

July 2, 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!

Ring of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

(8:00) Prelude

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Hymn of Heaven”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

†(8:00) Opening Worship

#570 – One Nation Under God (Responsive Reading)

#571 – My Country, ‘Tis of Thee (verses 1,4)

#572 – America, the Beautiful (verse 1)

#573 – God of Our Fathers (verses 1,2,4)

†(10:30) Opening Worship

“Today Is the Day,” “Everlasting God,” “You Are Holy”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

Scripture

Galatians 5:1-15 (pg. 1154)

Sermon

“Freedom in Christ”

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

†Profession of Faith: **Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited. But He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! (*Philippians 2:6-11*)**

†(8:00) Hymn

#279, “Faith of Our Fathers”

†(10:30) Praise

“Sing to the King”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#574, “If My People’s Hearts Are Humbled”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“Jesus Paid It All”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#577, “Blessed the Nation”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“Jesus Paid It All”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:1-15 – It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. ⁷ You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? ⁸ That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. ⁹ "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." ¹⁰ I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be. ¹¹ Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. ¹² As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves! ¹³ You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. ¹⁴ The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Lay Reader	(10:30) Avery Roth	
Acolytes	(8:00) Zander & Tucker Johnston	
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Richard Spiess	
10:30 Ushers	Brad, Aimee, Avery, and Evy Roth	

SERMON NOTES

Sermon: "Freedom in Christ"

Scripture: Galatians 5:1-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - Due to the Fourth of July holiday falling on our scheduled meeting time, we will not meet this week. Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, July 11th.
- ◆ **Jason & Becky Suon Visit** - Jason and Becky Suon will be coming to St. John's on Sunday, July 23rd to present on their new organization, Orphanos. They will present during both services of worship at 8:00AM and 10:30AM, with a longer presentation during the Sunday school hour at 9:15AM in the sanctuary.
- ◆ **Blood Drive** - The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for July 11th at Ruihley Park (320 W. Holland St.) from 11:00AM to 5:00PM. Summertime is hard for blood collections as schools are out for the summer and there is an increase in accidents and the need for blood increases. If you are willing and able to make an appointment for this blood drive, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code RUIHLEYPARK.
- ◆ **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.

JULY MISSION-A-MONTH: SHEPHERD CIRCLE

Shepherd Circle is a local mission project started by Cecily Rohrs in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources. Cecily will be here next Sunday, July 9th during both services of worship to present on this local mission project. To donate to Shepherd Circle this month, simply write "MAM" on Line 11 of your offering envelope or select "Shepherd Circle" in the "Give to" drop-down menu on Breeze's online giving feature.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 9TH

Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30; Jeremiah 17:19-27

Sermon: "Keeping the Sabbath Holy"

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:

Jul 2 Control Issues -----Psalm 52
Jul 3 Hammer Heads ----- 2 Samuel 4
Jul 4 God of the Breakthrough----- 2 Samuel 5
Jul 5 Awesome God----- 2 Samuel 6
Jul 6 Grand Design ----- 2 Samuel 7:1-17
Jul 7 Praying the Promises-----2 Samuel 7:18-29
Jul 8 Floating Branches ----- 2 Samuel 8

WEEK OF JULY 2ND 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)
Tue	<i>Independence Day - Church Office Closed</i>	
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dear God, thank You for Your great power. We praise You for Your truth. We're grateful that You have set us free from the clutching grasp of sin and death. Be with Your people, extending Your grace, granting Your freedom, providing Your protection, and empowering with Your strength. We ask that You'd bring about an awakening of Your presence as never seen before. We pray that many would come to know You as Lord and Savior, we pray that many would see Your Light, that You would open blind eyes and release those still imprisoned. Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ The family of Larry Stuckey, father of David and brother of Norma Fish, who entered eternal life on 6/27. Visitation is this afternoon from 2:00PM to 7:00PM at the Stryker UMC, with the memorial service tomorrow at 11:00AM at the Stryker UMC.
- ◆ The family of Mert Ruffer, mother of Sue Buehrer, who entered eternal life on 6/23. A memorial service was held this past week on 6/28.
- ◆ The family of Bettie Perry, who entered eternal life on 6/21 at the age of 101. Services will be on November 4th, here at SJCC.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she is recovering well while working at Miracle Camp this summer.
- ◆ 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 weekday 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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