

August 13, 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

“May the Peoples Praise You”

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 970)

†Opening Worship

#2, “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Opening Prayer

#330, “Only Trust Him”

†Passing the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

Sermon Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (pg. 1171)

Sermon Hymn

#410, “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Sermon

“Living Life with Hope”

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

†Profession of Faith: **God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is victor: His rule has begun! The Spirit is at work: creation is renewed! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! Jesus ascended in triumph, raising our humanity to the heavenly throne. All authority, glory, and sovereign power are given to Him. There He hears our prayers and pleads our cause before the Father. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him. Our hope for a new creation is not tied to what humans can do, for we believe that one day every challenge to God’s rule will be crushed. His kingdom will fully come, and our Lord will rule. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Lord I Need You”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#244, “The Trees of the Field” (*sung twice*)

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#601, v.1-2, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33 – Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. ²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ²⁸"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹"Come," he said. ³⁰Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - ¹³Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage each other with these words.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Pastor Ryan Volkman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Maci Martz	(10:30) Jesse Meyer
Easy Worship	(Both) Jenna Stuckey	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Aimee Roth, Avery Roth, & Evy Roth	

SERMON NOTES

Sermon - "Living Life with Hope"

Sermon Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Senior Saints Concert this Thursday!** - August's Third Thursday Senior Luncheon includes a special performance by the Senior Saints at 11:00AM in the Sanctuary! The group includes 71 musicians from thirty area churches. We've invited the Senior Saints to join us for our monthly luncheon after their performance. Any and all are invited to attend the concert!
- ◆ **Rally Sunday & "BBFF"** - We'll kick off the new ministry year of discipleship and fellowship on September 10th! The morning will begin with worship in the chapel at 8:00AM followed by a Rally Sunday celebration in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour at 9:15AM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us in the East lawn at 10:30AM for our annual outdoor worship! We'll end our Sunday worship schedule with "BBFF" - **B**urgers, **B**rats, **F**ellowship & **F**un - inflatables and BINGO included in the fun!! Can't wait to see you there!

AUGUST MISSION-A-MONTH: BACK BAY MISSION

"Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives" (thebackbaymission.org, 2022). Back Bay serves communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast through ministries like their education and empowerment programs and their housing rehabilitation program - all with a goal of transforming lives. St. John's has participated in several mission projects in coordination with Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi over the years and continues to be one of our larger mission partners. If you feel called to give to Back Bay Mission this month, you can do so by checking line 2 on your weekly offering envelope or by selecting "Give to Back Bay Mission" in the "Give to..." drop-down menu on Breeze's online giving feature. We thank you so much for your continued support of this project that is near to many hearts at SJCC.



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:

Aug 13 Justice Will Triumph ----- Psalm 58
Aug 14 Unstoppable Blessing ----- Numbers 22:1-20
Aug 15 Attention, Please! ----- Numbers 22:21-41
Aug 16 Irresistible Blessing ----- Numbers 23
Aug 17 Seeing Clearly ----- Numbers 24
Aug 18 Fierce Holiness ----- Numbers 25
Aug 19 Women Count! ----- Numbers 27:1-11

WEEK OF AUG 13TH 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	7:00PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	5:15PM	Search Committee (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Thu	11:00AM	Senior Saints Concert (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Senior Luncheon (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Father, Your word tells us hope abides. How can I falter when I know You and know this to be true? I confess I get weak, Lord, but that's only when I turn my eyes away from You. When you told Peter to walk to You on the water, He came at once and then looked down. That's when he faltered. Give me hope to keep my eyes fixed on You, for You forever hold me in the palms of Your mighty hands. I can rest in You. My hope is You. Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Megan L., who had back surgery in Kenya on Thursday. The chosen procedure has a high rate of success and usually a relatively quick recovery time. The family expresses appreciation of your prayers for a safe procedure and for all the logistics of travel and insurance.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as she continues to recover while working at Miracle Camp this summer.
- ◆ Monte Woolace, as the surgery for the cancer has been postponed until sometime in August.

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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