

MARCH 27, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Joshua Reeb  
& "Men of Valor"  
won 1st at the local  
Bible Quiz  
tournament



They finished 6th  
at the AMEC  
Invitational in  
Lancaster, PA



**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!**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation Psalm 25:1-10 (pg. 545)

†Opening Hymn of Praise #76, "O for a Thousand Tongues"

A Lenten Image "Removing layers until your very heart is His" "Onion"

Hymn of Faith and Hope #405, vs. 1 & 2, "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

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

Scripture Reading Luke 10:25-37 (pg. 1028)

Children's Message

Special Music Norm Fether & Jocelyn Walker "New Again"

†Sermon Hymn #296, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Sermon "The Uncommon Deed"

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "By Grace"

Second Offering

†Closing Hymn #448, "A Charge to Keep I Have"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song #371, v. 4, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalm 25:1-10** To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; <sup>2</sup> in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup> No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. <sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; <sup>5</sup> guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. <sup>6</sup> Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord. <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. <sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. <sup>10</sup> All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

**Luke 10:25-37** On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" <sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from

Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' <sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **JYF & SYF Dodgeball Night: Wednesday, March 30th** - This annual night of throwing and dodging is on once again! JYF youth and any SYF youth at the church will climb aboard the church bus at 7:00PM for the short shuttle to the Archbold Elementary School. SYF youth who drive may drive directly to the school. After the energetic release of adrenaline, the bus will return to the church at 8:00PM.
- ◆ **Adult Lenten Study Location Change** - This Wednesday, March 30th, adults will meet in the Chapel for the 7:00PM to 8:00PM lesson time, as the Junior Choir will be singing and recording their musical piece in the Sanctuary. Unfortunately, due to this move, there will be no live stream of the lesson time.
- ◆ **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. Full weekend details are in the April issue of The Visitor. 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 can be found 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.

## GOD WINKS - DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED

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*"We look at God's winks, or God's moments... I pray that you've had those experiences, and if not, I pray that you will. And I pray that each one of us can offer those kinds of experiences to others as we serve the light of the world." - 3/13/22 Sermon, "The Audience of One"*

If you stop and think about it, you've more than likely had a moment in your life where you've stopped in your tracks and asked, "God, what are you doing?" Then several hours, days, or even years later, it all becomes clear, as if God were looking over you and winking, knowing that all was in His plan the entire time. A God Wink.

Inspired by Pastor Erich's sermon on March 12th, we are putting together a devotional booklet of God Winks - or situations where, in hindsight, we realize God was in control the entire time. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to write and share their God Wink moments for this booklet. While there's no suggested length to tell your story, we recommend staying under 800 words. The hope is that we will have it printed professionally so that these stories aren't lost in memory, but shared with others for many years of hope and inspiration. If you're interested in contributing to the booklet, please contact Carol DeVries (419-445-8311) or Jocelyn Walker in the church office.

## WEEK OF MARCH 27TH 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)
	11:30AM	GIF Gals Depart for Fayette Opera House
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - AUMC (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	2nd Year Confirmation (Office)
	6:45PM	LOGOS/JYF*
	7:00PM	SYF* (Archbold Elementary Gym)
Sun	7:00PM	Adult Lenten Lesson* (Chapel)
	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)

*\*See page 5 for additional information*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Courtney Stuckey	(10:30) Cagnee Grime
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Justin, Carrie, Cameron, & Ella Yoder	

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2022 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Sermon - "Sinners Welcome"

Scripture - Luke 15

Junior Choir

## 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 27 My God Is for Me ----- Psalm 140  
March 28 The God Who Never Sleeps -----Exodus 27:1-21  
March 29 What Time Is It?----- Haggai 1  
March 30 In the Small Things ----- Haggai 2:1-9  
March 31 Undeserved Blessing----- Haggai 2:10-23  
April 1 Turn Back to God!-----Zechariah 1  
April 2 The City that Is to Come-----Zechariah 2

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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O thank you, Lord, for the teachings of Jesus! The Good Samaritan demonstrates so clearly the empathy, compassion and service you ask of us, reminding me as to how you have blessed us with such empathy, compassion and service in our own lives. I praise your kind and generous nature, Lord! In this season of reflection and renewal, I pray for the strength and desire to keep my heart open to your will and leading, that I will be faithful, and that I will be watchful, in living out your gospel call. In your mighty name I pray. 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.

## MARCH MISSION-A-MONTH: THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

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Today is the final Sunday of the month! Today, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life. You can designate your offering to The Friendship House on line 8 of your offering envelope.



## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Jayson and Christina Lindsay on the birth of their son, Benjamin Charles, on 3/6. Congratulations to grandparents, Jon and Jan Lindsay!
- ◆ Dan Martinez, who underwent heart bypass surgery on 3/23, which went very well.
- ◆ Jon Lindsay, who is recovering from minor surgery on 3/21.
- ◆ Paulette Spotts, as she's been struggling with kidney function and has been receiving dialysis, which has delayed treatment for the bone cancer and valley fever.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she continues to recuperate from foot and finger joint surgery.
- ◆ 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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