

May 14, 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

(8:00) Prelude

“Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Abide”

Welcome and Announcements

†Our Declaration of Trust

*L: Congregation, called together by God’s Spirit, in whom do you trust?*

**C: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

*L: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen!**

†Passing the Peace of Jesus Christ

†(8:00) Opening Hymn

#439, “Cleanse Me”

†(10:30) Opening Praise

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (medley)”

†Opening Scripture and Prayer

Acts 2:1-4 (pg. 1078)

†(8:00) Hymn of Prayer

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” (insert, pg. 9)

†(10:30) Song of Prayer

“I Surrender”

The Call to Confession/Time of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

(8:00) Hymn of Dedication

“Spirit, Now Live in Me” (insert)

(10:30) Song of Dedication

#394, “Lord Be Glorified”

Children’s Message

Video Lesson: What Happens After Easter? (Acts 13-20)

Scripture

John 6:47-51, 60-69 (pg. 1056)

Sermon “On the Eve of Confirmation”

Pastoral Prayer and Hymn #247

“Spirit of the Living God”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Offering”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#259, v.1-2, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“No Longer I”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#259, v.3-4, “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

SJCC Chancel Choir

“Benediction of St. Paul”

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Acts 2:1-4** – When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

**John 6:47-51; 60-69** - <sup>47</sup>I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. <sup>50</sup>But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." <sup>60</sup>On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?" <sup>62</sup>What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup>The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. <sup>64</sup>Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup>He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." <sup>66</sup>From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. <sup>67</sup>"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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|                    |   |                     |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| Accompanist        | (Both) Buffy Riley                        |                     |
| Song Leaders       | (8:00) Pastor Ryan Volkman                | (10:30) Praise Team |
| Worship Leader     | (Both) Linda Heer                         |                     |
| Lay Reader         | (Both) Brad Roth                          |                     |
| Children's Message | (Both) Nancy Rupp                         |                     |
| Acolytes           | (8:00) Cagnee Grime                       | (10:30) Brie Grime  |
| Easy Worship       | (Both) Mark Nofziger                      |                     |
| Sound Tech         | (8:00) Kelly Ducey                        | (10:30) James Grime |
| Live Stream        | (10:30) Cayla Swisher                     |                     |
| 8:00 Usher         | Jim Grieser                               |                     |
| Head Usher         | Dave Walker                               |                     |
| 10:30 Ushers       | Ben & Sue Buehrer, Ryan & Keira Christman |                     |



## 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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Youth Breakfast & Senior Recognition** - RSVP's due today! 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.
- ◆ **Family Night at the Toledo Mud Hens** - The church office is organizing another Family Night outing on June 25th to watch the Toledo Mud Hens! First pitch will take place at 4:05PM and kids will have the opportunity to run the bases after the game. Tickets are \$11 each and can be reserved by contacting the church office or by signing up on the bulletin board by June 4th.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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We thank and praise You for the power and promise of Your Holy Spirit – to lead and guide us in all our ways. Help us to live in accordance with Your Spirit, setting our minds on what the Spirit desires, so that we may be joyfully alive in Christ. Thank You for giving us Your Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## 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 14 Unshakable ----- Psalm 46  
May 15 Endurance and Victory ----- Revelation 15  
May 16 The Death of Evil ----- Revelation 16:1-11  
May 17 "It Is Done" ----- Revelation 16:12-21  
May 18 City Limits ----- Revelation 17  
May 19 Glory Be To...? ----- Revelation 18:1-10  
May 20 Hidden Humans ----- Revelation 18:11-24

## WEEK OF MAY 14TH 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)                              |
| Mon | 6:15PM  | Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)                                 |
|     | 7:30PM  | Consistory (Chapel)   |
| Tue | 9:15AM  | Bible Study (Fireside Room)                                       |
|     | 5:00PM  | Community Meal - SJCC - Last Meal of Season (Parish Hall)         |
| Wed | 8:30AM  | Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)                                    |
|     | 9:30AM  | NwOESC Students Deep Cleaning Kitchen                             |
| Thu | 11:30AM | Senior Luncheon (Chapel)  |
|     | 6:00PM  | Girl Scouts (Chapel)  |
| Fri | 10:00AM | Visitation in Memory of Dean Beck (Chapel)                        |
|     | 12:00PM | Service of Celebration of Life in Memory of Dean Beck (Sanctuary) |
| 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 21ST: CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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Sermon Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

Sermon: "Every Effort"

## MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Archbold Fish Pantry is looking for a new Coordinator.

The coordinator will be responsible for:

- ◆ Maintaining the store items by ordering, shopping and stocking shelves
- ◆ Being present at the pantry during the open hours, which currently is 2hrs once a month during the day and 2hrs once a month during the evening
- ◆ Maintaining various reports
- ◆ Attending and presenting at 6 board meetings a year
- ◆ Speaking to various groups in the local area about the pantry, once they are more familiar with the workings of the pantry
- ◆ Handling request for financial assistance. This usually involves a conversation with a couple of people and/or agencies and the pantry averages 4 to 5 per week.

This position will require approximately 20 hours per week. The computer work and phone calls can be done at the pantry or at the coordinator's home with the laptop and cell phone provided by the pantry. The hours can be flexible, except the 2 days a month that the pantry is open for clients to shop. The Pantry is looking for someone who is comfortable building relationships with others in need as well as building relationships with organizations in the community. Qualifications include strong verbal and writing skills, and planning and organizing abilities, also physically able to stock shelves and drive to do grocery shopping. This is a salaried position. If interested please email [lilliradabaugh1@gmail.com](mailto:lilliradabaugh1@gmail.com)

## 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."



# Gathering Song

## Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

The assembly stands to sing, turning toward the baptismal font.

*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure.

# Spirit, Now Live in Me

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*Unison*



1. O ho-ly Dove of God de-scend-ing, You are the love that knows no end-ing,  
2. O ho-ly Wind of God now blow-ing, You are the seed that God is sow-ing,  
3. O ho-ly Rain of God now fall-ing, You make the Word of God en-thrall-ing,  
4. O ho-ly Flame of God now burn-ing, You are the power of Christ re-turn-ing,



all of our shat-tered dreams You're mend-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.  
You are the life that starts us grow-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.  
You are that in-ner voice now call-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.  
You are the an-swer to our yearn-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.



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# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



“MANY WOMEN DO  
NOBLE THINGS, BUT YOU  
SURPASS THEM ALL.”

PROVERBS 31:29



## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Lynda Schnitkey, who will have surgery tomorrow to follow up on the colon surgery she had last October.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, is in Sarasota to see Dr. Winder, traveling with her RST therapist from Defiance and with her sister, Emma. Pray that further treatment can get rid of her headaches once and for all. They will return on Monday.
- ◆ Brittany & Jared Badenhop, daughter and son-in-law of Deb & Greg Weddelman, as their unborn child has been diagnosed with Spina Bifida. Recent scans have showed improvement in the unborn child's health situation, praise be to the Lord!
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she begins a new chemotherapy for treatment of the cancer in her leg.
- ◆ Larry and Melva Woolace, and their son, Monte, as they continue to go through cancer treatments for Larry and Monte. Monte has three more cancer treatments to go before an operation to take place in July.
- ◆ Pastor Erich and Lynne Christman, as Erich recovers from total knee replacement surgery this past Thursday, and Lynne begins 21 radiation treatments on 5/17.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who awaits an appointment on 5/25 at Cleveland Clinic regarding the bone fractures she has endured in her legs the past two years.

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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