

April 16, 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. 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!

Ring of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

(8:00) Prelude

“We Shall Behold Him”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Holy Spirit Come”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture

1 Peter 1:3-9 (pg. 1200)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

†(8:00) Opening Praise

#215, “Alleluia! Alleluia!”

†(10:30) Opening Praise

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

“Come Now Is the Time to Worship”

“Shout to the Lord”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

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

Scripture

John 20:24-31 (pg. 1075)

Sermon

“The Last Domino to Fall”

†Sermon Hymn

#106, “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

†Profession of Faith: ***This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen. (Based on 1 Cor. 15:3-7; Col. 1:15-20)***

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Responsive Hymn

“Every Morning Is Easter Morning”

†(10:30) Responding in Praise

“Jesus Messiah”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#210, v. 1, “Jesus Paid It All”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“God, You’re So Good”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 1:3-9 – ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:24-31 - ²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We give You thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise You for His presence with us. Because He lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from Your great love, made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



GROWING
HOPE
GLOBALLY

April Mission-A-Month

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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) Ella Yoder
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
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.
- ◆ **Blood Drive** - American Red Cross will have their next blood drive at Ruihley Park Pavilion on May 2nd. Type O donors are especially needed right now. Type O positive is the most common blood type, and type O negative can be received by patients of all blood types. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: RUIHLEYPARK) or call 1-800-733-2767.

STELLAR VBS!

Get ready for an out-of-this-world Vacation Bible School event this summer! VBS will run June 4-8th from 6:00-8:30PM and is designed for children in preschool (4YR) through sixth grade. You can register today by scanning the code to the right with your phone's camera or by going to www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs. If you have questions about VBS, please contact Mindy Gruenhagen, Amy Baden, or Sarah Nafziger. We hope to see you there!

Scan to



Register!

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 16 Blessed Are the Merciful ----- Psalm 41
Apr 17 Stand and Deliver ----- Job 41
Apr 18 Ray of Light ----- Job 42
Apr 19 Tough Call ----- Jeremiah 1
Apr 20 Jilted God ----- Jeremiah 2
Apr 21 Faithless or Faithful? ----- Jeremiah 3
Apr 22 Uncomfortable God ----- Jeremiah 4

WEEK OF APRIL 16TH 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)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Central Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Second Year Confirmation (Parlor)
	6:45PM	JYF (Parish Hall)/LOGOS (Classrooms)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
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PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Phyllis Swietzer, who spent much of last week at Toledo Hospital due to illness and will now undergo a time of rehab.
- ◆ Brendan Bostelman, grandson of Bill and Kathy, who has returned home to Kentucky after his time of deployment in Jordan.
- ◆ John Beck and family, upon the death of John's mother, Laura Jane Beck, age 91. She entered eternal life on April 4th. Services will be on April 22 at North Clinton Church.
- ◆ Tracy Warren, as he continues to recover from recent ankle surgery.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who is awaiting on an appointment at Cleveland Clinic, as another fracture has been detected in the opposite leg, making six fractures in two years.
- ◆ Carol DeVries, as she continues to recover from some back issues.
- ◆ Larry and Melva Woolace, and their son, Monte, as they continue to go through cancer treatments for Larry and Monte, and health concerns for Melva.
- ◆ Janet Franks, as she continues to recover from recent shoulder surgery.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, as she continues in therapy.
- ◆ Bev Beaverson, who lives in Fulton Suites in Wauseon, and has some health concerns.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (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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