

February 19, 2023 | 8:00am & 10:30am

# ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**

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*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.*

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# 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 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!

Ring of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

(8:00) Prelude

“Moment by Moment”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Here’s My Heart”

Welcome and Announcements

†Passing the Peace of Jesus Christ

Opening Scripture

Matthew 17:1-8 (pg. 973)

†(8:00) Opening Praise

#495, “Heaven Came Down”

#399, “Higher Ground”

†(10:30) Opening Praise

“May the Peoples Praise You”

“How Great Thou Art”

Children’s Message

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

Scripture

Genesis 2:20-25 (pg. 3)

Sermon

“God Created - Male and Female”

†(8:00) Responding in Praise

#536, “Happy the Home When God is There”

†(10:30) Responding in Praise

“You Are God Alone”

†Statement of Faith - ***Men and women are absolutely equal in essence, dignity and value but are distinct by divine design. They enjoy equal access to God by faith in Christ Jesus and are both called to move beyond passive self-indulgence to significant private and public engagement in family, church and civic life. Adam and Eve were made to complement each other in a one-flesh union in the covenant of marriage. In God’s wise purpose, men and women are not simply interchangeable, but rather they complement each other in mutually enriching ways.***

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Praise

#116, v. 1-3, “Take the Name of Jesus with You”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“World Needs Jesus”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#116, v. 4, “Take the Name of Jesus with You”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” with “World Needs Jesus” (chorus)

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READING

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**Matthew 17:1-8** - After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

**Genesis 2:20-25** - <sup>20</sup>So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman, ' for she was taken out of man." <sup>24</sup>For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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### Congregational Prayer

Uniting Lord, many today proclaim that we create ourselves, that we define our own identity. You say, you created humans in your own image, "male and female" you created us. You say, I 'knitted you together in your mother's womb.' Not only that, you created the Woman and the Man to be perfect helpers for each other, and you designed marriage for the two to leave their parents, cleave to one another, weave their lives together, all for the purpose of glorifying you. Help us to recapture the wonder of your magnificent creation and design for the man and the woman to "be fruitful and multiply" your majesty throughout the earth. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

*The GIF Gals on Thursday, February 16th for a "Galentine's Day" Painting & Propagating class*



## SERMON NOTES

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God Created – Male and Female

February 13th Discovery Guide (<https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>)

- ◆ For a church living in the midst of a hostile pagan world there are plenty of good reasons to be afraid. So, here is a reassuring reminder that Jesus, the Lord of the church, places his strong hand upon us to comfort and strengthen us.

Genesis 1:27; and Genesis 2:24: (Jesus quotes this in Matthew 19)

Two genders, male and female. Modern society says otherwise, telling us that people can choose their gender, that gender is based on subjective feeling, and that “gender” is “fluid.” (Answers in Genesis)

Colossians 2:8-9

Not judgement or condemnation, a sermon based on the interpretation of scripture.

God’s Word teaches, in 1 John 5:17, that “all wrongdoing is sin.”

Matthew 6:33: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...”

Galatians 5:19-21 – scripture reveals God’s view of sin and the consequences of sin – those who live according to the sinful nature will not inherit the kingdom of God.

James 4:17 says, “Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.”

Romans 6:11-14 – “... do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.”

