


MAY 8, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

A decorative border of various flowers and leaves in shades of gray, surrounding a central white box.

- Happy -
Mother's Day

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. 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.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (pg. 1137)

Prelude

“Think About His Love”

Call to Worship

L: Scripture teaches us that above all other gifts, there is love.

P: Jesus Christ displayed his love for us through his death on the cross.

L: Love is the source and aspiration of our worship of Jesus Christ.

P: Love is to be at the very core of all of our interactions with one another.

L: Love calls us into and empowers us for the ministries of the Gospel.

P: Faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love.

†Opening Hymn

#1, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

†Unison Prayer of Confession - **O Lord, I lament how I only see but a poor reflection as in a mirror in the imperfect ways of this world. You alone know how often I have acted without love, when I have been unkind and even rude or when I have focused on “me” and not others. Forgive me, Lord, in my own confession. Grant me peace, O Lord. Help me to know your love more fully. Wipe away my shame and restore me in your joy. Through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

†The Gloria Patri

#623

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

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31 (p. #657)

Children’s Message

Tribute to Mothers

†Hymn

#211, “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Sermon

“The Woman of Valor”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Offer My Life”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#284, “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#601, v. 1, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

†Postlude


SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. ¹² Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Proverbs 31:10-31 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. ¹¹ Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. ¹² She

brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. ¹³ She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. ¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. ¹⁵ She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls. ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. ¹⁸ She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. ²⁰ She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. ²¹ When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. ²² She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. ²³ Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. ²⁵ She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. ²⁶ She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. ²⁷ She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ²⁹ "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." ³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. ³¹ Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Help Build Hope: NEXT WEEKEND!** - Next Saturday, SJCC is sponsoring a build event with Help Build Hope. We're looking for another 80 or so volunteers from the church and community to frame the walls for the next Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio home build. The morning will start at 7:30AM with a light continental breakfast, then there will be time of welcome, worship, devotions, instruction and two and half hours of hammering! Hopefully, by noon, the event will conclude with standing up all of the walls, a short service of dedication, then carrying the walls into the storage building. To sign up, use the link or scan the QR code: <http://www.helpbuildhope.com/stjohncc>. 
- ◆ **GIF Gals Time Change** - There has been a time change for the GIF Gals event scheduled for Sunday, May 29th. Ladies should plan to arrive to the church parking lot by **3:45PM** to carpool to Maxine Martin's home, with the outing scheduled to start at 4:00PM and end by 6:00PM. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **Youth For Christ Online Auction** - Youth For Christ is hosting an online Auction the weekend of May 13-15th. All proceeds will go directly towards scholarships for the kids. The auction will open at 8:00AM on the 13th and close at 5:00PM on the 15th, and can be accessed by going to yfcauction2022.ggo.bid.
- ◆ **New Horizons Academy: Field Day Volunteers Needed** - New Horizons Academy at Sara's Garden is seeking volunteers for their fun Field Day on Friday, May 13th from 10AM - 1:30PM. They are in need of help with set up/tear down for the day, helping serve lunch, and helping at various activity centers. Those interested can contact Darlene Steiner at 419-579-4836.
- ◆ **Summer Mission Trip** - If anyone has interest in sharing in the week with the LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity (6/27 - 7/1), please let Pastor Erich know so he can line up the correct number of beds! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board as well. Any questions can be addressed to Pastor Erich.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

In an outdoor service this evening, Emma Krukowski, Evy Roth and Avery Roth will be baptized. Pastor Erich is gladly braving the chilly waters of the pond at Justin & Carrie Yoder's home as these three youth have asked to be baptized through full immersion. Please pray for these three youth as they profess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

WEEK OF MAY 8TH 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 (Church Office Closed)
	6:00PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	4:30PM	Scholarship Committee (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Confirmation Photos and Practice (Sanctuary)
	6:30PM	Life Planning Senior Night & Dinner (Parish Hall)
Thu	6:30PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:30AM	Help Build Hope Build Day (South Lot)
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 & Chapel
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord God, as the creator of man and woman, you know what we each face and experience in this world. Lord Jesus, in your years on earth you shared in our life experiences. The real emotions, desires and reflections associated with mother's day are known by you. You know the joys and sorrows of a mother's heart. Your Word gives instruction, guidance and comfort in all situations. I pray this day, and this week, for mothers and children, that they would know your love, that there would be celebrations of blessed mothering, and that your peace and forgiveness would salve any wounded hearts or emotions of hurt. I pray for the blessing of relationships. I pray for recognition of confession and forgiveness. I pray for restoration and unity. Lord, I pray for your love and will to reign. In the name of Christ I pray. Amen.



May Mission-A-Month

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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:

May 8 Great Is the Lord! ----- Psalm 145
May 9 The End of the Matter ----- Romans 11:25-36
May 10 True and Proper Worship ----- Romans 12:1-8
May 11 Without Mask ----- Romans 12:9-21
May 12 The Gift of Government ----- Romans 13:1-7
May 13 Clothed with Jesus ----- Romans 13:8-14
May 14 A Divided House ----- Romans 14:1-9

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Children's Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Acolytes	(8:00) Zander Johnston	(10:30) Emma Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Doug & Nancy Rupp	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Ben & Sue Buehrer	

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PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Shayne Pitts, grandson-in-law of Nan Neill, who has returned home safely from his deployment in Qatar. Praise God!
- ◆ Phyllis Miller, who is home from the hospital and working to regain her strength.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who continues to be in treatment.
- ◆ Gary & Judy Sears, as Gary has been diagnosed with cancer, so they are going through many appointments and tests, and ask for prayers to make the right decisions regarding treatment.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, who is in need of further prayer. A recent scan showed changes to a questionable spot in her back. Pray for her and her parents, Keith & Jawn, as they evaluate options and have decisions to make.
- ◆ Pastor Ryan, Stanka, Daniel and Filip Volkman in this time of transition for their family, as Stanka and their sons remain in Texas until the end of the school year.
- ◆ Gary Beck, son of Bud and Tootie, as he continues to struggle through various health issues, and has not been doing well recently.
- ◆ Teresa Mann, who continues to recover from recent out-patient knee surgery.
- ◆ Devin Beltz, who suffered some broken ribs in a four-wheeler accident.
- ◆ Paulette Spotts, as she undergoes cancer treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she starts half days at work this week after being off for several months.
- ◆ Tracey and Sodie Warren, as they work through his health issues, which is keeping him from working.

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)
- ◆ 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, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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