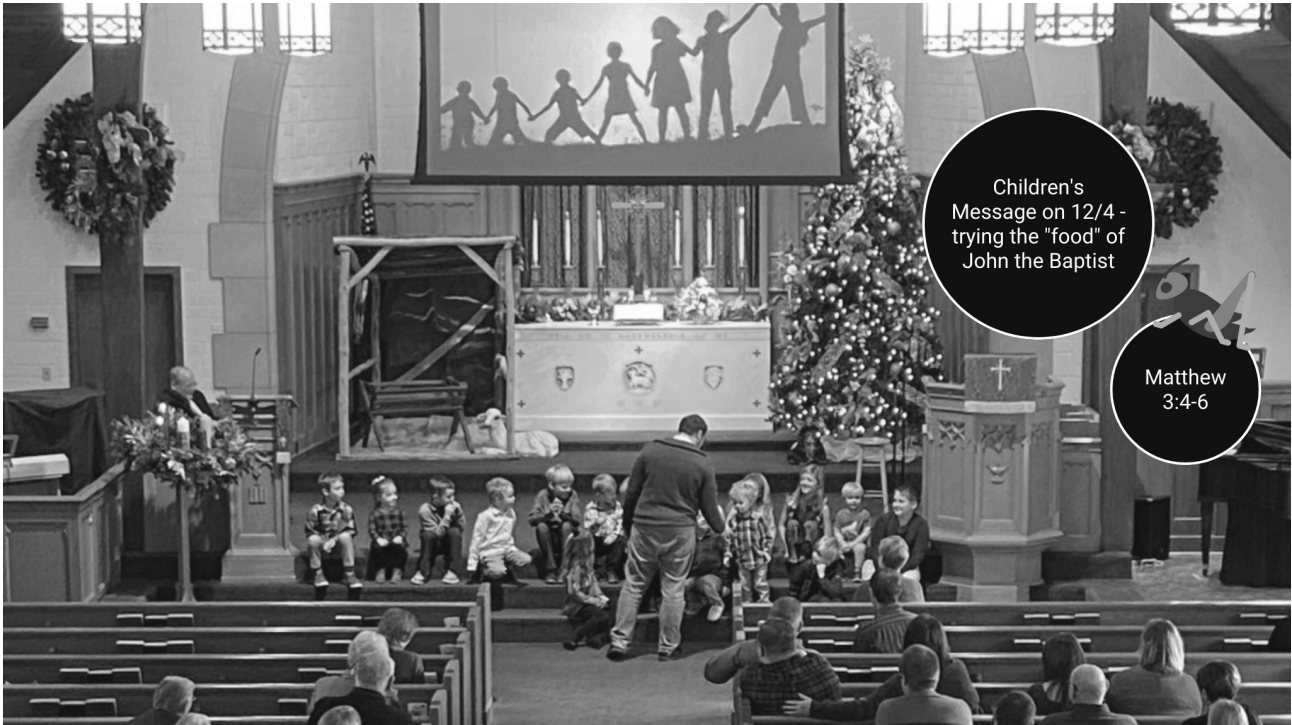


DECEMBER 11, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



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 refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. Or you can scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera to learn more about who we are as a congregation.



Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30AM service and we are always looking for new volunteers to help with this ministry! People interested in helping can contact the church office. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you 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.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

(8:00) Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

(10:30) Prelude - All for Him Quartet

“Make Room”

Welcome and Announcements

†Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

(8:00) Call to Worship

(10:30) Call to Worship - SJCC Praise Team

“Come to Us”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 35:1-10 (pg. 709)

The Nativity Scene

#157, v. 1, “Away in a Manger”

†(8:00) Opening Hymn

#131, “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

†(10:30) Opening Song of Praise - SJCC Praise Team

“We Have a Savior”

†The Advent Wreath - The Candle of Joy

v. 3, “We Light the Advent Candle”

†(8:00)Hymn

#125, “Joy to the World”

†(10:30) Song of Joy - SJCC Praise Team

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

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

Children’s Message

(10:30) Christmas Special - All for Him Quartet

“Glory in the Highest”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:2-11 (pg. 965)

Sermon

“Jesus Is the One”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Scott Reeb

“Joseph’s Song”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#151 v. 1-2, “Good Christian Men, Rejoice!”

