

March 12, 2023 | 3rd Sunday of Lent | 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. We also invite you fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better - simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



## 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 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.

Let's Connect!



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Prelude

“We Shall Behold Him”

Welcome and Announcements

†Opening Praise

#382, v.1, “Be Thou My Vision”

Romans 5:1-5

v. 2, “Be Thou My Vision”

Romans 5:6-8

v.3, “Be Thou My Vision”

Opening Prayer

v.4, “Be Thou My Vision”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(8:00) A Lenten Reading

John 4:10-14 (pg. 1052)

(10:30) A Lenten Reflection

SJCC Chancel Choir, Soloist - Scott Reeb

“If It Be Your Will”

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

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (pg. 1171)

Sermon

“The Second Coming of Christ”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“El Shaddai”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Statement of Faith: ***In all affliction and trials, I may await with head held high the very Judge from heaven who has already submitted Himself to the judgment of God on my behalf and has removed the curse of sin from me. He will cast all His enemies into everlasting condemnation, but he shall take me, together with all of His own, to Himself into heavenly joy and glory. Amen.***

\*Responsive Hymns

#538, “When I Can Read My Title Clear”

#542, v. 1, 3-4, “When We All Get to Heaven”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#550, “Saved By Grace”

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Romans 5:1-8** – Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. <sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**(8:00 Service) John 4:10-14** - Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** - <sup>13</sup>Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage each other with these words.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Dear Lord, I wait with eager anticipation for that day when You make everything perfect and deliver me from the work of the evil one. What a beautiful day that will be, to see Jesus face to face and be swept into His loving arms. Thank you for the great comfort found in the knowledge of Jesus' second coming. To You God, be the glory for what You have done, are doing, and will do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## SERMON NOTES

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Statement of Belief – The final coming of Jesus is a time when Christ will personally come again as savior and judge of the world.

1. At that time, there will be a bodily resurrection of the dead – believers to eternal life with God and unbelievers to eternal judgment
2. Sin will be no more
3. Believers will live in fellowship with God forever

### Points of Knowledge

1. Meaning of the Rapture – an event where all who have put their trust in Christ, living and deceased, will suddenly be caught up from the earth and be joined with Christ in the air, and taken to heaven.
2. Rapture – Latin translation from 1 Thessalonians 4:17 – caught up, to catch up, carry away
3. Rapture and then the Return – separated by a seven year tribulation
4. Rapture – John 14:1-3, 1 Corinthians 15:50-57, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (a revelation to Paul by the word of the Lord)
5. Tribulation – a seven-year period beginning immediately following the rapture. Evil will spread, natural devastation increases, antichrist will sit at the center, personifying Satan
6. Pre-Mid-Post Views
  - a. Pre-Tribulation Rapture – caught up before seven year period
    - i. 1 Thessalonians 1:10
    - ii. 1 Thessalonians 4
    - iii. 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10
  - b. Mid-Tribulation Rapture – caught up in the midst of the seven year period
  - c. Pre-Wrath Rapture – caught up at some time in the second half of the seven
  - d. Post-Tribulation Rapture – caught up at the end of the seven years

## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2023 - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Sermon: “Redemption and Restoration”

(10:30) Praise Team

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Life Planning** - Life Planning will be having a brief meeting following our 10:30AM service of worship, today, March 12th to discuss plans for the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission trip next Sunday the 19th. Please head over to the Chapel after service for the meeting.
- ◆ **Bells/Chimes Performance** - The LOGOS hand bells and hand chimes choirs will perform during the midweek Lenten Service this Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. Any and all are invited to attend the service.
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday Dinner** - All are invited to a Maundy Thursday Soup and Sandwich Dinner hosted by the Fellowship Committee on April 6th, with dinner beginning at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Please come for a great time of food and fellowship ahead of Maundy Thursday service. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Thursday, March 30th.
- ◆ **Lenten Jesse Tree** - 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 in the Sanctuary narthex 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!
- ◆ **College Scholarships** - Students in the congregation who will be attending college this upcoming 2023 -2024 school year are invited to submit a Scholarship Application, which will be reviewed by the SJCC Scholarship Committee prior to the new school year. The application and requirements can be found at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org) under the "Resources" tab. Applications are due by April 1st to the church office either via hard copy or emailed to [office@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:office@stjohnsarchbold.org).

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Pastor Ryan Volkman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Children's Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Acolytes	(8:00) Camryn Stuckey	(10:30) Ella Yoder
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Dave & Paige Miller, Aimee Roth, Avery Roth	

## MISSION-A-MONTH: THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

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The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two-story home located near downtown Archbold is designed to provide shelter for one or two individual or family units at a time until they are able to become self-sufficient. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board.

This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life. You can designate your offering to this local ministry on Line 8 of your offering envelope or by writing “MAM” on Line 11.

## WEEK OF MARCH 12TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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	Life Planning Meeting (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC & Archbold Fire Dept. (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
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	Midweek Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
Sat	2:00PM	GIF Gals (Fireside Room)
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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel - Life Planning
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Carol DeVries, who continues to recover at home from a hospital stay and a broken vertebrae.
- ◆ Bob Vos, who is in Rupp Rehab as he recovers from some health issues.
- ◆ Dan Martinez, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- ◆ Blake Grime, who is recovering from ACL surgery.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, as she continues in therapy.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as her biopsy confirmed a new cancer. She will have an open biopsy after her spring break mission trip to get a better diagnosis so the doctors can determine a plan of treatment.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Bev Beaverson, who lives in Fulton Suites in Wauseon, and has some health concerns.
- ◆ Kim M. Walker, who had outpatient knee surgery on March 6th.
- ◆ Janet Franks, who had shoulder replacement surgery on March 6th.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, who will be having surgery on March 23rd for her cancer treatment.

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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