

January 7, 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 & Announcements

Prelude

“As the Deer”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalms 31:1-5 (p. 548)

†Hymn

#404, “The Solid Rock”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Prayer Hymn

#429, “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

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

(10:30) Reception of New Members

Opening Sentences and Scripture Reading

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed (*Red Hymnal, inside back cover*)

Vows of Membership

Congregational Response: ***As you join the membership of this congregation, we promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our Risen Lord. Welcome to our fellowship!***

Hymn Response – #287, “Our God Has Made Us One”

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Jesus Loves Me”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:17-30 (p. 985)

Sermon

“The Lord’s Supper”

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Invitation, Call to Confession and Words of Assurance

Words of Institution and Prayer

Sharing of the Elements and Communion Blessing

†Hymn

#372, “Living for Jesus”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#376, v. 1, “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 31:1-5 In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. ² Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. ³ Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. ⁴ Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.

Matthew 26:17-30 On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸ He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. ²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me." ²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³ Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." ²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you." ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Dawson Martz	(10:30) Jace Bernath
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	(1/14) Eric & Anna Yoder
8:00 Ushers	Jim Grieser	
10:30 Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Dale & Ann Grime	

SERMON OUTLINE: THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Feast of Unleavened Bread (26:17)

Commemoration of Deliverance

The Passover Lamb (Safety)

The Preparations (26:18-19)

The Meal (26:20-28)

Betrayal

The Bread – His body

The Cup – His blood

Covenant (26:28)

New Relationship

For Many

For the Forgiveness of Sins

Kingdom (26:29)

Praise (26:30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **2024 Annual Congregational Meeting** - The 2024 annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 21st. As in previous years, we will follow a modified schedule that morning, with Sunday school at 9:00AM, one service of worship at 10:00AM, and the meeting at 11:10AM. We will have a congregational meal in the Parish Hall following the meeting hosted by SYF. The meeting packet and Zoom login information will be available by January 14th.
- ◆ **Kajiado Children's Home 2024 Mission Trip** - The Mission Committee is working to send a team to Kajiado Children's Home in June of 2024. Potential dates are June 6 to 13; June 12 to 22 and June 21 to 30. Potential costs of the trip, all inclusive, would be about \$4,000. This estimate includes the international flight cost. Anyone with questions may contact Missy Warncke or Nancy Rupp, chair and vice-chair of the Mission Committee. Applications for the trip are due by February 16, 2024 and can be picked up in the church office.
- ◆ **Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Night** - We're less than a month away from a night of fun and fellowship at the Toledo Walleye! Before the 5:15PM game on February 4th, we will have the opportunity to hear from keynote speaker and former Major League pitcher, Ron Rightnowar, as well as select Walleye players about their experiences with their faith throughout their careers. Doors for the pre-game session open at 3:00PM and puck drops at 5:15PM. Please submit payment to the church office by January 28th (\$19 per ticket ordered). If you cannot drive yourself to the game, contact the office and we will help arrange carpooling!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ in this New Year, that we, too, may become love and peace for one another and the world. Through our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30AM)

- ◆ Peg Ehrman (202 LaChoy Drive)
- ◆ Beverly Freude (509 Buckeye Street)
- ◆ Ken & Cathy Laub (504 Murbach Street)
- ◆ Jim McCurdy (5362 Openlander Road, Sherwood) and Karleen Holland (920 Monterey Court)
- ◆ Connie Nicolen (24541 County Road L, Fayette)
- ◆ Paula Summa (500 Murbach Street)
- ◆ Steve and Debbi Russell (902 Walnut Street)

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:

Jan 7 Our Mighty God Is Faithful! -----Psalm 77
Jan 8 Rich and Poor ----- Luke 16:19-31
Jan 9 So Watch Yourselves! ----- Luke 17:1-10
Jan 10 "I Have Confidence In..." ----- Luke 17:11-19
Jan 11 Signs of the Times----- Luke 17:20-37
Jan 12 Always Pray, Never Give Up ----- Luke 18:1-8
Jan 13 The Upside-Down Kingdom ----- Luke 18:9-17

WEEK OF JAN. 7TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship & New Year's Sacrament of Communion (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship & New Year's Sacrament of Communion (Sanctuary & YouTube)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Martin's Lutheran Church (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/Life Planning (Chapel)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (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
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

MISSION-A-MONTH: CWS EMERGENCY CLEANUP KITS

For every \$75 collected this month, Church World Service will fill a five-gallon bucket with items like sponges, cleaning towels, dish soap, house cleaners, dust masks, work and dish gloves, trash bags, insect repellants, and more. To give to our Mission-A-Month, simply write "MAM" or "CWS Kits" on Line 11 of your offering envelope, or select "Church World Service" in the "Give to" drop-down menu through Breeze's online giving platform.

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...

- ◆ For the ten people who are joining the membership of SJCC today.
- ◆ Regina Beck, who is home and continues to recover from recent surgery.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from recent extensive leg surgery.
- ◆ Tom Short, recovering from recent surgery while awaiting further tests.
- ◆ Monte Woolace, who continues to go through treatment for cancer.
- ◆ For the Search Committee as they prepare to interview two candidates in the next few weeks.

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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