John 3:16-17

Romans 1:18-25 – consider our own sinful self in regards to this passage.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Walleye Ticket Pickup** - Walleye tickets are ready for pickup! Please stop by the church office to grab yours before Friday, March 3rd. Due to the large group, we will be carpooling to the game which will allow everyone to come and go as they please for the various events of the day. Full details are enclosed with your ticket envelope. If you cannot find transportation, please let Jocelyn know as soon as possible!
- ◆ **Easter Flower Sign-Up** - Easter flower orders are open. As in years' past, Easter flowers can be ordered in honor of or in memory of loved ones in your life. Flower selections are listed on the order form posted on the office bulletin board and are \$12 each. Orders are due by Sunday, March 5th. You can also call or email the church office with your order. Flowers will be available for pickup after 10:30AM worship on Easter Sunday.
- ◆ **NW Ohio Bible Quiz: Hosting Signup** - Bible Quiz Invitational will be held this year in NW Ohio on Friday - Sunday, March 24-26. As in the past when we hosted the invitational, we are looking for homes in which to house teams and staff. The teams have really enjoyed their times in our area and look forward to coming here. The only meals that you need to provide are breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The teams and coaches expect to sleep on the floor, and bring their own sleeping bags. They will be arriving on Friday evening, and leaving on Sunday morning. You will need to provide transportation to your home on Friday evening, to Archbold High School on Saturday morning, back to your home on Saturday evening, and to the school on Sunday morning. You are invited to watch the quizzing on Saturday and to come on Sunday to the quizzing and worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Lesa King by email at biblequizhosting@gmail.com or by text or phone at (419) 304-6005.

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 26, 2023

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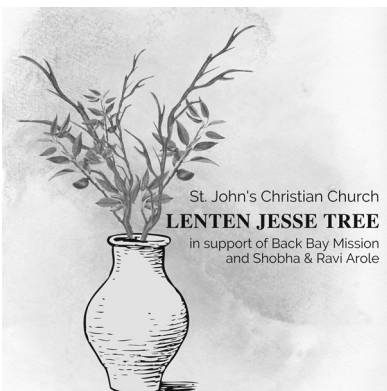
The Consistory has scheduled a special congregational meeting to fill the vacancy in the office of elder as reported in the February edition of the Visitor. Gloria Lauber and Eric Nafziger have each accepted a nomination to fill this office for a two-year term.

On February 26th following the 8:00AM service of worship, Linda Heer, Congregational President, will call the meeting to order and have a count made of those members in attendance. Paper ballots will be passed out and then collected once each member has filled out their ballot. Then the meeting will be recessed.

Following the 10:30AM service of worship, Linda will reconvene the meeting. A count of members will be taken, with paper ballots passed out and then collected. A count will be made of the ballots and the results will be shared prior to the meeting being adjourned. Results will be shared in the bulletin on Sunday, March 5th, as well as in the March Visitor.

## MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Lenten Jesse Tree

Once again, the St. John's Mission Committee would like to offer the Lenten Jesse Tree as an alternative to the Lenten Coin Folders. The Jesse Tree will be on display beginning next Sunday, February 26th and will be up through Lent. Donations will help support the Aroles and Back Bay Mission. It's simple: pick an offering denomination card from the tree's branches once or more throughout the season of Lent and drop your donation into the Tree's offering box!

### Mission-a-Month: FISH Pantry

It is the goal of the Archbold Fish Pantry to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and to share God's love and grace. In addition to the food pantry, they help families with rent, utility payments, car repairs, or prescriptions. All of the households receiving assistance have an Archbold mailing address, live in the Archbold school district, or attend a church which supports the Archbold Fish Pantry. The Archbold FISH Pantry is completely reliant on the donations from generous people in our community. Items can be dropped off to the white box in the Chapel narthex. High demand items are:

Flour	Sugar	Pancake Syrup
Canola Oil	1 lb Bags of Rice	Shampoo
Refried Beans	Pancake Mix	Paper Towels
Toilet Paper		

Monetary donations can be made to FISH on Line 6 of your offering envelope. Thank you for your support of this important local mission!

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Brie Grime
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grim	
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Justin, Carrie, Cameron, & Ella Yoder	

## 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:

Feb 19 The Nearness of God ----- Psalm 34  
Feb 20 Responsive ----- Revelation 3:7-13  
Feb 21 Honesty ----- Revelation 3:14-22  
Feb 22 Look Up ----- Revelation 4  
Feb 23 The Heart of Worship ----- Revelation 5  
Feb 24 How Long? ----- Revelation 6  
Feb 25 Help from Heaven ----- Revelation 7

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Sermon Series Discussion (Parlor)
	7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
Sat	9:00AM	Visitation for Rosemarie Schmidt (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Service of Celebration of Life for Rosemarie Schmidt (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
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## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2023

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Sermon: "Salvation is by God Alone"

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:38-41, 8:9-13, 10:44-48

Belief Topic: Salvation is by God alone through Jesus Christ.



