

October 15, 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 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

Medley

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Surrender”

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Psalm 32 (p. 549)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#191, “There Is Power in the Blood”

#190, “Are You Washed in the Blood?”

†(10:30) Praise Songs

“Let Us Give Thanks to the Lord”

“My Only Crown”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

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

†Sermon Hymn

“I Go to the Rock” (Insert)

Scripture

Isaiah 44:21-23 (p. 721)

Sermon

“Our Sins Are Swept Away”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“What Sins Are You Talking About”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#210, “Jesus Paid it All”

†(10:30) Closing Praise Song

“I Am Yours”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#447, v. 1, “Freely, Freely”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

Chorus, “I Am Yours”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32:1-11 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" - and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. ⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. ¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. ¹¹ Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Isaiah 44:21-23 ²¹ Remember these things, O Jacob, for you are my servant, O Israel. I have made you, you are my servant; O Israel, I will not forget you. ²² I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you." ²³ Sing for joy, O heavens, for the Lord has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the Lord has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 2023

Scriptures: Psalm 46, Exodus 4:10-17

Sermon: "Ordinary is Okay"

Nursery Assistants (10:30): Karen Walker and Molly Rutledge

WORSHIP MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ◆ 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

Special Mission Presentation: October 29th, 9:15AM in the Parish Hall

Mackenzie will be sharing about her time of mission ministry in southern India. Having spent most of the past two years tutoring children and building relationships, she is back in the states for a period of training and building a new mission team. Hear directly from her on the 29th!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Evangelism Committee** - Evangelism Committee is scheduled to meet this Thursday, October 19th at 7:00PM in the Fireside Room. Please let Stacy Rutledge know if you are unable to attend. Thank you!
- ◆ **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

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	(10:30) Praise Team
Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Children's Message	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
10:30 Head Usher	Matt Hines	
10:30 Ushers	Travis & Mindy Gruenhagen, Chris & Amy Baden	
10:30 Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Buffy Riley, Jocelyn Walker, Bruce Wooley, Hailey Wooley, Roger Zimmerman	

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

(From Christianity.com) Dear Lord, please bring healing to Israel. Israel is your chosen nation and the country that is close to your heart. They have suffered much pain and hurt these past few days. Please bring peace, security, and healing into their hearts. Not only provide them with this but also provide them swift recoveries from their injuries and give comfort to the hearts of the individuals who lost their loved ones in this catastrophe. In Jesus' Name, I pray, 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 15 Bless You! -----Psalm 67
Oct 16 Book Learning ----- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
Oct 17 Stay on Track -----2 Timothy 4:1-8
Oct 18 And Finally... ----- 2 Timothy 4:9-22
Oct 19 Clay In God's Hands -----Jeremiah 18,19
Oct 20 Be Yourself ----- Jeremiah 20
Oct 21 No Justice: No Future ----- Jeremiah 21

WEEK OF OCT. 15TH 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
	9:15AM	Shepherd Circle Presentation (Parish Hall)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	3:30PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Rotary (Parish Hall)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside 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)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's Home)

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Mary Ellen Johnson, who is dealing with an infection of shingles.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who had a major setback in her recovery two weeks ago. Prayers are needed for strength and endurance to push through this setback.
- ◆ Jean Stamm, who continues to recover from a fracture of an arm.
- ◆ Tom Johnson, going through five more weeks of therapy for his shoulder surgery.
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, who continues through therapy as she recovers from a recent fall.
- ◆ Dianne Wyrick, as she recovers at home from a second hip surgery.
- ◆ Jack Stover, who continues to make improvement in recovering from a 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)

GIDEON CARD MINISTRY

As a way of encouraging, caring and supporting people, there are Gideon cards available in the sanctuary narthex. Card themes include: Thinking of you...Praying for You...Sympathy...In Recognition. Each card enables the sender to donate towards Gideon Bible distributions, too. As the Gideon's say, Give a Card, Send the Word, Change a Life!

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