

January 14, 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

“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Joshua 24:14-15 (p. 231)

†Opening Hymn

#567, “Another Year Is Dawning”

†A Brief Service of Aspiration and Hope

#386, “In His Image” Litany

#387, v. 1-2, “O to Be Like Thee!”

#388, v. 1 & 3, “I Would Be Like Jesus”

#389, v. 1, 2 & 4, “More About Jesus”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Prayer Hymn

#425, v. 1, “In the Garden”

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

†Sermon Hymn

#371, “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-41 (p. 1001)

Sermon

“The Call to Serve”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“One More Song for You”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#349, “Trust and Obey”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#315, v. 1 & 4, “Let Your Heart Be Broken”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:14-15 "Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Mark 9:30-41 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." ³⁶ He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." ³⁸ "Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." ³⁹ "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward."

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Children's Message	(Both) Matt Hines	
Acolytes	(8:00) Maci Martz	(10:30) Ethan Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	(1/21) Brooke Hines & Emily Hines
8:00 Ushers	Jim Grieser	
10:30 Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Dale & Ann Grime	

SERMON OUTLINE: THE CALL TO SERVE

From Joshua 24:14-15, what would there be about serving the Lord that would make it undesirable?

Joshua openly professes his choice – and for the people of his family – to serve the Lord.

Ever wonder what it would be like to have private time with Jesus? To be in a small group he was teaching? What do you think that experience would be like?

Jesus told them what was going to happen to him, but they didn't understand and were afraid to ask him about it – what causes people to be afraid of Jesus?

Being last isn't the norm, neither is being a servant of all. Are you aware of other accounts where Jesus taught and modeled servanthood?

“Whoever is not against us is for us.” Is this really true?

Steps in developing a servant heart...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **2024 Annual Congregational Meeting** - The 2024 annual meeting is scheduled for next 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. Meeting packets and Zoom login information were emailed this week and printed copies of the meeting packet are available in the narthex.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Happy New Year GIF Gals! Welcome to 2024! We're excited to announce our gatherings are returning this month, with a slight change for the winter months. We will meet for lunch at 11:30AM in or close to Archbold over the next four months (exact dates to be posted in bulletins). This month, we'll meet at The Home Restaurant on January 25th. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. We hope many Gals will be able to join!
- ◆ **Tickets Ready! Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Night** - Tickets are ready for pickup in the church office! Please submit payment to the church office at the time of pickup (\$19 per ticket). Before the 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. The pre-game session begins at 3:00PM and the game begins at 5:15PM. There is also free open skate after the game (skate rental is available for \$5)! If you cannot drive yourself to the game, contact the office and we will help arrange carpooling. Details and parking information are enclosed in your ticket envelope.
- ◆ **Save the Date: Campus Ministry Presentation** - On February 11th during the Sunday school hour, three college campus presenters will be here to share an overview of college ministry opportunities. Any and all - especially parents and youth - are invited to attend! Light refreshments will be served.
- ◆ **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.

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" dropdown menu through Breeze's online giving platform.

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 14 Lessons From His Story ----- Psalm 78:1-39
Jan 15 Come, Follow Me ----- Luke 18:18-30
Jan 16 Open My Eyes ----- Luke 18:31-43
Jan 17 Look Who's Coming to Dinner ----- Luke 19:1-10
Jan 18 Surprise Ending ----- Luke 19:11-27
Jan 19 The Call to Friendship ----- Leviticus 1, 2
Jan 20 Lord, You Have My Kidneys! ----- Leviticus 3

WEEK OF JAN. 14TH 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)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)
Mon	6:00PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Peter Catholic Church (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)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Chapel)
Sun	9:00AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:10AM	Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary and Zoom)
	12:00PM	Congregational Meal (Parish Hall)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God, I pray for understanding of the scriptures I read. I pray for the Spirit to make clear to me what I don't understand. For my desire is to serve you, and as part of the church, may we serve in unity, through the instruction of your Word. In Christ I pray. Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Neil Miller, son of Dorothy, recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Jack Stover, hospitalized, waiting for transfer to Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ 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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