

February 26, 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

*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

Prelude "In Christ Alone"

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture Psalm 32:1-7 (pg. 549)

†Hymn of Confession v.1, "Baptismal Waters Cover Me" (insert)

†Prayer of Confession

†Hymn of Pardon v.1, "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" (insert)

†Assurance of Pardon

†Passing the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children's Message

A Lenten Reading Matthew 4:1-11 (pg. 957)

Responsive Hymn "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" (insert)

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

Scripture Acts 2:38-41, 8:9-13, 10:44-48 (pg. 1078)

Sermon "Salvation Is By God Alone"

†Statement of Faith - ***We believe that salvation is a gift of God's grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Christ's death fully accomplished justification and redemption from sin. Christ died in our place and bore our sins in His own body. On the third day after His death, Jesus physically rose again, demonstrating His victory over sin and death. We believe salvation is received by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.***

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory "My Everything"

2nd Offering - Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign

†Closing Hymn #172, v. 1-2, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song #172, v. 3, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 32:1-7 – Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord "-and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Matthew 4:1-11 - Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Acts 2:38-41, 8:9-13, 10:44-48 - ³⁸Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call." ⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day...⁹ Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, ¹⁰and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." ¹¹They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. ¹²But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw...⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. ⁴⁷Then Peter said, "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." ⁴⁸So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

SERMON NOTES

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Maci Martz	(10:30) Madison Bowers
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Justin, Carrie, Cameron, & Ella Yoder	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The Gals will be doing a craft with Judy Sear's niece on March 18th at 2:00PM. We need to know by March 1st if you are planning on attending. Estimated cost is \$20. A signup sheet is located on the bulletin board.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - TODAY

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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2023 - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

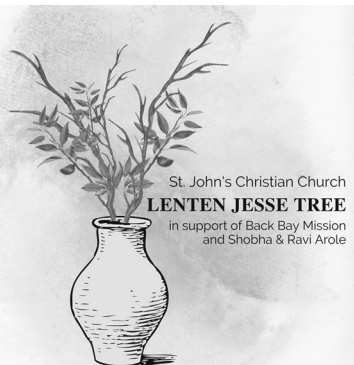
Scripture: Psalm 121, John 3:1-17, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Sermon: "The Lord's Supper"

Belief Topic: The Lord's Supper is the celebration of the New Covenant, in which the Christian community remembers Christ and celebrates the covenantal relationship they have with Him and with each other.

10:30AM: Praise Team

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lenten Jesse Tree

Once again, the St. John's Mission Committee is offering the Lenten Jesse Tree as an alternative to the Lenten Coin Folders. The Jesse Tree is on display beginning today 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

Today is the final Sunday of the month to support Archbold 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!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Thank You Father, for this wonderful transaction, which is Your free gift of Your grace to all who believe, and yet a price which cost You so dearly. Thank You that by His punishment for my sin, I have been pronounced righteous in Him and am seated with Him in heavenly places. There are no words that can express my love and gratitude for this amazing free gift of grace, and all I can say is thank You. Thank You Father God for Your amazing love and grace. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

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:

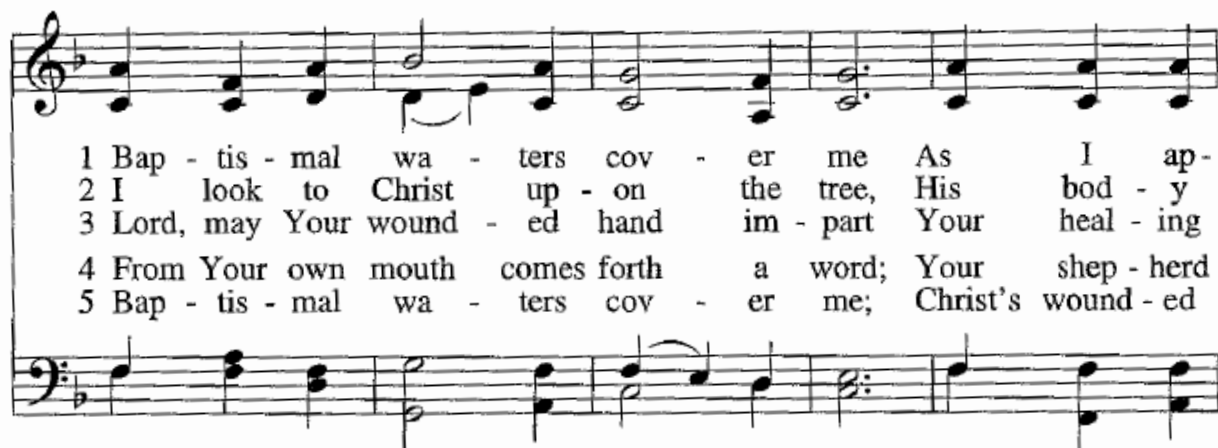
Feb 26 Real Prayer ----- Psalm 35
Feb 27 God's Prayer Store ----- Revelation 8
Feb 28 Judgement and Mercy ----- Revelation 9
Mar 1 Bittersweet Faith-----Revelation 10
Mar 2 Let Your Kingdom Come-----Revelation 11
Mar 3 Can We Benefit God?-----Job 22
Mar 4 When God Feels Far Away-----Job 23

