

May 21, 2023 | Confirmation 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 to 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!

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

(8:00) Prelude

“He Knows My Name”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Great Are You Lord”

Welcome and Announcements

†(8:00) Opening Hymn

#2, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

†(10:30) Opening Praise

#554, “I’ll Fly Away”

“Days of Elijah”

†Opening Scripture and Prayer

John 17:1-11 (pg. 1070)

†(8:00) Hymns of Response

#358, “I Am Thine, O Lord”

#295, “Revive Us Again”

†(10:30) Songs of Response

#498, “Peace Like a River”

“Way Maker”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Scripture

Ephesians 4:1-6 (pg. 1158)

Sermon

“Every Effort”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

(10:30) Rite of Confirmation

Response of Parents: ***We praise God for your step of faith in your decision to be confirmed into the church of Jesus Christ this morning. Let us strive to stand firm in faithfulness to the Lord. We promise to continue to encourage you in your faith, doing our part to help you remember your confession and vows of faith. May God bless you with wisdom and courage as you continue to deepen your faith and serve the Lord with gladness.***

Unison Welcome by Congregation: ***We are filled with joy for you as you have confessed your faith in Christ. We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love, and be witnesses of Christ in the world. Amen.***

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“You Are My All in All”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#382, “Be Thou My Vision”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“My Lighthouse”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#601, v.1, “Lord, Dismiss Us”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“My Lighthouse (chorus)”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 17:1-11 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: ² "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

Ephesians 4:1-6 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leaders	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs	(10:30) Praise Team
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Acolytes	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Jesse Meyer
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Adam Walker, Emily S. Walker	

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28TH: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sermon Scripture: Acts 1:8; 2:5-12

Sermon: "Pentecost"

(10:30) Senior Recognition and Time of Recognition for Dean Buckenmeyer

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

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."

STELLAR VBS UPDATES!

Donations Needed- We are still 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!

Registration T-Shirt Deadline - Register for VBS by tomorrow, May 22nd to guarantee your child receives a t-shirt for the week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Search Committee for Pastor of Youth & Young Adults** - Consistory is seeking individuals who would be willing to serve on the Search Committee for the newly approved position of Pastor of Youth & Young Adults. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please email the church office or let a member of Consistory know.
- ◆ **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. Checks should be written to St. John's with "Mud Hens" in the memo line.
- ◆ **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** - Today is the day! The Burger Bash in Ruihley Park will serve from 11:00AM - 1:00PM. Free-will donations will support Growing Hope Globally. Our community has and continues to play a significant role in the ecumenical mission-centered organization. Take-out is available.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God, I want to thank you for the work of your Spirit upon and within our 8th grade confirmands. May you continue to give them the courage, the strength and the grace to live out their vows of faithfulness. Guide me in being an example of discipleship for them and all others, as I thank you for the Christian examples who have been a blessing in my own life of faith. By the guidance of your Spirit, I renew my vow to listen to and live by your Word. Amen.

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:

May 21 Because He Is Worth It ----- Psalm 47
May 22 Order Restored ----- Revelation 19:1-10
May 23 Words of Comfort ----- 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
May 24 Let Me Explain ----- 2 Corinthians 1:12 - 2:4
May 25 We're In This Together ----- 2 Corinthians 2:5-11
May 26 A Rich Aroma ----- 2 Corinthians 2:12-17
May 27 I Can Read You Like a Letter ----- 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

WEEK OF MAY 21ST 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)
	12:00PM	Parish Hall Reserved
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Thu	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
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)
	12:00PM	Parish Hall & Chapel Reserved for Private Family Service

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Our 2023 Confirmation Class, Madison Bowers, Brienna Grime, Cagney Grime, Kennedy Hurst, Zander Johnston, Molly Rutledge, Courtney Stuckey, and Ella Yoder, as they continue to grow in their faith and personal relationships with Jesus Christ!
- ◆ Jan Lindsay and family, upon the death of her father, Rev. A. Arthur Arvay, on 5/14 at the age of 87. Services were held in Wooster, OH yesterday afternoon.

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- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who will be seeing a functional neurologist in Grand Rapids, MI on 5/30 for further testing and treatment.
- ◆ Lynda Schnitkey, who is recovering well from a successful surgery on 5/15 as a follow-up to the colon surgery she had last October.
- ◆ Warren Prince, father of Stacy Rutledge, who is in the hospital dealing with some medical problems. Prayers for Stacy as she drives back and forth to Grand Rapids, MI, to provide support to her parents and sister.
- ◆ Warren Sauder, who had a procedure on his heart this past Thursday and will spend a few more days in the hospital recovering.
- ◆ Phyllis Swietzer, who has returned home after a month of rehab to continue her recovery. She continues to gain strength each day!
- ◆ 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, and her parents, Keith and Jawn, as a recent CT scan showed some growth in the spots in her back that were maintained with the previous chemo pill. We praise God that she completed her freshman year at Taylor University this past week despite her hurdles.
- ◆ Larry and Melva Woolace, and their son, Monte, as they continue to go through cancer treatments for Larry and Monte. Monte has two more cancer treatments to go before an operation to take place in July.
- ◆ Pastor Erich and Lynne Christman, as Erich continues to recover from total knee replacement surgery while Lynne begins radiation treatments tomorrow.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who will head to Cleveland Clinic this upcoming Thursday for the appointment regarding the bone fractures she has continued to endure 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)