

May 7, 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

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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!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Prelude

“Coronation”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Acts 6:1-7 (pg. 1083)

†Opening Praise

#225, “Worship Christ the Risen King”

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession

*L: Lord, You showed us true humility by becoming one of us,*

**C: Yet too often we practice pride.**

*L: You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,*

**C: Yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.**

*L: You freely forgave and healed,*

**C: Yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.**

*L: You lived a perfectly holy life,*

**C: Yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.**

*L: You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,*

**C: Yet too often we deny You.**

**Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with Your glory. Amen.**

†Assurance of Pardon

†Responsive Hymn

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (screen)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Video Lesson

What Happens After Easter? (Acts 8-12)

Scripture

Romans 8:28-30, 9:10-21 (pg. 1119)

Sermon

“Predestination: God’s Mercy”

†Sermon Hymn

#67, “The Love of God”

Prayer of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Hallelujah/I Will Sing of the Mercies”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#604, v.1, “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#604, v.2, “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Acts 6:1-7** – In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup> So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

**Romans 8:28-30, 9:10-21** - <sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified... <sup>10</sup>Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. <sup>11</sup>Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad-- in order that God's purpose in election might stand: <sup>12</sup>not by works but by him who calls-- she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." <sup>14</sup>What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! <sup>15</sup>For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." <sup>16</sup>It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. <sup>17</sup>For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." <sup>18</sup>Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden. <sup>19</sup>One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" <sup>20</sup>But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" <sup>21</sup>Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Dear Lord, Merciful Creator, You placed us on this earth with a purpose to serve You, Lord. Yet sometimes we do things that do not please You. Lord, we seek Your mercy upon us that we may find favor in You and be delivered from the wrong path. Set us on the right path and equip us with the courage to act as Your vessels. May we glorify and praise Your name forever. Amen.

# SERMON NOTES

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## NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14TH: MOTHER'S DAY

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Scripture: John 14:15-21; Acts 19:1-10

Sermon: "Did You Receive the Holy Spirit?"

Praise Team & Chancel Choir: "The Benediction of St. Paul"

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Courtney Stuckey	(10:30) Klaire Kern
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Mark & Tammy Nofziger	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **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. Please sign up by the end of the day today. 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.
- ◆ **Burger Bash in Support of Growing Hope Globally** - The Sunday after Mother's Day has traditionally featured the community's ecumenical Burger Bash. This spring, that makes the date Sunday, May 21st serving from 11:00AM - 1:00PM in the Ruihley Park Pavilion. Free-will donations make a lasting impact changing despair to hope in third world countries. Burgers, beans, slaw, chips, and ice cream will be served.

## STELLAR VBS!

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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](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs). We are in need of some donations to help make VBS possible. A display board is set up in the church with items we need, and we also have an Amazon Wishlist which can be accessed at <https://a.co/frccss1>. Donated items can be dropped off to the church office on or before May 30th. We thank you for your help!

Scan to



Register!

## MAY MISSION-A-MONTH: CHERRY STREET MISSION & SPARROW'S NEST

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Each night, Cherry Street & Sparrow's Nest (women's division) provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation. For some, it's the first night they've slept safely in a very long time. They also provide redemptive programming that is built around one-on-one discipleship. They care more about who a person is rather than what a person has become. Throughout the month of May, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting these ministries by checking line item 3 on your weekly offering envelope or with a memo of "M-A-M."

## 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:

May 7 A Royal Wedding ----- Psalm 45  
May 8 A Matter of Trust ----- Jeremiah 17  
May 9 Into the Wilderness----- Revelation 12  
May 10 Whom Will You Worship? -----Revelation 13:1-10  
May 11 Emperor Worship -----Revelation 13:11-18  
May 12 A Different Perspective -----Revelation 14:1-5  
May 13 A Choice to Make ----- Revelation 14:6-20

## WEEK OF MAY 7TH 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)
	1:00PM	Parish Hall Reserved
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Martin's Lutheran Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Confirmation Photos and Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Parish Hall)
Thu	8:00AM	<i>Pastor Erich Medical Leave Begins</i>
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed)
	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
	8:00AM	Parish Hall Reserved
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)

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Family of Dean Beck, who entered eternal life on 4/20 at the age of 91. Services will be on 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.
- ◆ 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, who awaits an appointment on May 25th at Cleveland Clinic regarding the bone fractures she has endured in her legs the past two years.
- ◆ 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.

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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