†(10:30) Closing Song - Quartet/Congregation

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#151 v. 3, “Good Christian Men, Rejoice!”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song - Quartet

“A Christmas Alleluia”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ²it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. ³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹ No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Matthew 11:2-11 When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" ⁴ Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." ⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written: " 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹ I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus! Bring everlasting joy into our lives through Your forgiveness and salvation. May all our hearts burst with rejoicing and song despite the struggles around us – for our eyes are set on You. Amen.

DECEMBER MISSION-A-MONTH: CROSSROAD CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

Since 1883, Crossroad Child & Family Services in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been dedicated to the mission of creating promising futures for children and families. Today, our family directed programs focus on providing behavioral health treatment, education programs, and support services tailored to client needs and strengths. Crossroads has worked with thousands of young people and families over the years to help them learn, change, and thrive. Your prayers and generous financial support truly helps change the futures of young people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Family Night “Under the Stars”** - A family night will be held here in the church to-night at 4:00PM in the Parish Hall. Escape the chilly weather with an (indoor) outdoor camping experience and movie night! The hall will be decorated like a forest and the evening will feature camping games, pizza and popcorn, and the nativity movie, “The Star” underneath the stars! Come in your pajamas if you wish, bring your friends, camping chairs or a sleeping bag, and join in an evening of fellowship and fun outside of the cold!
- ♦ **Christmas Eve Help Needed** - The Evangelism Committee is still in need of volunteers to help prep and set up luminaries and to serve as Greeters for the Candlelight Christmas Eve service. A sign-up sheet is located on the office bulletin board.
- ♦ **Children’s Program Final Rehearsals** - Preschool thru kindergarten children will rehearse today and next Sunday morning at 9:15AM in the Preschool Classroom; 1st thru 6th graders will rehearse on Wednesday evening at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary and again on December 18th at 9:15AM in the Sanctuary.
- ♦ **Children’s Program SHSS Help Needed** - High schoolers: we are requesting your help with costumes for the Children’s Program next Sunday. Please attend rehearsals this Wednesday evening at 6:30PM and next Sunday morning at 9:15AM in preparation for the program on the 18th. Thank you!

TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Pastor Ryan Volkman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Maci Martz	(10:30) Jesse Meyer
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Doug & Nancy Rupp	
Head Usher	Matt Hines	
10:30 Ushers	Kim & Emily Hines; Ryan & Jill Holdgreve	
10:30 Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Todd Nafziger, Norm Fether, Ryan Volkman, Sarah Nafziger, Buffy Riley	
All for Him Quartet	Jocelyn Walker, Buffy Riley, Ryan Volkman, Adam Swisher	



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:

- Dec 11 Where Is Your Hope? ----- Psalm 25
- Dec 12 Fullness, Nothing Less ----- Colossians 2:6-15
- Dec 13 Reality Is Found in Christ ----- Colossians 2:16-23
- Dec 14 Set Your Course ----- Colossians 3:1-4
- Dec 15 Put On the New You ----- Colossians 3:5-11
- Dec 16 Choose What You Wear ----- Colossians 3:12-17
- Dec 17 Who Are You Serving? ----- Colossians 3:18 - 4:1

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	9:15AM	Children's Program Rehearsal - Pre-K - K (Preschool Room)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	4:00PM	Family Night (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Life Planning Christmas Party (Parish Hall)
	6:30PM	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Confirmation/Sunday School
	9:15AM	Children's Program Rehearsal - 1st - 6th (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Children's Program Rehearsal - Pre-K - K (Preschool Room)
	10:30AM	Children's Program Service (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	2:00PM	Parish Hall Reserved
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ♦ The family of Toni Vajen, who entered into eternal life Monday evening. Visitation and a service of celebration of life will be held at St. John's on January 3rd
- ♦ The family of Edith Clemensen, mother of Sue Ruffer, who entered eternal life on Friday morning.
- ♦ Renee Liechty, who had surgery on Tuesday as she had fallen and broken a femur.
- ♦ Solomon and Lisa Welch, as Solomon has been seriously ill the past number of weeks, being hospitalized for awhile.
- ♦ Larry Miller, Dorothy's son, who continues to recover from serious injuries sustained in a car accident.
- ♦ Dale Grime, recovering from double hernia surgery on 11/28.
- ♦ Leah Nafziger, as she continues in treatment to address her chronic headaches.
- ♦ Lynne Christman, as she continues to go through weekly chemo treatments.
- ♦ Jack Hurst, who had shoulder surgery on November 7th.
- ♦ Jodi Beltz, who continues to be limited in movement due to fractures in her left leg, but has been improving week by week.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ♦ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Jordan (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, South Korea (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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