



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Memorial Sunday
December 26, 2021

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").

**Welcome to our Worship of God
First Sunday After Christmas
Memorial Sunday**

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 148

Prelude

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

†Opening Carols

#125, “Joy to the World!”
#133, “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

†The Apostles’ Creed

†The Gloria Patri

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

Children’s Message

Service of Remembrance for Memorial Sunday

Words of Introduction and Lighting of Memorial Candles

Words of Remembrance

Hymn of Faith

#405, v. 1&2, “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

Memorial Prayer

†Carol

#139, “I Wonder as I Wander”

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52, Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon

“Have We Been Obedient?”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Carol

#119, v. 1 & 2, “O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#119, v.3, “O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

Psalms 148:1-14 Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. ² Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. ³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars. ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. ⁶ He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away. ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, ⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, ⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, ¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, ¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, ¹² young men and maidens, old men and children. ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. ¹⁴ He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

Luke 2:41-52 Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ Af-

ter three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹ "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Colossians 3:12-17 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Sermon Notes

Sermon - "Have We Been Obedient?"

Scripture Reading - Luke 2:41-52, Colossians 3:12-17

Memorial Sunday Observance

This morning, we remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the past year. The Service of Remembrance is a long-standing tradition of St. John's and many other churches. The service calls to mind people of our congregation or associated with our congregation who have entered into eternal rest. We pray for everyone who has experienced the death of a family member or friend who is not named this morning. Knowing that such remembrances cause us to reflect on family members and friends who have died prior to this year, we pray for the peace of God to be on each person's heart in our time of worship and remembrance. In our service this year, we remember members of the congregation, people whose memorial service was held here at St. John's, or those in which Pastor Erich participated in the services:

- ◆ Robert DeVries - December 31, 2020
- ◆ Susie Spiess - January 17
- ◆ Vern Nemire - February 2
- ◆ Jane Short - April 30
- ◆ Wally Dehnbostel - May 28
- ◆ Rich Pursel - June 14
- ◆ Lois Wiles - July 14
- ◆ David Lightner - September 21
- ◆ Duane Hayes - September 23
- ◆ Mert Kinsman - September 28
- ◆ Jack Spotts - November 14
- ◆ John Lovejoy - November 27
- ◆ Kathryn Graber - December 2



Announcements

- ◆ **Community Meal Schedule** – There will be no community meal on December 28th or January 4th. SJCC will be providing the meal on January 11th and we are in need of volunteers from the church to help with prep, serving, and cleanup. People interested in helping are asked to contact Pastor Erich – 419-551-0401. Thank you!
- ◆ **Church Office Holiday Schedule** - The church office will be closed tomorrow (Mon) in observance of Christmas and will be closing at noon on New Year’s Eve (Fri).

Week of December 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)
 2:30PM Parish Hall, Kitchen, & Fireside Room Reserved

Mon **Church Office Closed**

Tue 9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
 7:00PM Mission Budget Meeting (Fireside Room)

Fri 12:00PM Church Office Closed

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)

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Lay Reader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Easy Worship	(8:00) Tom Hines	(10:30) Kelly Ducey
Sound	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Evynn Roth
8:00 Ushers	Doug & Nancy Rupp	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Michael Walker, Toby Walker, Adam Swisher & Cayla Swisher	

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:

December 26 – The Best-Laid Plans----- Psalm 127
December 27 – Leaders and Followers----- Isaiah 9:8-17
December 28 – Consuming One Another----- Isaiah 9:18-10:4
December 29 – A Remnant Will Return ----- Isaiah 10:20-27
December 30 – A Shoot Will Come Up----- Isaiah 11
December 31 – I Will Wait-----Isaiah 8
January 1 – People Get Ready-----Matthew 3:1-12

Congregational Prayer

In wondrous praise and adoration, O Lord my God, I come before you with a glad and thankful heart! At least, I want to come before you in such manner; but, the vagaries of the world often consume me. The hustle and bustle exhausted me and I missed the peaceful moments of the holy night on which we celebrated Christ's birth. While family and friends gathered, many were missing and their absence tainted the spirit of my holidays. Sustain me, Lord, through the power and promise of your Word. Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah, as I wonder as I wander through this land - may the peace that transcends understanding guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. In his name. Amen.

Consistory Contact Information

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Sharon VonDeylen, who was hospitalized on Tuesday for dehydration and infection.
- ◆ Callie Ruffer, three year old daughter of Cameron and Kristen, as Callie is experiencing heart failure.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who is going through therapy and awaits further medical follow up.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who is recovering from outpatient surgery on her left ankle.
- ◆ Ann Grime, as she continues to recover at home from the virus.
- ◆ Gretchen Heer, as she continues in therapy Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Denny Hornish, who is recovering at home from surgery to remove his gall bladder.
- ◆ Matt Pardi, as he remains hospitalized in serious condition due to Covid.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, 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, 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)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts has been deployed to Quatar (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ 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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