

November 19, 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

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Psalm 111:1-4 (p. 603)

(8:00) Prelude

“Enter His Courts with Praise”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Give Thanks”

†(8:00) Congregational Hymns

#58, “This is My Father’s World”

#559, “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

†(10:30) Opening Songs

“May the People’s Praise You”

“Let Us Give Thanks to the Lord”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

(10:30) Chime Choir

“Count Your Blessings”

Children’s Message

(10:30) Bell Choir

“It Is Well with My Soul”

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

Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (p. 1147)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#83, “Lord, We Praise You”

Sermon

“The Heritage of Thanksgiving”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“We Are So Blessed”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#563, “Count Your Blessings”

†(10:30) Chancel Choir

“Thanksgiving!”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#556, v. 3, “Now Thank We All Our God”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 111 Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. ² Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. ³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Children's Message	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Acolytes	(8:00) Luci Meyer	(10:30) Ethan Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Brooke Hines & Emily Hines	
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	
10:30 Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Eric Nafziger, Leah Nafziger, Ryan & Jill Holdgreve	

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

I give you thanks, O God, for all the goodness you have shown to us. I am thankful for the harvest to help feed the world. I am thankful for family and friends who enliven my life and the world. I am thankful for the days of work and the days of rest. I am thankful for your love and grace through Jesus Christ, your son and our Lord. In my love and thankfulness of you, strengthen and guide me to share with others: those who hunger, those who are cold, and those who are lonely. May my sharing be expressions of your love and mercy, for your glory, O God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner** - The Fellowship Committee invites all senior citizens to the annual Senior Christmas Dinner on December 14th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. The meal will be catered by The Home Restaurant and a special Christmas carol program will be provided by members of the Archbold High School choir. Please sign up by December 3rd on the church office bulletin board.
- ◆ **Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Night** - The Toledo Walleye have invited us back for their annual Faith & Family Night, which is scheduled for February 4th, 2024! The game is scheduled to begin at 5:15PM that evening and will include a pre-game worship and Q&A with the players and team chaplain like last year. We'll have additional details about exact times and prices in the coming weeks, but we need to reserve our tickets soon. Please let Jocelyn know if you'd like tickets reserved for your household, or sign up on the office bulletin board!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Gif Gals, can you believe it's almost Thanksgiving? Every year time seems to go by so fast! With winter coming around soon, many of us are likely to be homebound more often, so how about another get together before that happens? We will be meeting on November 27th at 5:30PM at Downtown Restaurant here in Archbold. Please sign up on the bulletin board by today so that reservations can be made. Looking forward to being together again!
- ◆ **Shepherd Training** - If you sat in on the presentation on Shepherd Circle given by Cecily Rohrs a few weeks ago and you're interested in being trained as a shepherd, please let Pastor Erich know within the next week or two. If you missed the presentation and would like to learn more about this, we will gladly get you in touch with Cecily Rohrs!
- ◆ **Parade of Lights** - St. John's will once again have a float participating in Archbold's Parade of Lights on Friday, November 24th at 6:30PM here in the Village. Our float theme is "follow the lights to St. John's Christian Church," which will invite the Village to our Candlelight Christmas Eve service. If you would like to walk with the float during the parade and help pass out Christmas service postcards or glow sticks, please contact the church office. Thank you!

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 Offering Envelopes are now available for pickup in the sanctuary narthex. Boxes are sorted alphabetically by last name and will be out for pickup through November 26th. Please check the table if you have not had boxes in the past as all active givers now have boxes assigned, aside from online givers. If you don't see your name, please let Jocelyn in the church office know. Due to a slight change in envelope numbering, we kindly ask that you refrain from using your 2024 envelopes until January. The offering team thanks you for your cooperation! As a general reminder, all undesignated/unmarked gifts \$30 or more are counted as a 50/50 split between the Operating and Mission Funds.

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:

Nov 19 The King and I ----- Psalm 72
Nov 20 Clean Up ----- Luke 11:37-54
Nov 21 Fear God! ----- Luke 12:1-12
Nov 22 Be On Your Guard ----- Luke 12:13-21
Nov 23 Do Not Be Anxious ----- Luke 12:22-34
Nov 24 Be Ready ----- Luke 12:35-48
Nov 25 Expect Division! ----- Luke 12:49-59

WEEK OF NOV. 19TH 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)
3:00PM TGRM Meal & Chapel - BASIC Sunday School Class

Mon 6:15PM Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
7:15PM Consistory (Fireside Room)

Tue 9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
5:00PM Community Meal - SYF Youth (Parish Hall)

Thu *Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed*
8:00AM Parish Hall Reserved

Fri *Church Office Closed*

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)
1:00PM Christmas & Advent Decorating
6:00PM Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's Home)

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023

Scriptures: Acts 3:1-10

Sermon: "It's Easter!"

Nursery Assistants: Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED!

We are still in need of writers for this year's Advent Devotional. A devotional can be about a Bible passage or a favorite carol or a story that you think of when you think of Advent and/or Christmas. What comes to mind when you think of past holiday seasons? What special family tradition do you observe each year? How do you prepare yourself for celebrating this special gift from God? What symbols of the season stand out for you? The devotion could include artwork, scripture, song lyrics, poetry and/or other mediums. The length of a written piece should be about 200 to 225 words in length, in size 12 font.

We'd be very grateful if you would commit to writing a devotional for our Advent Booklet this year. Please let the church office know if you plan on writing one then submit a digital copy no later than November 27th. Thank you!

NOVEMBER MISSION-A-MONTH: FULTON COUNTY CHRISTMAS CHEER

This year's Cheer Tree is located in the Donation Center outside of the chapel through the month of November, decorated with tags of some specific items needed for the Cheer giveaway. Additional tags are available for pickup in the church office, as well. Purchased items can be dropped off in the Donation Center's bin in on or before Sunday, November 26th. You can also make financial donations to Fulton County Christmas Cheer by writing "MAM" on line 11 of your weekly offering envelope. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping local families this Christmas season!



The Alternative Gift Market (AGM) is now open for your Christmas shopping. The AGM display is located on a table in the Narthex.

Here's how it works:

- 1) Pick up a donation card
- 2) Drop off your financial donation in the AGM mailbox
- 3) Fill out your Honoree Card
- 4) Give your Honoree his or her card on Christmas!

Let's celebrate the spirit of Christmas and bless the youth at Crossroad Child and Family Services.



You are invited!

Christmas & ADVENT DECORATING

Sunday 26 November

1:00PM UNTIL WE'RE FINISHED!

We love this day of our church year and welcome any and all to help with decorating the church! We will be taking decorations down from the attic and some from the storage barn, so we'll certainly need some who can do heavy lifting. Thank you to Jenna Stuckey for leading this year's decorating!



PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Finn Yoder, 8 year old son of Eric & Anna, who will have outpatient hip surgery on Tuesday.
- ◆ Mel Nafziger, Jim Grieser's sister, who is at home in hospice care due to brain cancer.
- ◆ Rory Prigge, Katie Link's father, who is home and waiting for follow up appointments.
- ◆ Debbi Russell, as she recovers from surgery to repair a broken elbow due to a fall.
- ◆ Shiela Short, who is in therapy at Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Monte Woolace, who continues to go through treatment for cancer.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ 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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