

October 1, 2023 | 8:00am & 10:30am | World Communion 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

*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 is offered during 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool across from the church office. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. 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

(8:00) Prelude

“Dear Lord We Break the Bread”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Here I Am to Worship”

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Psalms 25:1-10 (p. 545)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#284, “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

#439, “Cleanse Me”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“Unto Thee O Lord”

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Scripture

Galatians 3:23-29 (p. 115)

Sermon

“Unity, Not Separation”

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Invitation and Communion Hymn - #342, “Just As I Am”

Unison Prayer of Confession – ***God, we know that we have sinned against You and too often we have failed to do that which was Your will for us. Too often we have followed our selfish desires and have not helped those who called upon us in their time of need. Forgive us and restore us to the persons You want us to be; in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Words of Institution and Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#339, “Since I Have Been Redeemed”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#281, “The Bond of Love”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

Chorus, “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 25:1-10 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; ² in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. ³ No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse. ⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; ⁵ guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord. ⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. ⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. ¹⁰ All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Galatians 3:23 - 29 Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. ²⁶ You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

Sermon Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: "God Gives Everything"

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) David Stuckey	(10:30) Praise Team
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
10:30 Head Usher	Matt Hines	
10:30 Ushers	Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen, Chris & Amy Baden	

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Mission-A-Month: Operation Christmas Child

Throughout the month of October, St. John's will once again collect for Operation Christmas Child in cooperation with Samaritan's Purse. Due to the guidelines for what can be included in the boxes, we are encouraging financial donations versus supplies; however, you are still more than welcome to pack your own! If you choose to do this, please contact the church office so that we can supply you with a box and list of accepted items. Financial contributions can be indicated on your weekly offering by noting "MAM" on line 11 of your offering envelope, which will be used to purchase approved toys and supplies for the boxes and will be packed by a team of SJCC Youth.

Understanding the Culture of Poverty

One of our local community ministries is Shepherds Circle, which matches a shepherd with a sheep. The shepherd is a person of faith, with knowledge and wisdom in helping sheep make good decisions. The sheep is a person who needs assistance with managing their money and making good decisions. Shepherds Circle is looking for shepherds! To find out more about what is involved, Cecily Rohrs will be at SJCC on Sunday, October 15th, at 9:15AM. Let's bless Cecily, and sheep, with our interest, support and presence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Girls' Weekend is Next Weekend!** - Our weekend of all things women's ministry starts next Friday, October 6th with "The Unknown Tour" in Adrian, MI. If you signed up for this event, meet at the church no later than 5:30PM to carpool. On Saturday, ladies of all ages are invited to bring a blanket and wear their pajamas for the movie, "Inside Out" in the chapel. The popcorn machine will be up and running but bring your favorite beverage with you! The weekend will conclude with the Ladies Talk & Tea on Sunday at 2:00PM on the east lawn (Parish Hall pending weather). Dress in your best tea party attire and get ready to celebrate our lives as women of faith! Tickets are \$5 for the tea, which can be purchased today after 10:30AM service in the sanctuary narthex.
- ◆ **Veteran's Breakfast** - The annual Veteran's Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. The Fellowship Committee invites any and all to this event as we honor the Veterans in our congregation. Please sign up on the office bulletin board no later than October 29th.
- ◆ **Pettisville Man Cave Ministry** - Pettisville Man Cave is hosting Lieutenant General Jerry Boykin, a nationally known speaker and a three star general. He was an original member of Delta Force and was the commander in Black Hawk Down. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 1st, at 7:00PM at Founders Hall. This is a free event open to everyone, not just a men's event. Doors will open at 6:30PM.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Any and all vocalists are invited to join the Chancel Choir this year! Andrew Rohrs will be directing the choir with the help of Buffy Riley and Lynne Christman. We hope you'll join us at our first rehearsal this upcoming Wednesday!

Upcoming Chancel Choir Rehearsals

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Precious and Mighty Lord God, it is in humility and reverence that I bow my head in prayer, for you are the great and glorious God, the one who sent Jesus, your only son, to be the savior of all! O, thank you, Lord, for your love and grace. In the words of the psalmist, I pray that you will "open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." As I recognize the truth and authority of Scripture, I know I am in need of greater understanding. I desire to know the deep wonders of Scripture. Light my path, that my reading will bring new knowledge, and that I would be blessed with wisdom through the presence of your guiding Spirit. Reveal your will for my life to me, that I may serve you and glorify you with praise and thanksgiving. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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:

Oct 1 Praise is Rising-----Psalm 65
Oct 2 Streetwise God ----- 2 Samuel 22:17-30
Oct 3 Standing Strong ----- 2 Samuel 22:31-51
Oct 4 A Sober Assessment----- 2 Samuel 23:1-7
Oct 5 Very Gallant Gentlemen-----2 Samuel 23:8-23
Oct 6 Me and My Shadow -----2 Samuel 24:1-17
Oct 7 Costly Worship ----- 2 Samuel 24:18-25

WEEK OF OCT. 1ST 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)
	12:00PM	Search Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Gym)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Parish Hall)/SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	8:30AM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
	5:30PM	Depart for "The Unknown Tour" (South Parking Lot)
Sat	6:00PM	Mother/Daughter Movie Night (Chapel)
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)
	2:00PM	Ladies Talk & Tea (East Lawn)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's Home)

WE PRACTICE OPEN COMMUNION

All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune.

- ◆ Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup
- ◆ At 8:00AM worship, communicants will be invited to come forward in groups
- ◆ At 10:30AM worship, communicants will be served in the pews, partaking at one time

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Kathy Bostelman and family upon the passing of her mother, Helen Murdock, on September 22 at the age of 101. Services were held on September 28.
- ◆ Jean Stamm, who is dealing with a fracture of an arm resulting from a fall.
- ◆ Tom Johnson, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, recovering at home from a broken sternum.
- ◆ Dianne Wyrick, recovering at home from a second hip surgery.
- ◆ 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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