

MARCH 20, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



JYF joined several area churches for a skate night on 3/9/22

**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.

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## 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](http://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. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and Nursery. Please ask an usher for locations if needed. We are striving to restart our 10:30am Nursery Care ministry, which has been affected by sporadic need for care and difficulty in scheduling volunteers. People interested in helping are asked to contact the church office.

**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](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnschurcharchbold),  
Instagram at @stjohnsarchbold and YouTube ("St. John's Christian Church").

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"No Other Name/ All Hail the Power"

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalms 119: 105-112 (pg. 610)

†Opening Hymns of Praise

#272, "Thy Word"

#270, "Wonderful Words of Life"

†Lenten Litany of Prayer (L: Leader; P: People; A: All)

L: Matthew 6:1-2: "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before others, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others."

**P: Jesus, help us do good works without seeking attention from others because we only desire to worship and serve you.**

L: Psalm 51:6: "Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place."

**P: Lord, help me to face the truth, good and bad, about myself because you already know everything about me and love me no matter what. Cleanse me of dishonesty and fill my heart with wisdom."**

L: Romans 10:13: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**P: Saving Lord, when I am confused, upset or weak, help me to remember that you are my Savior. Relieve my heart of all trouble, and teach me to call on you whenever I need help.**

L: Matthew 7:11: "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

**P: Father, help me to trust enough in your great love that I am willing to empty myself to make room for Jesus.**

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13 (pg. 968)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-52

## Children's Message

†Sermon Hymn

#183, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Sermon

"D-Day for Sin"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"People Need the Lord"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#369, "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#371, v. 4, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

†Postlude

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Gracious Heavenly Father, in this season of Lent, with a focus on renewal and growing in our faith, how blessed we are through the parables of Jesus. Though I strive to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus, the weeds of the earthly kingdom so easily entangle. Thank you, Lord, for liberating us from the influence of the evil one, that through Christ's death, we are brought into your saving and sustaining grace. Continue to let me hear the truth of your teaching, for I desire to worship you as a devoted disciple. Amen.

## LENTEN JESSE TREE

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The Jesse Tree is located near the literature rack and will help support the Aroles and Back Bay Mission. All are welcome to pick an offering denomination card from the tree's branches one or more times throughout the season of Lent and donations can be dropped into the Tree's offering box. As an added bonus, the Mission Committee has flyers available with Lenten Jesse Tree Scripture references for each day of Lent, which can be used as a devotional each day during the Lenten season.

## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2022 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Sermon - "The Uncommon Deed"

Scripture - Luke 10:25-37

Special Music - Norm Fether & Jocelyn Walker, "New Again"

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalms 119:105-112** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. <sup>106</sup> I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. <sup>107</sup> I have suffered much; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word. <sup>108</sup> Accept, O Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. <sup>109</sup> Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. <sup>110</sup> The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. <sup>111</sup> Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. <sup>112</sup> My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

**Matthew 13:24-30** Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup> "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' <sup>29</sup> "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

**Matthew 13:36-43** Then he left the crowd and

went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. <sup>40</sup> "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**Matthew 13:47-52** "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. <sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

## WEEK OF MARCH 20TH AT ST. JOHN'S

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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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal and Chapel
	6:00PM	Couples Small Group
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	1:45PM	BINGO at Fairlawn
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Area Schools (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Adult Lenten Lesson (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Fri	4:30PM	Man Camp Departure
Sat	6:30PM	Fellowship Game Night!
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	GIF Gals Depart for Fayette Opera House

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Acolytes	(8:00) Evy Roth	(10:30) Emma Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Justin, Carrie, Cameron, & Ella Yoder	

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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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:

March 20 No Use Pretending ----- Psalm 139  
March 21 Radical Holiness-----Exodus 22:1-31  
March 22 Never Alone-----Exodus 23:1-33  
March 23 Commitment and Covenant-----Exodus 24:1-18  
March 24 Don't be a Grumpy Giver -----Exodus 25:1-22  
March 25 The God of Small Things ----- Exodus 25:23-40  
March 26 Practically Perfect -----Exodus 26:1-37

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Special Congregational Meeting** - A special congregational meeting has been called for April 10th to vote on the call agreement that has been extended to the Pastor of Music and Worship candidate, Ryan Volkman. All are invited to a meet and greet reception on Saturday, April 9th at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall. Pastor Ryan will then preach at both services of worship on Sunday the 10th and a congregational meeting to vote on the call will take place after each service. Those unable to attend in person will have the ability to access a live stream of the 10:30AM service of worship. Online votes can be cast by accessing the Zoom version of the congregational meeting, details of which are included in the letter and at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation). Please continue to be in prayer for our congregation, for Pastor Ryan, and for his wife and sons during this next step of the search and call process.
- ◆ **Adult Lenten Lessons** - Join us for Lenten services on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM through April 6th. Services will consist of prayer, singing, and interactive teaching lessons flowing from a resource entitled, "In View of God's Mercy." Services will be held in the Sanctuary and on YouTube Live each week.
- ◆ **Fellowship Game Night** - The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to Game Night on Saturday, March 26th at 6:30PM here at the church. Bring any games you'd like to play along with a snack to share - drinks will be provided. Come and go as able: play, watch, laugh!

*March Mission-A-Month:  
The Friendship House*



## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Jon Lindsay, who will have minor surgery on tomorrow, 3/21.
- ◆ Scott Light, Dan's nephew, who's surgery was postponed for another month.
- ◆ Paulette and Curt Spotts, as Paulette has been diagnosed with bone cancer and they're working through treatment options; and she had a pacemaker inserted on 3/11.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who is bearing some weight on her foot with crutches, with a boot for a few more weeks; and is healing from a second procedure on a knuckle joint replacement.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, who is scheduled for his second heel and Achilles surgery on 4/14.

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)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts has been deployed to Qatar (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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