

October 8, 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

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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 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](http://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

Prelude

“Blessed Assurance/No Other Name”

Opening Scripture and Prayer

Psalms 16 (pg. 538)

†Hymns of Praise

#66, “To God Be the Glory”  
#96, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

Lesson

“Crisis of Faith”

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

†Sermon Hymn

#332, “Without Him”

Scripture

Mark 10:17-31 (pg. 1002)

Sermon

“God Gives Everything”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Jesus Lover Of My Soul(All About You)”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#394, “In My Life Lord, Be Glorified”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#610, “Go Now and Live for the Savior”

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READING

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**Psalms 16:1-11** Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup> I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." <sup>3</sup> As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips. <sup>5</sup> Lord, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. <sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, <sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. <sup>11</sup> You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

**Mark 10:17-31** As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good-- except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup> Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" <sup>29</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup> will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields-- and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

## WORSHIP MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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- ◆ Pew Racks - we are seeking one or two people to check the pew racks once a week, to resupply and tidy them up.
- ◆ Children's Busy Bags - we are seeking one or two people to check the bags once a week, to resupply and tidy them up.
- ◆ Worship Greeters - we are seeking two to four individuals to serve as greeters each Sunday morning, greeting at the south entrance and at the northeast entrance. We'd like to create a monthly rotation of greeters!

## MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **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 next Sunday, October 15th, at 9:15AM. Let's bless Cecily, and sheep, with our interest, support and presence.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Ladies Talk & Tea** - Due to the chillier weather today, the Talk & Tea will take place in the chapel. We can't wait to see you this afternoon!
- ◆ **Shalom Counseling Fundraiser** - Today at the Rauhley Park Pavilion, please join us as we celebrate serving our community for 25 years! Meet our Board Members, Director and Staff, chat with us about Mental Health and how we can help, and enjoy a meal by free will donation. Sit and eat inside or to-go. Menu includes your choice of BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chip, Veggies, Applesauce and cookie. Proceeds go to Shalom Crime Victims Services and Benevolent Fund.
- ◆ **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.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
10:30 Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen, Chris & Amy Baden	

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Lord Jesus, it says in Your Word, in 2 Corinthians 13:5, to examine yourself to see if you are in the faith. Lord, Paul is not talking to unbelievers, but to all of us who are Your children in Christ Jesus. Lord, help me to examine myself, and all that I am learning from You and Your Word, so that my life is a reflection of You. For the ways and times in which I've resisted being generous with your treasures, forgive me. Guide me in offering even more of myself to others, in praise and glory of you. Amen.

## 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:

Oct 8 Song of Praise -----Psalm 66  
Oct 9 Flames of Faith ----- 2 Timothy 1:1-17  
Oct 10 "I Have Confidence In..." ----- 2 Timothy 1:8-18  
Oct 11 Fight, Train, Dig ----- 1 Timothy 2:1-13  
Oct 12 Hold Fast ----- 2 Timothy 2:14-19  
Oct 13 Held to High Standards ----- 2 Timothy 2:20-26  
Oct 14 Same Old, Same Old... ----- 2 Timothy 3:1-9

## WEEK OF OCT. 8TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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 (Chapel)
	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 - Lockport Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/JYF (Go-Karting)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Chapel)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	9:15AM	Shepherd Circle Presentation (Sanctuary)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2023

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Scriptures: Psalm 32, Isaiah 44:21-23

Sermon: "Our Sins Are Swept Away"

Nursery Assistants (10:30): Eric & Anna Yoder

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who had a major setback in her recovery this past week. Prayers are needed for strength and endurance to push through this setback.
- ◆ Connie Nicolen and family, as her husband, Jim, entered eternal life on Thursday.
- ◆ 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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