

July 9, 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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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

“How Firm a Foundation”

Welcome and Announcements

Mission-a-Month: Cecily Rohrs

†Opening Worship

#27, “Tell Out, My Soul”

Matthew 11:25-30 (pg. 966)

#326, “Softly and Tenderly”

Opening Prayer

#358, “I Am Thine, O Lord”

†Passing the Peace of Jesus Christ

LifeWise Academy Presentation

Rachel Jones, LifeWise Program Director and Trey Smith, LifeWise Board Member

Children’s Message

Sermon Scripture

Jeremiah 17:19-27 (pg. 767)

Sermon

“Keeping the Sabbath Holy”

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

†Profession of Faith: **With the whole creation we join the song: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” He has made us a kingdom of priests to serve our God, and we will reign on earth. God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new, and every eye will see at last that our world belongs to God. Hallelujah! Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

†Hymn of Response

#588, “We Have Come into His House”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#515, “Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#521, v.1, “Redeemed”

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READING

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**Matthew 11:25-30** – At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. <sup>27</sup>"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**Jeremiah 17:19-27** - This is what the Lord said to me: "Go and stand at the gate of the people, through which the kings of Judah go in and out; stand also at all the other gates of Jerusalem. <sup>20</sup>Say to them, 'Hear the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah and all people of Judah and everyone living in Jerusalem who come through these gates. <sup>21</sup>This is what the Lord says: Be careful not to carry a load on the Sabbath day or bring it through the gates of Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>Do not bring a load out of your houses or do any work on the Sabbath, but keep the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your forefathers. <sup>23</sup>Yet they did not listen or pay attention; they were stiff-necked and would not listen or respond to discipline. <sup>24</sup>But if you are careful to obey me, declares the Lord, and bring no load through the gates of this city on the Sabbath, but keep the Sabbath day holy by not doing any work on it, <sup>25</sup>then kings who sit on David's throne will come through the gates of this city with their officials. They and their officials will come riding in chariots and on horses, accompanied by the men of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, and this city will be inhabited forever. <sup>26</sup>People will come from the towns of Judah and the villages around Jerusalem, from the territory of Benjamin and the western foothills, from the hill country and the Negev, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings, incense and thank offerings to the house of the Lord. <sup>27</sup>But if you do not obey me to keep the Sabbath day holy by not carrying any load as you come through the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle an unquenchable fire in the gates of Jerusalem that will consume her fortresses.'"

## JULY MISSION-A-MONTH: SHEPHERD CIRCLE

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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 present on this local mission today during both services of worship. 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.

## SERMON NOTES

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Sermon: "Keeping the Sabbath Holy"

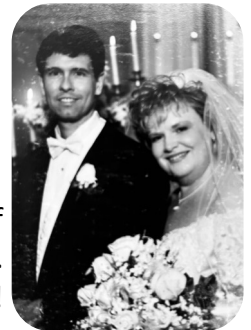
Scripture: Jeremiah 17:19-27

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Lord, by Your Word and Spirit, draw us away from our restless labor that we might find rest in You alone, merciful God. Grant that, fearing and loving You above all things, we may never despise the preaching of Your Word of Life, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Today's altar flowers were given by Steve Walker in honor of Steve and Kim's upcoming 25th wedding anniversary on July 11th. May God continue to bless their marriage for many years to come!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Pastor Erich Out-of-Office** - Pastor Erich will be heading to Camp Allendale today after worship and returning late next Friday to serve as a camp counselor alongside his daughter, Amy. As with his medical leave, Pastor Ryan and Jocelyn will be in the church office to cover all needs and questions for the congregation, as Pastor Erich's cell reception may be spotty.

## MISSION UPDATE: KAJIADO CHILDREN'S HOME

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Prayer Requests from Hope for Kajiado (from Gaye List) in support of Kajiado Children's Home:

- ◆ Please pray for our new kitchen and cafeteria, and that our partnership with The Outreach Foundation continues to bless the children and meet their needs for a higher level of education. Please join us in seeking God's guidance on the continued impact our donors can make on making this a reality, as we raise money for classroom furnishings, a computer lab and library, as well as a modern kitchen to prepare food for the students.
- ◆ We have raised enough funds to build the school that is needed, but we're told that our current dining hall and kitchen are inadequate to feed the number of children that will attend our school, so we now need to raise additional funds for that. We have received four grants, but are still short \$175,000 needed to complete the project.
- ◆ Please pray for spiritual nourishment as we ask God for empowering words to show His love as we provide for these kids. Give us open hearts and ears to listen as God imparts His wisdom and mercies on our own lives as He works through us and blesses us to be a blessing to others.
- ◆ Please pray for the physical nourishment of children of Kajiado Children's Home. Join us in praying not only for the children but also for the staff as they provide the daily care at the home.
- ◆ Please pray for our team at Hope For Kajiado as we volunteer our time and resources so that these children receive the full benefit of your donations. Give us the strength and mindfulness to focus on what God is calling us to do, tenacity and good health to continue this work and travel to speak to our church partners, and continued faith that God provides the needs of the home so that they can create a better tomorrow, one child at a time.

## 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:

Jul 9 Foolish Hearts ----- Psalm 53  
Jul 10 Loving Kindness----- 2 Samuel 9  
Jul 11 Wilderness Years ----- Luke 3:1-20  
Jul 12 Hidden Years ----- Luke 3:21-4:13  
Jul 13 Rave Reviews to Angry Rants ----- Luke 4:14-30  
Jul 14 Happening Words ----- Luke 4:31-44  
Jul 15 Going Deeper ----- Luke 5:1-11

## WEEK OF JULY 9TH 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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Pastor Ryan Volkman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Acolytes	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Jace Bernath
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
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	Tom & Laura Johnson, Dave & Paige Miller	

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Sharon VonDeylen's father, who was hospitalized this past week.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, as she goes through her final week of daily radiation treatments.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she continues to recover 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 this month.

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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