

April 23, 2023 | Presentation 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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation – John 1:1-5

Courtney Stuckey

Prelude

†Call to Worship

Kennedy Hurst

L: Come and let us worship the Lord.

P: *Let us fix our sights upon Him.*

L: Let us open our hearts to our God and His message.

P: *May every part of us be given to Him, for He is our God, and we are His people.*

†(8:00) Hymn of Praise

#19, “We Worship and Adore You”

†(10:30) Song of Praise

“What a Beautiful Name”

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

Madison Bowers

Scripture Reading – Psalm 23

Ella Yoder

Children’s Message

Brienna Grime & Molly Rutledge

Class Creed

Zander Johnston

†Hymn

#532, “O Happy Day!”

Presentations

How God Affects Every Aspect of My Life – Kennedy Hurst

M-O-L-L-I-T-U-D-E – Molly Rutledge

What I Believe About the Christian Faith – Cagney Grime

What My Two Year Confirmation Experience Has Meant to Me – Ella Yoder

What My Favorite Psalm Is and Why – Psalm 107 – Brienna Grime

How My Christian Faith Impacts Me On a Daily Basis – Zander Johnston

Moses Parting the Red Sea – Courtney Stuckey

Why Jesus Died on the Cross for Our Sins – Madison Bowers

Offertory Sentence and Prayer of Dedication

Cagney Grime

Offertory

Second Offering - Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#543, “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Glorious Day”

†Spoken Benediction

Brienna Grime

†Benediction in Song

#498, v. 1, “Peace Like a River”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

Psalms 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

APRIL MISSION-A-MONTH: GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY

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.



GROWING
HOPE
G L O B A L L Y

2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS CREED

Our Thoughts of Faith and Belief:

We believe in the Trinity

- ◆ God the Father, the only King, is always present
- ◆ God the Son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross for our sins so we can be forgiven
- ◆ God the Holy Spirit enables us to be confident in our faith

We believe in God

- ◆ God is holy and powerful
- ◆ God wants to help us live our lives for Him, as He has a plan for each of us
- ◆ No matter the struggles we may go through, God is always by our side, leading us through
- ◆ God watches over our lives
- ◆ We have God-fidence – faith and confidence in God, believing in Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection
- ◆ No matter what you’ve done or what you’ve said, God is always there for you and ready to forgive you, because He loves you

We believe the Church is Community

- ◆ As God is present with us always, our church family is present for us too
- ◆ The church is a safe place where you can come for help and be loved
- ◆ The church is a place where anyone is welcome without judgment
- ◆ No one can be turned away from Jesus’ love and forgiveness
- ◆ Some people are hard to get along with, but we love them because they are God’s children
- ◆ Even if we don’t like people, we have to love them because the Bible teaches us too
- ◆ Even when we do not like people, they are loved by God
- ◆ Once confirmed, we want to continue to participate in church, sharing our talents and time

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Youth Praise Team
Acolytes	(8:00) Camryn Stuckey	(10:30) Jace Bernath
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie Macdonald	
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.
- ◆ **Junior Choral Society** - The Junior Choral Society (JCS) will be giving their last concert of the season on Sunday, April 30 @ 7:00PM at Central Mennonite Church, Archbold. Come hear this energetic group of 4th-8th grade children sing a variety of music they have worked hard to present this season! Refreshments & fellowship to follow the concert. Thank you for supporting the musical arts for the young people in our community!
- ◆ **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!

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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 23 Longing for God ----- Psalms 42, 43
Apr 24 Epic Fail ----- Jeremiah 5
Apr 25 Back to the Future ----- Jeremiah 6
Apr 26 Misplaced Trust ----- Jeremiah 7:1-29
Apr 27 Staying Away ----- Jeremiah 7:30-8:19
Apr 28 Who'd Be a Prophet? ----- Jeremiah 8:20-9:26
Apr 29 Home-Made Gods ----- Jeremiah 10

WEEK OF APRIL 23RD 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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - AUMC (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thu	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	9:00AM	Youth for Christ Presentation (Sanctuary)
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:10AM	Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary and Zoom)
	3:00PM	Piano Recital - Joan Grieser Students (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

Sermon: Predestination: A Divine Plan

Sermon Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-23

**One Service of Worship at 10:00AM due to Special Congregational Meeting*

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Missy Warncke, who is recovering from colon surgery performed on Thursday.
- ◆ Phyllis Swietzer, who is undergoing a time of rehab in Swanton.
- ◆ Brittany & Jared Badenhop, daughter and son-in-law of Deb & Greg Weddelman, as their unborn child has been diagnosed with Spina Bifida and has undergone a procedure already, with more to follow.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat (granddaughter of Roger & Kay) and parents, Keith & Jawn, as her recent biopsy confirmed the bad news of a new cancer in her leg. Pray for wisdom in making decisions regarding treatment.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she awaits an appointment on May 25th at Cleveland Clinic regarding the bone fractures she has endured in her legs the past two years.
- ◆ Lynne & Erich Christman, who are praising God the treatment and surgery were effective and Lynne is now cancer-free! She will undergo radiation treatments as a preventative measure.
- ◆ Tracy Warren, as he continues to recover from recent ankle surgery.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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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