

September 17, 2023 | 10:00am | Blanket Sunday

# 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!



## **Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations**

Nursery Care will be offered during the 10:30AM service beginning on October 1st! Children ages four months through preschool can get registered for Nursery Care online at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery). 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!

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“The Heart of Worship”

Opening Scripture Reading & Prayer

Hebrews 13:15-16 (p. 1194)

†Praise Songs

“I Will Sing of the Mercies”

“Victory in Jesus”

†Sharing the Peace of Jesus Christ

Blanket Sunday Presentation

Children’s Message

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 (p. 983)

Sermon

“Blanketing People with Love”

†Sermon Song

“Send Me”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Song

“Go Light Your World”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

“Go Light Your World” (Chorus)

*There will be a brief 10-minute break after service to  
transition to the Special Congregational Meeting.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

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**Hebrews 13:15-16** Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise -- the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

**Matthew 25:31-46** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' <sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' <sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' <sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' <sup>45</sup> "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' <sup>46</sup> "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	Buffy Riley
Praise Team	Buffy Riley, Keira Christman, Lynne Christman
Worship Leader	Brad Roth
Easy Worship	Tom Hines
Sound Tech	James Grime
Live Stream	Cayla Swisher
Head Usher	Dave Walker
Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Scott & JoAnn Short



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Special Congregational Meeting** - A Special Congregational Meeting will take place after this morning's service of worship to address the next phase of the building project. A congregational vote will be needed to approve the Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC) and a three page informational document is available on a narthex table.
- ◆ **Wednesday Evening Children's and Youth Ministries Kickoff Night** - LOGOS, Confirmation, JYF, and Life Planning kick off this Wednesday, September 20th beginning at 6:00PM with Confirmation and LOGOS. Life Planning and those coming for JYF only will begin at 7:00PM. We can't wait to see you all back for another exciting program year!
- ◆ **Ladies Talk & Tea and Girls' Weekend** - Carol DeVries will be in the sanctuary narthex selling tickets for the Ladies' Talk & Tea scheduled for Sunday, October 8th at 2:00PM. Those who have already registered for the event can pick up their tickets from Carol. Tickets are \$5 each and will help cover the cost of the event. Additionally, a sign-up sheet is on the office bulletin board for ladies who want to sign up for the Friday and/or Saturday evening events that weekend, including "The Unknown Tour" and the Mother/Daughter movie night. Contact Jocelyn with questions.
- ◆ **Life Planning** - Life Planning will meet for their first gathering of the program year this upcoming Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00PM in the chapel. In October, the group will resume their regular schedule in meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Mighty and glorious God, I wonder what you note about my everyday life and actions. Am I living out the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats? Jesus ate with sinners and encouraged them. He visited the sick and healed them. He fed the large crowds, both physically and spiritually. Jesus, my Lord, you command me to do the same, you command us to do the same. Increase my vision, Lord, that I will look around and see situations in which people would be blessed in receiving love and care. Open my heart, Lord, guide me with compassion, that I will glorify you in faith and wisdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

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Sermon: "I Don't Have to BE Me"

Scriptures: Titus 3:1-8

Second Offering

## SEPTEMBER MISSION-A-MONTH: TOLEDO GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

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### TGRM Donation Collection

As in previous years, we'll be collecting items for TGRM once again! TGRM will be here next Sunday, September 24th to collect donations but you're welcome to drop them off throughout the week. Please coordinate with the church office if you plan to drop off donations so that we can meet you at the storage barn (text Jocelyn at 419-575-4218).

Items requested are:

- ◆ Gently used blankets and sheets, particularly twin sheets (fitted and flat)
- ◆ Bath towels and wash cloths
- ◆ Cleaning supplies, liquids and sponges
- ◆ Gently used winter coats (men's, women's, and children's needed)
- ◆ Gently used clothing for infants and toddlers

### LIFEWISE ACADEMY

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LifeWise started classes on September 11th, transporting children from Archbold Elementary to the LifeWise classroom in the Archbold Evangelical Church building. Classes are held Monday through Friday, with four or five class sessions each day. LifeWise continues to seek adult volunteers to assist in the classroom.

Volunteers ride the bus to and from the school and take attendance, and they are in the classroom to assist the LifeWise teacher as needed. The plan is to have two volunteers in each class session. People can also volunteer to serve as a substitute. The daily schedule of classes is:

4th Grade	8:35am – 9:20am	(volunteers needed on Thursday & Friday)
2nd Grade	9:30am – 10:15am	(volunteers needed on Friday)
3rd Grade	10:30am – 11:15am	(volunteers needed on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)
Kindergarten	12:45pm – 1:30pm	(volunteers needed on Wednesday)
1st Grade	1:45pm – 2:30pm	

Anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more information may contact the Archbold LifeWise Program Director, Rachel Jones, at [racheljones@lifewise.org](mailto:racheljones@lifewise.org) or 419-572-6199.

