

AUGUST 28, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



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

*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

Psalm 63:1-4

Prelude

"How Great Is Our God"

†Call to Worship (*L* - Leader; *P* - *People*)

L: He's alive! He's alive! Christ the Lord is risen today. He has conquered death!

P: *And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.*

L: He is risen!

P: *And in him, we are renewed.*

†Opening Hymn

#354, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

†Unison Prayer of Confession – *God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet. God of healing, God of wholeness, in this precious moment of your presence and power, grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole. Amen.*

†Unison Words of Assurance

L: Our God sets captives free

P: *We are free in God's sight.*

L: Our God brings new life to the desperate

P: *We can face the new day with courage.*

L: Our God works wonders

P: *Even our lives can change and be changed in hope. Alleluia! Amen!*

†Hymn of Response

#473, "Victory in Jesus"

†Passing of the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Special Music

Anna Yoder & Jocelyn Walker

"I'll Be Okay"

Children's Message

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

†Sermon Hymn

"Above All" (insert)

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Sermon

"His Death Brings Life"

Prayer of Dedication & Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"God Will Take Care of You"

Second Offering - Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn

#210, v. 1-3, "Jesus Paid It All"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#210, v. 4, "Jesus Paid It All"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 63:1-4 - ¹O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ²I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. ³Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. ⁴I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 - ¹¹Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹²We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, you created the Sabbath and ordained it for worship and rest. Forgive me when I neglect my worship of you and when I neglect care for myself. Help me to restore order and balance to my life, that I would find rest and refreshment. Equip me with stamina and strength, wisdom and understanding, compassion and love, that I may pray for my church family and our ministries. That I would reconsider ways of serving, not growing weary, but giving my all, as Christ gave himself that I would have life, and have life to the full. I praise you for the energy and talents you give me. Amen.

AUGUST MISSION-A-MONTH: BACK BAY MISSION

"Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives" (thebackbaymission.org, 2022). Back Bay serves communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast through ministries like their education and empowerment programs and their housing rehabilitation program - all with a goal of transforming lives. Offerings to Back Bay Mission can be designated on line item two of your offering envelopes or by selecting "Back Bay Mission" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Jace Bernath
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Ryan Christman	
10:30 Ushers	Bill & Kathy Bostelman, and Ben & Sue Buehrer	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Nursery Volunteers Needed** - Anna Yoder is coordinating the upcoming ministry year schedule for 10:30AM service Nursery care. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times per year each individual/family will be scheduled to help. If you're interested in fellowshipping and laughing with the youngest members of our church family during our time of worship, please contact the church office.
- ◆ **Help Needed with BLAST Sunday** - In addition to the Fellowship Committee and CE Team helping with various activities on BLAST Sunday, we could use additional help with: Setting up tables and chairs outside (people will be able to eat in the gym or outside); Setting up canopies; Watching over the inflatables, GaGa Ball, etc.; Calling the games of Bingo. Anyone willing can contact the church office! Thank you.
- ◆ **Church Safety and Security** - The Consistory is in the process of establishing a safety and security plan for all aspects of our ministries, including areas such as risk assessment and management, building security, an emergency response plan, financial security protection, and safety training. To begin the process, church leaders are seeking interested people to help with this plan, especially those with experience in this area. Please contact the church office if you or someone you know of in the community are available resources to begin.
- ◆ **Installation Service: Pastor Ryan Volkman** - We will celebrate Pastor Ryan's presence as the Pastor of Music and Worship during the 10:30AM service of worship on September 18th, including the Service of Installation through blessing and the laying on of hands.
- ◆ **TGRM Speaker and Truck** - The Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) is our Mission-A-Month during September. TGRM's executive director, Rev. Kelly Llanas will be at SJCC on B.L.A.S.T. Sunday, September 11th to share information about TGRM. Rev. Llanas will be bringing a panel truck or large van, as TGRM has done once before, to receive items for their ministry. *What items?* They typically receive items like what people would take to Care and Share or Good Will or such items that people might offer at garage sales. So if you have any items you would like to donate to TGRM, you could bring them on the 11th. Or if you want to bring them earlier than the 11th, please be in touch with the church office about where to drop them off (depending upon the day, it could be the gym or the storage building). Thanks!