St. John's Church Family,

On behalf of our family, I would like to share our deepest appreciation for your gifts of prayer, kind words, cards, flowers, thoughts and monetary donations for Leah and our upcoming trip to Florida. I understand how exhausting it is to continually pray for someone and not get the answers we want, but they continue to matter. He is listening, even when it's hard and you feel broken, He's listening. We have been through so many hills and valleys with Leah, more valleys definitely, but I believe God is growing us through this. I've listened to this song continually for the last year and a half...

*"While I'm Waiting" by John Waller  
"I'm waiting, I'm waiting on You Lord  
And I am hopeful, I'm waiting on You Lord  
Though it is painful, but patiently I will wait  
And I will move ahead bold and confident  
Taking every step in obedience"*

God has opened a HUGE door for us and an opportunity we couldn't pass up. How could a Dr. in Sarasota Florida know of our daughter's conditions all the way up here in Ohio, and want to treat her? Only God. We will walk in obedience and say yes to Him! We don't know if this therapy will work, we pray it does, but it may not. We're ok with that...Leah has always told us, you miss 100% of the shots you don't take. So, with Leah's confidence and boldness, we're jumping and taking this shot. In less than 9 days, we had to book flights, find a rental car, and book a place to stay in Florida for a Monday morning appt. With a Dr. whom we've never even met. Everything worked out perfectly. Again, only God can do this. Through Him all things are possible. We are incredibly humbled by your outpouring of financial support for us. We have no words for how you've Blessed us so abundantly. I will forever remember a time when The Hall family lost their home to a horrible fire, and Matt Hines came up to speak in front of the church, his words go something like this..."as the fire dept. was working, do you know who showed up? St. John's Christian Church showed up" I will say again on our behalf, St. John's Christian Church showed up for us too. Thank you for continually Blessing not only our family, but EVERYONE in our church family. Your caring hearts and giving spirits will be rewarded someday. I can't say thank you enough times. May God continue to Bless SJCC with such goodness that it overflows. If only more people like you would just Show Up...

With Deepest Gratitude,

Sarah Nafziger and Family (Eric, Emma and Leah)

**"The Lord Bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."**

**Numbers 6: 24-26**

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ The family of Rosemarie Schmidt, as Rosemarie entered into eternal life on Tuesday afternoon at the blessed age of 95. Visitation will be held next Saturday, February 25th from 9:00 - 10:30AM with a Service of Celebration of Life starting at 10:30AM, all in the Chapel.
- ◆ Eric, Sarah, Emma, and Leah Nafziger, who flew to Sarasota, FL yesterday to begin a week of special treatment for Leah's migraines. This is a leap of faith which we're praying offers relief for Leah's health. Besides flight and lodging, the doctor does not accept insurance, so it will be a costly week. If you feel led by the Spirit of God to support them, checks can be turned into the church office (written to St. John's, with memo line to read "Nafziger").
- ◆ Blake Grime, who will have surgery on his torn ACL tomorrow.
- ◆ Larry and Melva Woolace, who have been facing some health concerns with Larry still receiving treatment for cancer and Melva recovering from frequent falls. Prayers are also requested for their son, Monte, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, son of Kelly and Betsy, who moved to San Antonio, TX this past week to continue serving in the US Navy.
- ◆ Pauline Merillat, Roger's mother, remains in rehab after a recent fall.
- ◆ David Augustine, who continues to recover at home from pneumonia.
- ◆ Bev Beaverson, who lives in Fulton Suites in Wauseon, and has some health concerns.
- ◆ Phyllis Miller, who continues in hospice care at Fairlawn.

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, San Antonio, TX (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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