

April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday | 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. 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

Welcome and Announcements

(8:00) Prelude

“Then Came The Morning”

(10:30) Call to Worship (All for Him Quartet)

“Be Unto Your Name”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Philippians 2:5-11 (pg. 1162)

†(8:00) Palm Sunday Hymns of Praise

#173, “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

#174, “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

†(10:30) Praise Songs

“Praise the Name (Anastasis)”

“His Name Is Wonderful (Medley)”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Palm Processional

“Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye little children; God is love, God is love”

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2) “Love Him...” 3) “Serve Him...” 4) “Thank Him...”

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

†Sermon Hymn

#228, “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-44 (pg.1040)

Sermon

“The Lord Needs It”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Worthy Is the Lamb”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymns

#234, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#170, v. 1-3, “One Day”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“Behold the Lamb”

“Thank You Jesus for the Blood”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#170, v.4-5, “One Day”

†(10:30) Benediction (All for Him Quartet)

“I Stand in Awe”

†Postlude

“Teach Me, Lord”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 2:5-11 - ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19:28-44 - ²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." ⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank You for what this day stands for - the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Worship Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Maci Martz	(10:30) Cagnee Grime
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Brad & Susie Enderle, Keith & Kelli Kuntz	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Special Congregational Meeting on April 30th** - In continuing to follow through on the work of the 2018 Vision Committee, the Consistory has called a special congregational meeting for the purpose of considering a new staff position, that of a Director/Minister of Youth and Young Adults. Information about the proposed position – job description, compensation package and search process are available at a table in the Sanctuary narthex. There will be a special schedule for that morning:
 - 9:00AM Sunday School, Faith Village and Confirmation
 - 10:00AM Worship Service
 - 11:10AM Congregational Meeting
- ◆ **Mission Presentation: Eliot Nofziger, YFC/The Outback** - On Sunday, April 30th, Eliot will be present to share about Youth for Christ and The Outback ministry. Come and learn how YFC continues to impact the lives of youth through the sharing of the Gospel. There will be a time for asking Eliot questions, too. The presentation will be held either in the sanctuary or the chapel, beginning at 9am on April 30th.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Lenten Jesse Tree** - Don't forget to visit the Lenten Jesse Tree, which is on display in the Sanctuary narthex! 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!

APRIL MISSION-A-MONTH: GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY (GHG)

Growing Hope Globally started when Stryker, Ohio farmers, Vernon and Carol Sloan, met with a handful of Christian organizations that fund and run international food security programs and decided to use the proceeds from crops raised and sold in the U.S. to fund agricultural development programs overseas. That seed of an idea has blossomed into a network of community Growing Projects in more than 20 states.

The local growing project is located on the NE corner of St. Rt. 34 and County Road 2275 in Williams County and is a joint effort between First Lutheran Church in Stryker, Stryker United Brethren Church, and St. John's Christian Church. The 2022 growing project raised \$12,811.41 that was sent on to GHG to help people find lasting solutions to hunger. All donations collected during the month of April will go towards the 2023 growing project. You can give to GHG by writing "MAM" or "GHG" on Line 11 of your offering envelope.

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:

Apr 2 Faithful God ----- Psalm 40
Apr 3 Peter Alone and In Tears ----- Matthew 26:69-75
Apr 4 The Cupboard Was Bare ----- Matthew 27:1-10
Apr 5 'That Innocent Man' ----- Matthew 27:11-26
Apr 6 Mocked and Crucified----- Matthew 27:27-44
Apr 7 The Death of Jesus ----- Matthew 27:45-56
Apr 8 Sealed in a Stone-Cold Tomb ----- Matthew 27:57-66

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Zion Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Second Year Confirmation (Parlor)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thu	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
	6:00PM	Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday Service & Communion (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)
Fri	7:00PM	Good Friday Service (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)
Sun	7:00AM	Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Easter Breakfast provided by Life Planning (Parish Hall)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	8:45AM	Easter Egg Hunt hosted by JYF (Chapel)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Easter Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

Pastor Erich will be out of the office the week of April 10th - 16th.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Roger Merillat and family, as his mother, Pauline entered into eternal life on Thursday at the age of 97.
- ◆ Tracy Warren, as he recovers from ankle surgery.
- ◆ Carol DeVries, who is recovering well at home from a hospital stay and a broken vertebrae.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Bev Beaverson, who lives in Fulton Suites in Wauseon, and has some health concerns.
- ◆ Janet Franks, who is back home and recovering well from shoulder replacement surgery.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, as she recovers from surgery in treatment of the cancer.

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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