

JANUARY 15, 2023 | ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY | 10:00AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



CWS Kits

Sharing your love with others

"Don't forget to do good and share with those in need."

HEBREWS 13:16



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!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

“Son of God”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Luke 3:21-22 (pg. 1016); Hebrews 9:15 (pg. 1190)

†Opening Praise

“At Your Name”

“Holy, Holy, Holy (Jesus Reigns)”

Children’s Message

Reception of New Members

Opening Sentences and Scripture Reading

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed (inside back cover of red hymnal)

Vows of Membership

Congregational Response - ***As you join the membership of this congregation, we promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our Risen Lord. Welcome to our fellowship!***

Hymn Response - #287, “Our God Has Made Us One”

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14 (pg. 1049)

Sermon

“Jesus - Word Became Flesh”

†Sermon Hymn

“Jesus Messiah”

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

Statement of Faith - “I Believe in Jesus Christ”

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Father’s only begotten Son, or Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge both the living and the dead.

†Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Call Him Lord”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Praise

“What He’s Done”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

“What He’s Done” (Chorus)

*We will take a brief 10-minute break after service
followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:21-22; Hebrews 9:15 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ¹⁵For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

John 1:1-14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. ⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

I pray for the men and women who have just finished their terms on Consistory. Bless them with rest and assurance. I pray for our newly elected leaders. Fill them with knowledge and wisdom, with joy and nurture as they begin their service. As a congregation, together in faith and fellowship, keep us in your will, as a church seeking to grow in faith and faithfulness to you, Lord. Amen.

January Mission-A-Month:

Church World Service Emergency Cleanup Buckets.

Learn more at <https://cwsglobal.org/>.



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SERMON NOTES

Statements of Belief Sermon Series

- ◆ One: The Trinity – God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit – one being in three persons
- ◆ Two: Jesus – Immanuel, Messiah/Savior, Lord, the Word Incarnate

How does the Bible serve as an anchor in and of the faith?

The Bible – the inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God

What does the Bible teach us about Jesus?

- A. Fulfillment of Prophecy (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7)
- B. Conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20)
- C. Named Jesus, which means *the Lord saves* (Matthew 1:21)
- D. He will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21)
- E. Will be called Immanuel, which means *God with us* (Matthew 1:23)
- F. Jesus is the Son of God (Luke 1:35)
- G. Declared to be the Christ (Matthew 16:16)
- H. Incarnate – the Word became flesh (John 1:14)
- I. Jesus has all authority (Matthew 28:18)
- J. Jesus brings salvation (Acts 4:12)
- K. Jesus brings reconciliation (Colossian 1:19-20)
- L. Was sacrificed, will come again (Hebrews 9:27-28)

How to positively interact with people who don't believe Jesus is God's Son?

- ◆ Know and rely upon the teachings of the Bible
- ◆ Value them as people
- ◆ Listen
- ◆ Find points of connection – common ground
- ◆ Understand their perspective (instead of passing judgment)
- ◆ Avoid using Christian jargon
- ◆ Welcome questions
- ◆ Admit ignorance
- ◆ Pray

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Toledo Walleye Hockey Game: Faith & Family Night** - The church office is organizing a fellowship night at the Huntington Center to cheer on the Toledo Walleye on Sunday, March 5th for their annual Faith & Family Night! Puck drops at 5:15PM and there will be free open skate after the game (\$5 skate rental). If you're interested in attending, please sign up on the bulletin board or let Jocelyn know. Transportation and ticket price details will be forthcoming (*plan on \$15-\$20 ticket prices*).
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Citizen Luncheon** - Our first luncheon of 2023 will be held this Thursday, January 19th at 11:30AM. Members and friends are invited to this time of three blessings – food, fellowship, and faith!

WEEK OF JANUARY 15TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:15AM	Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary and Zoom)
	12:30PM	Annual Meeting Luncheon provided by SYF (Parish Hall)
Mon	7:00PM	Consistory Orientation (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Zion Mennonite Mission & Service Team (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Parish Hall)/LOGOS (Classrooms)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:30AM	GIF Gals (Chapel)
	12:00PM	Parish Hall Reserved

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND

Sermon - "The Holy Spirit - At Work in the World"

Scriptures - John 16:5-15

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:

Jan 15 No Surrender ----- Psalm 29
Jan 16 Pay Me My Money Down ----- Matthew 22:15-22
Jan 17 The Rising ----- Matthew 22:23-33
Jan 18 Blinded By the Light ----- Matthew 22:34-46
Jan 19 Brilliant Disguise----- Matthew 23:1-12
Jan 20 Two Faces ----- Matthew 23:13-39
Jan 21 Holy God, Holy People ----- Numbers 3:1-16

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

Meeting information packets are available in the Sanctuary narthex and online. The nomination ballot consists of the following nominees:

- ◆ Congregational President (*1-year Term*) – Linda Heer (2nd Term) and Eric Nafziger
- ◆ Congregational Secretary (*1-year Term*) – Lynne Roth (2nd Term)
- ◆ Elder (*2 for a 3-year Term*) – Joyce Kinsman, Gloria Lauber, Jill Nafziger
- ◆ Deacon/Deaconess (*3 for a 3-year Term*) – Sarah Kinsman, Nancy Rupp, Darlene Steiner, Kenny Walker III

Zoom Information for those joining from home:

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84825586978?pwd=SThqck9ORCtBRVJ1bXNweDBhZmFEQT09>

Meeting ID: 848 2558 6978

Passcode: 20sjcc23

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	Brad Roth	Acolyte	Zander Johnston
Easy Worship	Tom Hines	Sound Tech	James Grime
Live Stream	Jocelyn Walker	Head Usher	Greg Walker
Ushers	Tom & Laura Johnson		
	Todd & Jill Nafziger		

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Cathy Nofziger, whose mother, Shirley Huber, passed away on Tuesday. Visitation will be on Monday from 4:00 to 6:00PM at St. John's UCC, Holgate, and the memorial service will be on Tuesday at 11:00AM at the church.
- ◆ Pauline Merillat, mother of Roger Merillat, who is currently undergoing assessments and rehab after a fall this week.
- ◆ David and Mary Augustine, as David was admitted to FCHC on this past Monday with pneumonia and transferred to Toledo Hospital on Wednesday morning for additional care and resources.
- ◆ Joan Grieser, who is recovering from knee surgery this past Tuesday.
- ◆ Bev Beaverson, who lives in Fulton Suites in Wauseon, and has some health concerns.
- ◆ Rosemarie Schmidt as she recovers from a fall.
- ◆ Phyllis Miller, who continues in hospice care at Fairlawn.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, as she continues in treatment to address her chronic headaches.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, as she continues with weekly chemo through January 30th.

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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