

July 16, 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

(8:00) Prelude

“When We All Get to Heaven”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“For Your Name Is Holy”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9 (pg. 968)

†(8:00) Opening Worship

“Hallelujah, We Shall Rise”

Opening Prayer

#190, “Are You Washed in the Blood?”

†(10:30) Opening Worship

“Rise Up and Praise Him”

Opening Prayer

“Forever”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 1 (pg. 1169)

Sermon

“The Living and True God”

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

†Profession of Faith: **There is only one living and true God, who is infinite and perfect. He is spirit, unchangeable, boundless, and eternal. He is almighty, most wise, and most holy. He works all things according to His most righteous will. He is most loving, gracious, merciful, and patient. He is abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the Holy Trinity – is the living and true God. Amen.**

†(8:00) Responding in Praise

#505, “Love Lifted Me”

†(10:30) Responding in Praise

“My Life Is in You, Lord” with “It Is You”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“All Hail the Power” Medley

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

“I Saw the Light”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“I Believe It (The Life of Jesus)”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#101, “His Name Is Wonderful”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“The Stand”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9 – That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

1 Thessalonians 1 - Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. ² We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. ³ We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia--your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore, we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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. 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

Sermon: "The Living and True God"

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs	(10:30) SJCC Praise Team
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Acolytes	(8:00) Kennedy Hurst	(10:30) Jude Rutledge
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Richard Spiess	
10:30 Ushers	Tom & Laura Johnson, Dave & Paige Miller	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Jason & Becky Suon Visit** - Jason and Becky Suon will be coming to St. John's next 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.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The Gals are scheduled to head to Mom's Diner this upcoming Wednesday, July 19th. Please arrive at Mom's Diner no later than 5:00PM so that we all get a table together! Call Carol DeVries at (419) 445-8311 to let her know that you plan on attending. Bring along a printed photo of yourself as a child for a fun game we have planned!
- ◆ **Pastor Ryan Out-of-Office** - Pastor Ryan will be out-of-the office beginning Wednesday, July 19th thru July 26th.

MISSION UPDATE: KAJIADO CHILDREN'S HOME

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

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 16 Perspective on Problems ----- Psalm 54
Jul 17 He Touched Me! ----- Luke 5:12-16
Jul 18 Remarkable Things ----- Luke 5:17-26
Jul 19 Bread for Beggars ----- Luke 5:27-39
Jul 20 The Case Against Christ ----- Luke 6:1-11
Jul 21 Important Appointments ----- Luke 6:12-26
Jul 22 Let Love Change Everything ----- Luke 6:27-42

WEEK OF JULY 16TH 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)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	3:30PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, I pray that I may learn to walk in all of Your ways, to serve with all of my being, and to learn to love You as You have loved me. Teach me Lord, how to worship You in the beauty of holiness so that I may be one that bows my heart before You in spirit and truth, to Your honor and glory. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Pastor Ryan Volkman and his family upon the passing of his grandmother, Bernie Markgraf, who entered eternal life on the evening of 7/10 at the age of 92.
- ◆ Tom & Megan L., as herniated discs Megan has been living with for the past 10 years in her back have flared up and changed, causing more serious symptoms with only minor improvement. She had an MRI on the French island this past week, and the radiologist and doctor friends suggested they begin talking to surgeons. Going through this weekend, Tom and Megan have asked for prayers of God's guidance, asking if He wants to heal through surgery or through miraculous prayer.
- ◆ Kade Kern and his family, as Kade heads into some exciting and big life changes after being selected by the Atlanta Braves during this year's MLB draft. Congratulations, Kade!
- ◆ 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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