

June 25, 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

*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.

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!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Prelude

“Victory & Glory Medley”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

†Call to Worship

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth

C: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

L: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His;

C: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

C: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

†Opening Scripture

Matthew 10:21-28 (MSG)

†Opening Praise

“May the Peoples Praise You”

†Assurance of Pardon

#623, “Gloria Patri”

†Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

†Passing the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

Sermon Scripture

Psalm 6 (pg. 534)

Sermon

“Praying Through the Hurt”

†Profession of Faith: **We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus’ for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

†Sermon Hymn

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

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

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Second Offering - Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

“Oh, How Good It Is”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#606, “Grace, Love, and Fellowship”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:21-28 (MSG) – ²¹⁻²³ “When people realize it is the living God you are presenting and not some idol that makes them feel good, they are going to turn on you, even people in your own family. There is a great irony here: proclaiming so much love, experiencing so much hate! But don’t quit. Don’t cave in. It is all well worth it in the end. It is not success you are after in such times but survival. Be survivors! Before you’ve run out of options, the Son of Man will have arrived. ²⁴⁻²⁵ “A student doesn’t get a better desk than her teacher. A laborer doesn’t make more money than his boss. Be content—pleased, even—when you, my students, my harvest hands, get the same treatment I get. If they call me, the Master, ‘Dungface,’ what can the workers expect? ²⁶ ²⁷ “Don’t be intimidated. Eventually everything is going to be out in the open, and everyone will know how things really are. So don’t hesitate to go public now. ²⁸ “Don’t be bluffed into silence by the threats of bullies. There’s nothing they can do to your soul, your core being. Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands.

Psalms 6 - ¹ O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. ² Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony. ³ My soul is in anguish. How long, O Lord, how long? ⁴ Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. ⁵ No one remembers you when he is dead. Who praises you from the grave? ⁶ I am worn out from groaning; all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears. ⁷ My eyes grow weak with sorrow; they fail because of all my foes. ⁸ Away from me, all you who do evil, for the Lord has heard my weeping. ⁹ The Lord has heard my cry for mercy; the Lord accepts my prayer. ¹⁰ All my enemies will be ashamed and dismayed; they will turn back in sudden disgrace.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Camryn Stuckey	(10:30) Jesse Meyer
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Adam Walker, Emily Walker, Avery Roth, Evy Roth	

SERMON NOTES

Sermon: "Praying Through the Hurt"

Scripture: Psalm 6

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

Scripture: Galatians 5:1-15

Sermon: "Freedom in Christ"

(10:30AM) Praise Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **The Visitor Mailing Update** - Survey results were overwhelmingly in favor of digital distribution of The Visitor moving forward. Exceptions to the digital distribution are our shut-in and homebound members, active households who do not use email as a primary form of communication, and those who have personally requested to remain on the mailing list. If you would like to continue to receive a hard copy of The Visitor, please reach out to the church office and Jocelyn will gladly add you to the mailing list. Jocelyn will also have a small handful of printed copies available in the Sanctuary narthex each month moving forward.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The Gals are heading to The Barn Restaurant this upcoming Thursday, June 29th at 5:00PM for supper.
- ◆ **Family Night at the Toledo Mud Hens** - See you tonight! There are a few envelopes of tickets in the church office that need to be picked up before tonight's game. In the event of rain, Jocelyn will be in touch with reschedule information. Looking forward to a fun night together!
- ◆ **Kajiado Bracelets** - Sponsor families are invited to stop into the church office and pick up a beaded bracelet made by one of the matrons at Kajiado Children's Home. The beautiful hand-made bracelets were given to all children and staff on the last day of VBS.

JUNE MISSION-A-MONTH: THE OUTBACK YOUTH CENTER

The Outback Youth Center with Youth for Christ's mission is to provide Archbold Area Youth (middle school through high school) with a positive, non-denominational, Christian-based atmosphere free of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs and other problems which face our youth today. While The Outback is located in Archbold, they have welcomed youth from all over Northwest Ohio. There are many calendar events throughout the year that provide youth with a message, fun games, activities, and food. The Outback has partnered with area youth leaders and other ministries to keep the community involved with what The Outback is doing. You can find more information about The Outback Youth Center online at defyfc.org/. To give to The Outback, simply write "MAM" on Line 11 of your offering envelop or select "Give to Outback Youth Center" in the "Give to" drop-down menu on Breeze's online giving feature.

"Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—body and soul—in his hands."

Matthew 10:28 (MSG)



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:

Jun 25 A Clean Slate ----- Psalm 51
Jun 26 Paul's Prayer ----- 2 Corinthians 13
Jun 27 Fear of What? ----- 2 Samuel 1:1-16
Jun 28 Grief and Honor ----- 2 Samuel 1:17-27
Jun 29 Clash of Kings ----- 2 Samuel 2:1-17
Jun 30 Broken Leaders ----- 2 Samuel 2:18-3:5
Jul 1 Our Vengeful Hearts ----- 2 Samuel 3:6-39

WEEK OF JUNE 25TH 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)
	4:05PM	Family Night @ Toledo Mud Hens
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (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)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, bring peace to my mind and my heart as I struggle through discontent. Help me to count my blessings and find rest in you. I take hold of the promises in your word when you say "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." Help me to live in the light of those words, Lord, with the confidence that you have not left my side and you never will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Stacy Rutledge and family upon the death of her father, Warren Prince, who entered eternal life on 6/20.
- ◆ Larry Stuckey, father of David and brother of Norma Fish, was admitted to the Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center on Thursday.
- ◆ The family of Bette Perry, who entered eternal life on Wednesday at the age of 101. Services will be later this year.
- ◆ Alexia Grace Badenhop, newborn daughter of Brittany & Jared, who was born 6/19, and initial news is that she is doing very well.
- ◆ Mert Ruffer, father of Sue Buehrer, as he is in hospice care in Defiance.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she is recovering well while working at Miracle Camp “letting God’s light shine,” according to her mother, Jawn. Praising God!
- ◆ Larry and Melva Woolace, and their son, Monte, as they continue to go through cancer treatments for Larry and Monte. Monte will have an operation to take place in July.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, as she continues with daily (during the week) radiation treatments.

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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