

November 26, 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 105:1-4 (p. 597)

Prelude

“The Solid Rock”

†Call to Worship (L-Leader, **C-Congregation**)

L: As we continue in offering our expressions of thanksgiving unto the Lord,

C: We turn our focus to the season of Advent, a season of preparation and anticipation.

L: Preparation in getting ready to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, the Promised One!

C: Anticipation in looking forward to the second coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

L: Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune our hearts to sing and live thy grace.

†Congregational Hymns

#2, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#495, “Heaven Came Down”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

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

(10:30) Special Music

Jocelyn Walker

“Gratitude”

Scripture

Acts 3:1-10 (p. 1079)

†Sermon Hymn

#515, “Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

Sermon

“It’s Easter!”

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“You Are Holy”

Second Offering: Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn

“Every Morning is Easter Morning” (Insert)

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#244, “Trees of the Field”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 105:1-4 Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ² Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. ³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. ⁴ Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Acts 3:1-10 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Klaire Kern
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge	
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	
10:30 Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Eric Nafziger, Leah Nafziger, Ryan & Jill Holdgreve	

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: TODAY!

Join us at 1:00PM this afternoon as we deck the halls for Advent and Christmas! There will be projects for all age and ability levels but we will need a few people willing to bring things from the outside store room and attic. We'll see you this afternoon!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, help me to keep the words of Psalm 46:10 in mind in the seemingly fast paced days of December. To be reminded of your guidance, to “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” As the Advent season draws near, I pray for additional quiet time, time to reflect and remember; to be grateful for the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, coming to earth, illuminating hearts and souls with your hope, peace, joy and love. Thank you, Lord, for your grace-filled forgiveness as I confess my sin, seeking renewal through you, my Lord and my God. In Christ, 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!
- ◆ **2024 Offering Envelopes** - Offering Envelopes are ready for pickup in the sanctuary narthex. Boxes are sorted alphabetically by last name and should be picked up before decorating this afternoon, if possible. 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.

NOVEMBER MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission-a-Month: Fulton County Christmas Cheer

Today is the last day that the Cheer Tree will be up for the season. If you purchased items for this year's Cheer Giveaway, please drop them off to the Donation Center outside of the chapel by the end of the day today. You can also make financial donations to Fulton County Christmas Cheer by writing "MAM" on line 11 of your weekly offering envelope. Thank you all for your kindness and generosity in helping local families this Christmas season!

Alternative Gift Market: Crossroad Child & Family Services

Today will be the last day that the Alternative Gift Market will be open for your Christmas shopping. Donations can be made and honoree cards are still available. If you prefer, you can also include donations in your offering envelopes---just mark on your offering envelope-- Alternative Gift Market or AGM! All gifts will bless a youth at Crossroad Child and Family Services. Don't miss out on this opportunity to give a gift that gives twice!

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 26 The Lord Is Our Refuge ----- Psalm 73
Nov 27 Turn to God ----- Luke 13:1-9
Nov 28 Seen By Jesus ----- Luke 13:10-17
Nov 29 Enter God's Kingdom ----- Luke 13:18-30
Nov 30 Jesus Is Lord! ----- Luke 13:31-35
Dec 1 (Im)possible Standards-----Jeremiah 35
Dec 2 Rulers Behaving Badly-----Jeremiah 36

WEEK OF NOV. 26TH 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)
	1:00PM	Advent & Christmas Decorating
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's Home)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Martin's Lutheran Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Safety & Security Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	10:00AM	Building Committee - Interior Design Team (Fireside Room)
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	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	7:00PM	Evening Advent Service (Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2023: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: "Learning from the Fig Tree"

Nursery Assistants: Corey & Jocelyn Walker

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ The family of Mel Nafziger, Jim Grieser's sister, as Mel entered eternal life on Tuesday.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, 8 year old son of Eric & Anna, who is recovering from outpatient hip surgery.
- ◆ 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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