

January 21, 2023 | 10:00am

# ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**

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*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.*

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# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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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 today's 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](http://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

“Morning Has Broken”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 8:1-2 (p. 534)

†Opening Hymns

#588, “We Have Come into His House”  
#30, “How Majestic Is Your Name”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Special Music

Norm Fether

“I Can Only Imagine”

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

†Sermon Hymn

#579, “Jesus Loves Me”

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:42-50 (p. 1001)

Sermon

“Salty Servants”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“To God Be the Glory”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn

#44, “Children of the Heavenly Father”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#286, v. 1, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

†Postlude

*We will have a brief 10-minute break after worship to transition to the Congregational Meeting.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

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**Psalm 8:1-2** O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. <sup>2</sup> From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

**Mark 9:42-50** "And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. <sup>44</sup> <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>46</sup> <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where "'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'" <sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Accompanist        | Buffy Riley                         |                                      |
| Song Leader        | Andrew Rohrs                        |                                      |
| Worship Leader     | Brad Roth                           |                                      |
| Acolytes           | Claire Bowers                       |                                      |
| Easy Worship       | Tom Hines                           |                                      |
| Sound Tech         | James Grime                         |                                      |
| Live Stream        | Ryan Christman                      |                                      |
| Nursery Assistants | Brooke Hines & Emily Hines          | (1/28) Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge |
| Head Usher         | Greg Walker                         |                                      |
| Ushers             | Ben & Sue Buehrer, Dale & Ann Grime |                                      |

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Lord God, thank you for preserving my life for all eternity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. Thank you for flavoring my life through the teachings and grace of Jesus. I pray for the power and guidance of your Holy Spirit as I face temptations, for I don't want to sin, and regret when I do sin. Salt me with your mercy and strength, O God, as I confess my weakness and bent to sin, that I may be at peace with you and with all. Amen.

## SERMON OUTLINE: SALTY SERVANTS

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Figure of speech – hyperbole – specifically designed exaggeration for the purpose of emphasis. Jesus uses hyperbole in this passage to point to the need for drastic action.

Verse 9:42 – 1) could be referring to little children, or 2) could be referring to followers of Jesus, or 3) could be referring to the exorcist of verse 38 and the one giving water in verse 41.

Verses 9:43-47 – conquering sin by radical spiritual surgery



# Salvation

Hell – speaks of “gehenna” – a ravine outside Jerusalem used for all types of garbage and refuse. A place of fire and ugliness, where worms never died. Symbolically describing divine punishment.

In Isaiah 66:24 the prophet describes the punishment for those who rebel against the Lord – “And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”

Salt

- ◆ To preserve and flavor food
- ◆ Leviticus 2:13 – “Season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings; add salt to all your offerings.”
- ◆ Sacrificial salt as a symbol of the covenant relationship with God
- ◆ A Christian is to be a total sacrifice to God
- ◆ Purifying fire – Malachi 3:2-3 – “For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. <sup>3</sup> He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.”
- ◆ Purifying fire – 1 Peter 1:7 – “These have come so that your faith-- of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-- may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **2024 Annual Congregational Meeting** - The 2024 annual meeting will take place after today's service of worship. All are invited to a congregational meal in the Parish Hall, prepared and served by SYF, after the meeting.
- ◆ **Chancel Choir** - Chancel Choir will have a makeup rehearsal this upcoming Wednesday, January 24th at 7:30PM in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ **Adult Bell Choir** - If you are interested in playing with the bell choir or would like to see what it's about, please sign up on the bulletin board or email Buffy Riley at sjccmusicdirector@gmail.com.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - We are scheduled to meet at The Home Restaurant this Thursday, January 25th at 11:30AM. Please sign up by today. 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

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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.

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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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 21 Dummies' Guide to Grieving God ---- Psalm 78:40-72  
Jan 22 Pollution Alert ----- Leviticus 4:1 - 5:13  
Jan 23 Time to Put Things Right ----- Leviticus 5:14-6:23  
Jan 24 Approach with Awe ----- Leviticus 6:24-7:38  
Jan 25 Preparing the Priests ----- Leviticus 8  
Jan 26 The Point of It All ----- Leviticus 9  
Jan 27 Let God Be God ----- Leviticus 10

## WEEK OF JAN. 21ST AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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| 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)                    |
|     | 6:00PM  | Seekers (Kuntz's Home)                               |
| Mon | 7:00PM  | Consistory Orientation (Fireside Room)               |
| Tue | 9:15AM  | Bible Study (Fireside Room)                          |
|     | 5:00PM  | Community Meal - SJCC (Parish Hall)                  |
|     | 7:00PM  | Christian Education Committee (Fireside Room)        |
| Wed | 6:00PM  | LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room) |
|     | 7:00PM  | JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)                 |
|     | 7:30PM  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)                  |
| Thu | 6:00PM  | Search Committee (Fireside Room)                     |
|     | 6:00PM  | Girl Scouts (Chapel)                                 |
| Fri | 8:30AM  | Moms in Prayer (Chapel)                              |
| 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)                 |
|     | 11:30AM | Parish Hall Reserved                                 |
|     | 6:00PM  | Seekers (Kuntz's Home)                               |

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Teresita Tercina Gabuelo, mother, and Sharon Rose Ybanez, sister, of Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer. Teresita is 86, on oxygen and is hospitalized. Sharon is in isolation with Covid in Toronto and feeling quite weak.
- ◆ Neil Miller, son of Dorothy, recently diagnosed with cancer.
- ◆ Jack Stover, now in therapy at 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

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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!

## NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2024

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*(10:30) Ordination & Installation | Infant Dedication of Ryan William Walker*

Sermon: "The Right Response"

Scripture: Mark 12:13-17

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