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Area Schools (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Sermon Series Discussion (Parlor)
	6:45PM	JYF (Parish Hall)/LOGOS (Classrooms)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Midweek Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
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)
	3:00PM	Faith & Family Night Events Begin - Toledo Walleye (Huntington Center)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

Baptismal Waters Cover Me

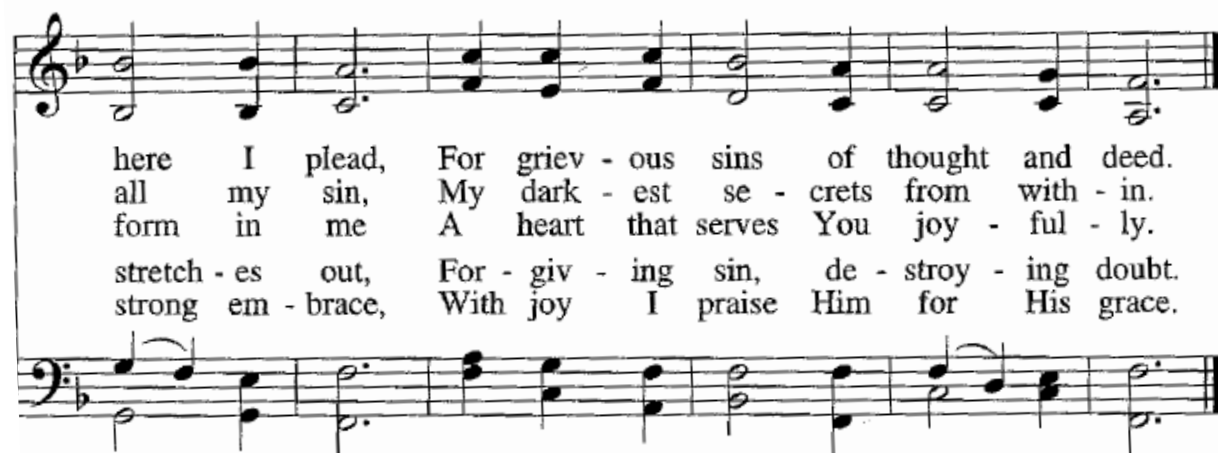
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1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
 3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
 bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
 to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
 speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
 hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
 all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
 form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
 stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
 strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

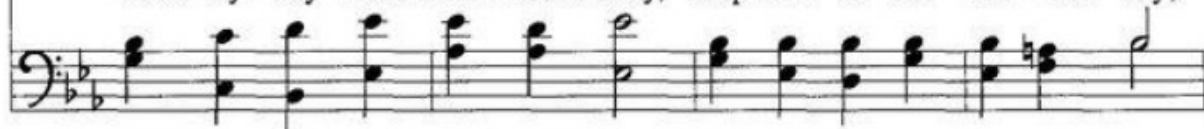
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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



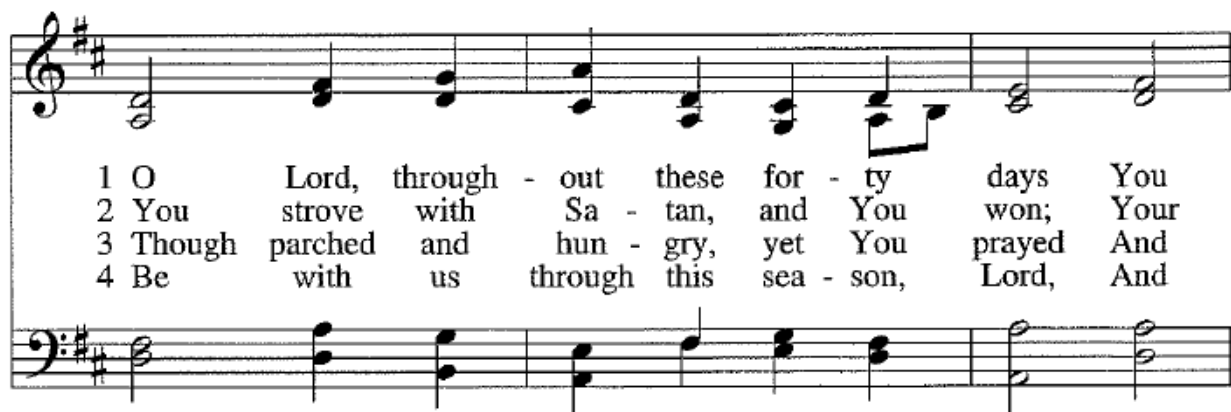
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.