## MUSIC & WORSHIP MINISTRY

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In this time of leadership transition in our music and worship ministries, church leadership is tending to the following aspects of ministry:

- ◆ Greeters – we are looking for four people each Sunday to serve as greeters, two to be at the south entrance and two to be at the accessible entrance, from 10:00am to 10:30am. The hope is that the four people could serve all Sundays of a month, just as our ushers serve a month at a time.
- ◆ Song Leaders – we are looking for a person to join in the monthly rotation of leading singing during our Sunday morning services of worship. Each song leader serves one Sunday a month, leading singing at both services of worship. If there is someone willing to sub in as a song leader on an as needed basis, that would be a blessing!
- ◆ Worship Leaders – we are seeking two people to join in the rotation, serving one Sunday morning every two months, leading at both services of worship. Worship leaders share in leading prayers, reading scripture, offering and special readings.
- ◆ Lay Readers – we have a few slots open for people of the congregation to read the morning sermon scripture – serving once a month, at either the 8am or 10:30am service.
- ◆ Children’s Moment Leaders – in the joy of sharing and teaching with children, we hope to add several volunteers to this special rotation so that a person would share once every two months. If you’ve listened to children’s moments, you know what it is about!
- ◆ Chancel Choir – singers are invited to put the following dates on their calendars:
  - o Wednesday, October 4th, 7:30PM – Chancel Choir Practice
  - o Wednesday, October 18th, 7:30PM – Chancel Choir Practice
  - o Sunday, October 22nd – Chancel Choir will sing during the 10:30AM service of worship

## 2023 CONSISTORY CONTACT INFORMATION

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<b>President</b>	Linda Heer (419-324-6536)
<b>Elders</b>	Joyce Kinsman (419-583-6503), Jon Lindsay (419-591-6153), Eric Nafziger (419-277-3270), Jill Nafziger (419-551-7365), Betsy Redd (419-551-1843), Nici Wyse (419-572-0626)
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## 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:

Sep 17 Barren But Not Desolate ----- Psalm 63  
Sep 18 Family Likeness -----2 Samuel 13:1-22  
Sep 19 I'll be the Judge of That ----- 2 Samuel 13:23-39  
Sep 20 Who Is In Charge? ----- 2 Samuel 14  
Sep 21 Making Israel Great Again ----- 2 Samuel 15  
Sep 22 Leave It with Me ----- 2 Samuel 16  
Sep 23 Sowing confusion ----- 2 Samuel 17

## WEEK OF SEP. 17TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:10AM	Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary and Zoom)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Parish Hall)/Life Planning (Chapel)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's Home)



Be part of the *miracle*. Blanket the world with *love*.

**How can we meet our sisters and brothers in their greatest moment of need?**

Everyday, someone in the world experiences hard times. When difficulties happen, a simple act of kindness can make a difference and be the miracle someone was praying for.

**You can be a part of that miracle.** By partnering with CWS through our Blankets program, you can respond to neighbors in their greatest moment of need in a practical and hands-on way.



"It's a miracle what Church World Service does and you are a part of that miracle."

— REV. DR. TIMOTHY C. AHRENS,  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH, COLUMBUS, OHIO



## Keeping our neighbors in *prayer*

Being a part of the miracle and blanketing the world in love doesn't stop when neighbors receive a warm blanket. The miracle includes prayer too!

Here are three ways you can keep our most vulnerable neighbors in your prayers:

- *God of promises, you remind us that you are present with all your people, including those who call the outdoors home or people who are living in a temporary shelter.*
- *God of warmth, you are with our neighbors who are cold and need comfort.*
- *God of hope and promises, the blankets and kits we offer today represent our compassion for our siblings, acknowledging that we first received this love from God. We pray by sending these blankets and kits that God's grace will spread far and wide.*

Want to support CWS Blankets?  
**Scan this QR code** to learn how  
you can be part of the miracle!

*Scan Me!*



"Every year I donate to the CWS Blanket offering at my church. I know my gift will help to provide love, warmth, and comfort to individuals who need a reminder that someone cares about them."

— ASHLEY K., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Alice Tedrow, who fell earlier this week and broke her sternum.
- ◆ Dianne Wyrick, who is recovering at home from a recent fall that required a new hip joint.
- ◆ Jack Stover, who continues to recover at home from a recent stroke.
- ◆ Monte Woolace, who is doing okay day to day, and continues to await further treatment.
- ◆ A local man who is dealing with many issues surrounding the recent death of his fiancée, pray for his strength and for his peace.

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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