

April 30, 2023 | 10:00am

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

Prelude

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Acts 2:42-47 (pg. 1079)

†Opening Praise

“This Joyful Eastertide” (screen)

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession

L: Dear Jesus, I want to be a Christian in my heart;

C: Please forgive my disobedience.

L: I want to be a Christian in my actions;

C: Please forgive my bad choices.

L: I want to be a Christian in my words;

C: Please forgive the hurtful things I say.

L: I want to be a Christian in my whole life;

C: Help me to be more loving to You and to others. Amen.

†Assurance of Pardon

†Responsive Hymn

#506, “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Video Lesson

What Happens After Easter? (Acts 1-7)

Scripture

Ephesians 1:11-23 (pg. 1156)

Sermon

“Predestination: A Divine Plan”

†Sermon Hymn

#227, “Thine Is the Glory”

Prayer of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#213, “Because He Lives”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

“Sanctuary”

We will take a 10-minute break to transition to the Special Congregational Meeting.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 2:42-47 – ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Ephesians 1:11-23 - ¹¹In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹²in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory. ¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

APRIL MISSION-A-MONTH: GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY

Today is the final day of the month in support of our current Mission-A-Month: Growing Hope Globally. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. Amen. (1 Chron. 29:11-12, NLT)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Acolyte	Zander Johnston
Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
Sound Tech	James Grime
Live Stream	Jocelyn Walker
Head Usher	Greg Walker
Ushers	Brad & Susie Enderle, Keith & Kelli Kuntz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **TODAY: Special Congregational Meeting** - 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 brief 10-minute break after today's service to transition over to our meeting time.
- ◆ **Youth Breakfast & Senior Recognition** - All middle and high school youth are invited to the annual Youth Breakfast and Senior Recognition hosted by the Fellowship Committee on Sunday, May 28th at 9:15AM in the Parish Hall. The morning will include a delicious breakfast and a time to recognize students in the graduating class of 2023. Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, May 14th (office@stjohnsarchbold.org or 419-575-4218 (text)).
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The Gals are heading to dinner at Casa Vieja on May 10th at 5:15PM. If you'd like to meet at the church before heading over, please plan on meeting by 5:00PM in the church parking lot. Sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, May 7th. Then, on Monday, June 5th, the Gals are scheduled to go to Annie Foote's home. She has invited us for lunch at 12:00PM followed by a program on flowers. We will leave from the church at 11:30AM and have scheduled a rain date for June 19th. Please sign up on the bulletin board by May 28th.
- ◆ **Blood Drive** - American Red Cross will have their next blood drive at Ruyhley 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 - REGISTRATION & DONATIONS

We are in need of donations for this year's VBS program, which will run June 4-8th from 6:00-8:30PM and is designed for children in preschool (4YR) through sixth grade. Needed items can be found at the Stellar VBS table in the Chapel narthex and can be dropped off to the church office leading up to VBS week. You can register for this out-of-this-world experience 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!

Today's altar arrangements were provided by Joan Grieser in honor of her piano students who will have their annual recital this afternoon in the Sanctuary.

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 30 Where Are You, God? ----- Psalm 44
May 1 Who'd Be a Prophet? (2) ----- Jeremiah 11
May 2 Running with Horses! ----- Jeremiah 12
May 3 Who Is Weeping? ----- Jeremiah 13
May 4 "Peace, Peace..." ----- Jeremiah 14
May 5 The Devastating Effect of Sin ----- Jeremiah 15
May 6 Glimmers of Hope ----- Jeremiah 16

WEEK OF APRIL 30TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
Tue	3:00PM	Piano Recital - Joan Grieser Students (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Scholarship Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thu	7:30PM	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
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)

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

Sermon: "Predestination: God's Mercy"

Sermon Scripture: John 14:1-14; Romans 8:28-30, 9:16-21

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ The family of Dean Beck, who entered eternal life on 4/20 at the age of 91. Services will be on Friday, 5/19, with visitation from 10:00AM to noon in the Chapel, followed by a service of celebration of Dean's life in the Sanctuary beginning at noon.
- ◆ Missy Warncke, who continues to recover from recent colon surgery.
- ◆ Phyllis Swietzer, who is undergoing a time of rehab at The Lakes of Monclova.
- ◆ 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 awaits an appointment on 5/25 at Cleveland Clinic regarding the continuous bone fractures she has endured in her legs the past two years.
- ◆ Lynne & Erich Christman, who are praising God that 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.
- ◆ 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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