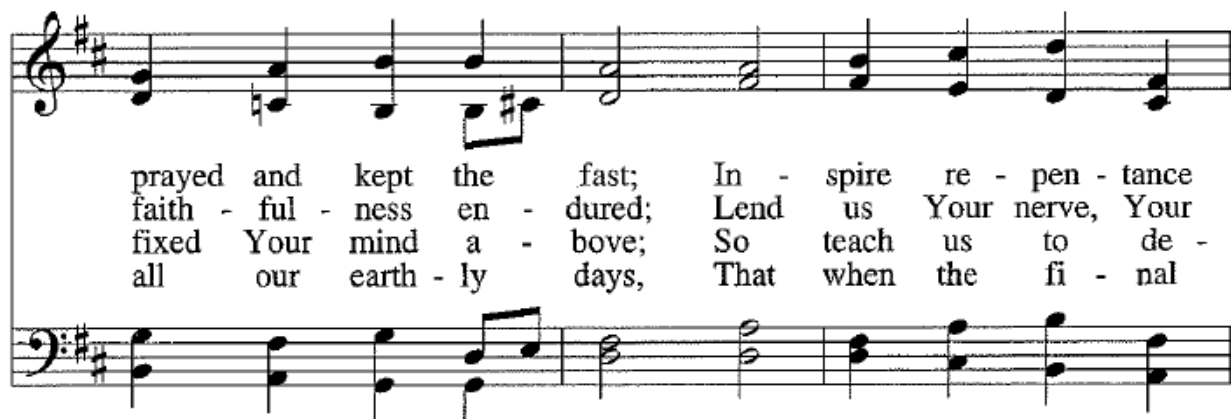
O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

LENT

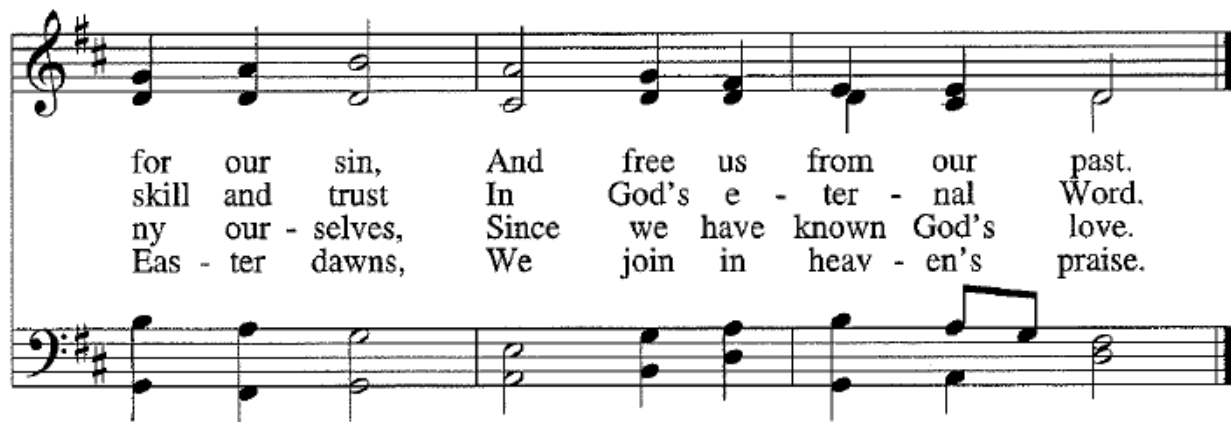
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1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days You
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and You won; Your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet You prayed And
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And



prayed and kept the fast; In - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; Lend us Your nerve, Your
fixed Your mind a - bove; So teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, That when the fi - nal



for our sin, And free us from our past.
skill and trust In God's e - ter - nal Word.
ny our - selves, Since we have known God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, We join in heav - en's praise.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who at of the time of this update, has had had 4 treatments. After one simple treatment, Leah went from failing her neurological tests to passing with flying colors. As of Thursday, her headache was down to a pain level one! They are also treating her costochondritis (chest muscle pains). She had since developed a pain in her neck, but the doctor said that is very normal to have pains in other areas of her body through this treatment. We're having great results and are thankful for your thoughts and prayers. - The Nafziger Family
- ◆ The family of Mary Silcox, who entered into eternal life in the early hours of 2/21 at the blessed age of 97.
- ◆ Blake Grime, who is home recovering from ACL surgery.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Pauline Merillat, Roger's mother, as the family assesses the next steps in care for her.
- ◆ David Augustine, who continues to recover at home from pneumonia.
- ◆ Bev Beaverson, who lives in Fulton Suites in Wauseon, and has some health concerns.
- ◆ Kim M. Walker, who will have knee surgery on 3/6.
- ◆ Janet Franks, who will have shoulder surgery on 3/6.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, who is will be scheduled for surgery at the end of March, with possible dates of 3/23 or 3/30.
- ◆ 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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