

March 19, 2023 | 4th 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!

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

(8:00) Prelude

“Just As I Am” Medley

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Your Love O Lord” with “How Great Is Our God”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Ephesians 5:8-14 (pg. 1159)

†(8:00) Opening Praise

“I Saw the Light” (insert)

#554, “I’ll Fly Away”

†(10:30) Opening Praise

“Wake Up Sleeper”

“I Saw the Light”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

A Lenten Reading

John 9:1-7, 13-15, 35-39 (pg. 1061)

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

Scripture

Acts 3:19-21 (pg. 1080)

Sermon

“Redemption and Restoration”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Statement of Faith: ***We believe that if we confess with our mouths that “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, we will be saved. Believing with the heart results in righteousness; confessing with the mouth results in salvation. Everyone who believes on Jesus will not be put to shame. Amen.***

†(8:00) Responsive Hymns

#202, “Amazing Grace”

#521, “Redeemed”

†(10:30) Responding in Praise

“Grace Like Rain”

#521, “Redeemed”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#601, v. 1, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Ephesians 5:8-14** – <sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**John 9:1-7, 13-15, 35-39** - As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him. "Wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing...<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see" ...<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." <sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

**Acts 3:19-21** - <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you--even Jesus. <sup>21</sup> He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Dear God, I don't understand why Jesus would do this for me, but I believe with all my heart that He did and I thank You that You are faithful and just to make me one of Your children, as a free gift of grace, by faith in Him. Forever I will glorify and thank and praise You for what you have done in my life. Amen.

## SERMON NOTES

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Statement of Belief – God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. The power of the Holy Spirit can help a person overcome their sin.

Jesus displayed that he has the authority and power to forgive sin:

In Mark 2, when friends lowered a paralytic man down through the roof of a home, Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Knowing some teachers of the law were questioning his ability to forgive sin, Jesus asks, in Mark 2:9-12, “<sup>9</sup> Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins....” He said to the paralytic, <sup>11</sup> “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” <sup>12</sup> He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the forgiveness of sin, and people must:

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Paul shares how a person can be saved:

Romans 10:9-10 – “That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

Acts 3

- ◆ Peter helped the crippled beggar – healing him through the power of Jesus Christ
- ◆ Peter reviewed what they had done to Jesus – testifying to being a witness of it all
- ◆ By faith in the name of Jesus, the man was made strong
- ◆ Peter calls them to repentance, again, and urges them to turn to God

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Fellowship Game Night: Action Games** - Come join the fun this upcoming Saturday, March 25th at 6:17PM in the Chapel! The Fellowship Committee is hosting an Action Game Night, where all are invited to bring their favorite game involving movement. Come comfy and ready to compete in Twister, Charades, and much more! Drinks will be provided but please bring a snack to share with the group. Can't wait to see you there!
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Annual Yearbook** - The 2023 Annual Yearbook is now available. There are limited print copies available in the Sanctuary narthex (we can print more as needed!) and digital copies are available upon request.
- ◆ **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).
- ◆ **Pettisville Man Cave Ministries with Hank Parker** - On April 30th, Pettisville Man Cave is bringing in the bass fishing legend, Hank Parker, for their annual men's event. It will be held at Pettisville Missionary with doors opening at 5:00PM and dinner starting around 5:30PM. Tickets are free but required for planning purposes and can be reserved online at [givebutter.com/HankParkerPMCM](http://givebutter.com/HankParkerPMCM).

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Acolytes	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Brie Grime
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Dave & Paige Miller, Aimee Roth, Avery Roth	
10:30 Praise Team	Keira Christman, Lynne Christman, Todd Nafziger, Buffy Riley, Pastor Ryan Bruce Wooley, Hailey Wooley	

## 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:

Mar 19 Don't Leave Me This Way ----- Psalm 38  
Mar 20 Endure to the End ----- Matthew 24:1-14  
Mar 21 Ready, Set, Run! ----- Matthew 24:15-35  
Mar 22 Today's the Day ----- Matthew 24:36-51  
Mar 23 Extra or Enough? ----- Matthew 25:1-13  
Mar 24 Great Things for God ----- Matthew 25:14-30  
Mar 25 Spot the Difference ----- Matthew 25:31-46

## WEEK OF MARCH 19TH 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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel - Life Planning
	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 - Lockport Mennonite Church (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	Midweek Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Sat	6:17PM	Fellowship Game Night (Chapel)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
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## MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Mission-A-Month: The Friendship House**

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.

### **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!

## NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2023 - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:17-27, 38-53, Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon: "Reflecting God's Love and Grace"

Belief Topic: Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity. Hateful, harassing, demeaning behavior or any attitude that does not reflect the love and grace of God that is directed toward any individual is not in accord with Scripture.

## 2023 CONSISTORY CONTACT INFORMATION

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# I Saw The Light

Words and Music by  
Hank Williams, Sr.

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VERSE

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G/B

1. I wan-dered so aim - less, life filled with sin,  
2. Just like a blind man I wan-dered a - long,  
3. I was a fool to wan - der and stray,

5

C

G

I would - n't let my dear Sav - ior in; Then Je - sus  
Wor - ries and fears I claimed for my own; Then, like the  
Straight is the gate and nar - row the way; Now I have

10

C/G

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came like a strang - er in the night- Praise the Lord!  
blind man that God gave back his sight- Praise the Lord!  
trad - ed the wrong for the right- Praise the Lord!

## CHORUS

15 G/D D<sup>7</sup> G G

I saw the light. I saw the light, I saw the light.

I saw the light.  
I saw the light.  
I saw the light.

20 C G

light, No more in dark - ness, no more in night; (And)

(I am)

25 C/G

now I'm so hap - py, no sor - row in sight- Praise the

(And I say)

30

Lord! I saw the light.

33

(I saw the light.)

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## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Carol DeVries, who is recovering well 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 and family, as his mother, Mary, passed away on March 12th at the age of 83.
- ◆ Blake Grime, who is recovering from ACL surgery.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, as she continues in therapy.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, who will have an open biopsy after her spring break mission trip to get a better diagnosis of the new cancer so the doctors can determine a plan of treatment.
- ◆ 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, is back home, recovering well from shoulder replacement surgery.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, who will be having surgery on March 23 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)

### Thank you!

Joan Grieser extends a heartfelt thank you for the cards and good wishes as she recovered from surgery last month!

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