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

Scriptures: Psalm 95:1-2 and 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

Sermon: "Laboring and Toiling"

Special Music: "I Will Rise" – Ryan Volkman

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:

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| Aug 28 | God Is King ----- | Psalm 10 |
| Aug 29 | God Speaks ----- | 1 Samuel 3:1 - 4:1a |
| Aug 30 | God Sets the Rules ----- | 1 Samuel 4:1b-11 |
| Aug 31 | God Distances from Evil ----- | 1 Samuel 4:12-22 |
| Sept 1 | God Is the One True God----- | 1 Samuel 5 |
| Sept 2 | God is Recognizable----- | 1 Samuel 6:1-7:2a |
| Sept 3 | God Rescues----- | 1 Samuel 7:2b-17 |

WEEK OF AUGUST 28TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal – SJCC (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary)

CONSISTORY CONTACT INFORMATION

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St. John's Christian Church

BLAST SUNDAY!

Join us as we *BLAST* (Believe, Learn, And Seek Truth) off into our new ministry year together.

**Sunday, September 11 | 8a & 10:30a Worship
Outdoor Worship, Chicken BBQ & Games!**

Hebrews 10:19-25 "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another -- and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

BLAST Sunday Schedule of Events:

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- 8:00AM Worship Service in the Chapel (this service will be live streamed)
 - 9:15AM Education Hour Activities
 - Adult Gathering in the Sanctuary
 - Youth Gathering in the Youth Room
 - Children's Gathering in the Chapel
 - Preschool Gathering in the Preschool Room
 - Education Fair - Church Committees
 - 10:30AM Outdoor Worship on the east lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket)
 - 11:30AM Chicken BBQ Meal
 - 12:00PM Fellowship Activities featuring inflatables; GaGa Ball; BINGO; Yard Games; and more!

Above All

Words and Music by
Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

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VERSE 1

A

E/D

D

E^{sus}

E

A

A/C♯

1. A - bove all pow - ers, a-bove all kings, a-bove all

3 E/D D E^{sus} E A

A/G♯

na - ture and all cre - a - ted things; A - bove all

5 F♯m

Amaj⁷/E

D

A/C♯

wis - dom and all the ways of man,

7 Bm⁷ D/A E/G[♯] A A/C[♯]

You were here be - fore the world be - gan.

2. A - bove all

VERSE 2
9 E/D D E^{sus} E A A/C[♯] E/D D E^{sus} E

king - doms, a - bove all thrones, a - bove all won - ders the world has ev - er known;

12 A A/G[♯] F[♯]m Amaj⁷/E D A/C[♯]

A-bove all wealth and treas - ures of the earth,

15 Bm⁷ D/A C[♯]sus/G[♯] C[♯] A Bm⁷

CHORUS

there's no way to meas - ure what You're worth.

Cru - ci-fied,

18 E/G# A Bm⁷

 laid be - hind the stone; You lived to die, re -

20 E/G# A A/G# F#m Amaj⁷/E

 -ject-ed and a - lone; Like a rose, tram -pled on the ground,

22 D A/C# Bm⁷ A/C# D² E^{sus} E

 You took the fall, and thought of me, a -bove

25 A D E^{sus} E A D/A A

 all.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ♦ All of our school-aged children, college-bound youth, teachers, and school staff in the congregation and community as they head into the new academic year!
- ♦ Bob Kuntz, who entered into eternal life late Thursday evening.
- ♦ Margaret Beck, a Tuesday Bible study participant, as she is in hospice care.
- ♦ Barbara Chapman, who is recovering from hip surgery due to a fall and an unrelated illness at the same time.
- ♦ Nan Neil, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery on 8/2
- ♦ Rod & Joyce Kinsman, as Rod recovers from surgery on 8/25 to remove a tumor from his abdomen.
- ♦ Judy Sears, as she will continue physical therapy for several more weeks.
- ♦ Chloe Merillat, as she manages the side effects of chemo medications.
- ♦ Leah, Eric, Sarah and Emma, as Leah continues to have weekly treatments in Toledo and twice a month appointments in Ann Arbor.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ♦ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ♦ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (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, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ♦ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ♦ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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