

September 24, 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!



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. 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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“He Knows My Name”

Opening Scripture Reading and Prayer

Psalm 139:13-16 (p. 618)

†Hymn of Praise

#59, “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

†The Gloria Patri (#623)

†Sharing the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

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

Scripture Reading

Titus 3:1-8 (p. 1,182)

†Sermon Hymn

#369, “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Sermon

“I Don’t Have to BE Me”

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Father Lift Me Up”

Second Offering

Imagine Your Faith Building Campaign

†Closing Hymn

#292, “God of Grace and God of Glory”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

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

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 139:13-16 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, ¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Titus 3:1-8 Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, ² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men. ³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Head Usher	(10:30) Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Scott & JoAnn Short	

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I want to thank you for creating me to be the person I am. I want to thank you for hope through the grace and love of Jesus. I admit there are times when I get tired, when I get discouraged, and I want to escape my responsibilities for a few days. But then I remember Jesus and his prayer, "not my will, but your will." Forgive me for being self-centered at times. Clothe me with righteousness and humility as I praise you, Lord, for your steadfast faithfulness to me. Guide me along the narrow path laid out in scripture, that I would glorify you in my daily life of faithfulness. In your name I pray. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

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

Sermon Scripture: Titus 3:1-8

"I Don't Have to Be Me (Til Monday)"
by Steve Azar

"I got me a brand new car, Waiting in the driveway, Shinin' like a bright new star,
I've been wishin' on it every day, To take me away from here

So I called in to where I work, told a little white lie, No my back don't really hurt,
but that's my alibi, My temporary ticket to anywhere but there

Call it an early weekend, call it goin' off the deep in,
Call it what you want, I made up my mind

I don't have to be me 'til Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, I ain't gonna face reality
Three days without punching a time clock, Three nights of goin' non-stop
No work and all play, I don't have to be 'til Monday

I can do what I want to do, be who I want to be, I got no one to answer to,
Soon as I turn the key, A cash machine, gasoline and we're outta here"

*Songwriters: Dan H. Shipley / Jason David Young / Azar
I Don't Have To Be Me ('til Monday) Lyrics © Universal Music - Careers*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Ladies Talk & Tea** - We have about forty ladies of all ages signed up for the tea party already and have plenty of room for more! There will be activities for the younger girls and a group activity exploring who we are as women of faith. If you're able to attend, please see Jocelyn Walker or Carol DeVries to get a ticket to the event. You won't want to miss it!
- ◆ **Nursery Schedule** - Nursery Care will be offered during our 10:30AM service of worship beginning next Sunday, October 1st with a regular schedule of Nursery Assistants. Children ages four months to five years of age are welcome to join our Nursery Care Team on Sunday mornings for some fun, fellowship, and a healthy snack! Parents are asked to register their children for Nursery Care before their first visit (only have to register once!) online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery
- ◆ **Senior High Youth** - All Senior High School students are invited to join the new Instagram page @stjohnsarchboldyouth. This is a new page is run by our teens, for our teens!

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

We are pleased to introduce Buffy Riley as our Interim Director of Music Ministry! Buffy will start in this position tomorrow. Principal responsibilities include: assisting the pastor in worship planning, selecting worship service music, coordinating Praise Teams, special music pieces, choirs, and assisting in growing and developing the music ministries of SJCC. We are grateful for the talents, leadership and willingness Buffy brings to this role.

Upcoming Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, October 4th @ 7:30PM in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 18th @ 7:30PM in the Sanctuary

SEPTEMBER MISSION-A-MONTH: TOLEDO GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

Today is the final Sunday of the month to support the September Mission-a-Month, Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission. If you would like to donate to this Toledo-area mission, please write "MAM" on line 11 of your offering envelope or select "Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission" in the "Give to" drop-down menu on Breeze's online giving feature.

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:

Sep 24 Tables Turned ----- Psalm 64
Sep 25 Living With Tension ----- 2 Samuel 18
Sep 26 Post-war Healing 1 -----2 Samuel 19:1-23
Sep 27 Post-War Healing 2 ----- 2 Samuel 19:24-43
Sep 28 Yesterday's Man ----- 2 Samuel 20
Sep 29 A Mother's Love -----2 Samuel 21:1-14
Sep 30 A Haunting Song -----1 Samuel 22:1-16

WEEK OF SEP. 24TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Gym)
	7:00PM	Safety Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Parish Hall)/SYF (Youth Room)
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)
	12:00PM	Search Committee (Fireside Room)

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2023

World Communion Sunday

Sermon Scripture: Galatians 3:23-29

Sermon: "Unity, Not Separation"

Nursery Assistants (10:30) - Corey and Jocelyn Walker

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jean Stamm, who is dealing with a fracture of an arm resulting from a fall.
- ◆ Stan Buehrer, Lynne Christman's brother, who is now in hospice care in Adrian, MI.
- ◆ Tom Johnson, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, returned home Monday afternoon after a brief time of recovery at Rupp Rehab due to a broken sternum.
- ◆ Dianne Wyrick, who will be having a second surgery on the same hip due to a complication.
- ◆ 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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