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#383, “Open Our Eyes, Lord”

†Postlude

Sermon Notes

Sermon - "Reading for Transformation"

Scripture Reading - Psalm 1

Psalm 1 - the first psalm, focuses on the law of the Lord, the Word of God

Unwrapping the Bible (adapted from an article written by Meghan Larissa Good and passed on to Pastor Erich by Mr. Marvin Fish)

The Bible exists first and foremost not to be gazed at, but to be gazed through: to draw readers into awe and the worship of God.

Here are six steps to progressively work through to help hear the living Voice of the Bible:

Step One - Downshift - reading the Bible is not like reading any other material - we don't just seek to dissect, analyze, critique or consume religious information. We must settle ourselves into a posture of receptivity and listening.

Step Two - Read - no skimming over the words or pages permitted, for God is in the details. Vary your reading - read the text out loud, copy it by hand or by typing, circle key terms, write a paraphrase.

Step Three - Explore - as the words speak to you, or you sense God calling you through a certain passage, explore more in-depth meaning - the literary context, historical context - make use of a study Bible, a Bible commentary or dictionary or encyclopedia.

Step Four - Talk to God - talk to God about where you see the text overlapping with your own life and world. Pause and take time to listen for what God might say back to you.

Step Five - Be quiet, be still - wait, sit in the presence of God and let God speak and transform. Fix your attention on God.

Step Six - Live Life - let your reading and exploring move your life. Apply the lessons you learn.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:105-106 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

Psalm 1:1-6 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. ⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Announcements

- ◆ **Leaf Raking** - Due to today's rainy forecast, we will be offering to rake leaves for our neighbors next Sunday, October 31st at 2:00 p.m. Please sign up on the Volunteer section of the office bulletin board. Rakes, leaf blowers, trailers, and tarps are needed!
- ◆ **Facility Info Gatherings** - In preparation for the special congregational meeting on November 14th, Facility Committee info gatherings are scheduled for next Sunday, October 31st at 11:45am and Thursday, November 4th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Information packets are available for pickup at a table in the Narthex.

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, kazoo's, 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 by the end of the day. We thank you for your kind generosity as we support this important mission!



Week of October 17th 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)
	6:00PM	Parish Hall Reserved - Youth for Christ
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Martins Lutheran Church (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	LOGOS/JYF (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	SYF (Meet at Church Bus in Parking Lot)
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	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:45AM	Facility Committee Info Gathering (Sanctuary)

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Children's Message	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Cagney Grime	(10:30) Emma Krukowski
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
10:30 Ushers	Matt & Kim Hines	
	Todd & Jill Nafziger	

Next Sunday - October 31st, 2021: Reformation Sunday

Sermon - "Why Forgive Others?"

Scripture - Matthew 6:9-15

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 24 – With All My Heart.....Psalm 119:129-152
October 25 – Welcoming Strangers.....Genesis 29:1-14a
October 26 – Being Second-Best.....Genesis 29:14b-30
October 27 – Naming Babies.....Genesis 29:31-30:24
October 28 – Plotting an Escape.....Genesis 31:1-21
October 29 – Feeling Aggrieved.....Genesis 31:22-42
October 30 – Making Peace.....Genesis 31-43-55

Congregational Prayer

(Pray these words of the hymn, "Holy Bible, Book Divine") Holy Bible, book divine, Precious treasure, thou art mine; Mine to tell me whence I came, Mine to teach me what I am: Mine to chide me when I rove; Mine to show a Savior's love; Mine thou art to guide and guard; Mine to punish or reward; Mine to comfort in distress, Suffering in this wilderness; Mine to show by living faith, Man can triumph over death; Mine to tell of joys to come, And the rebel sinner's doom; O thou holy book divine, Precious treasure, thou art mine. Amen.

Consistory Contact Information

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Collin and Miranda Bzovi, who welcomed their daughter, Bennett Mae, into the world on Sunday, October 17th at 1:01 p.m. Bennett weighed 8lbs, 2oz, and was 20" long. All are doing well. Thank you to those who quickly filled the Meals for Moms schedule!
- ◆ Cathy Nofziger, who had outpatient knee replacement surgery on Monday.
- ◆ Mary Silcox, as she settles into her assisted living apartment in Sunbury, Ohio.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who continues to recover from recent concussion affects. Pray for her full healing and for her parents, Eric & Sarah.
- ◆ Jack Spotts, who is in rehab at Rupp Rehab following hip surgery.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, as he continues to receive treatment for leg nerve regeneration.

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, Suffolk, VA (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.