

January 28, 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 our 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

“Let All Things Now Living”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 8:3-5 (p. 535)

†Hymn

#65, “The Wonder of It All”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Service of Child Dedication – Ryan William Walker

Opening Sentences and The Apostles’ Creed (*Inside back cover of Red Hymnal*)

Promises of the Parents and Congregational Pledge: ***You are dedicating your child, Ryan, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Ryan and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ’s way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God.***

Special Music – “The Blessing,” by Buffy Riley and Jocelyn Walker

Dedication and Prayer

Children’s Message

(10:30) Installation of 2024 Consistory and Officers

Opening Sentences

Vows and Promises

Congregation’s Pledge: ***I pledge myself to be used by God, as a part of this congregation, to be at work in our church, our community, and the world to reflect the love and grace of Jesus Christ. I will pray for these elders, deacons and deaconesses, and officers as they lead and oversee the ministry and work of St. John’s. I will strive to be faithful in cooperating with the Consistory in our efforts to glorify God. In faith I pledge. Amen.***

Ordination of New Elders and Deacons

Installation and Prayer

Prayer Hymn

#441, “Take Time to Be Holy”

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

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“Light of the World”

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:13-17 (p. 1004)

Sermon

“The Right Response”

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Depth of Mercy/Search Me, O God”

Second Offering

†Hymn

“Teach Me, O Lord” (Insert)

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#440, v. 1 & 2, “O for a Heart to Praise My God”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8:3-5 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Mark 12:13-17 Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. ¹⁴ They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay or shouldn't we?" But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶ They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. ¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Acolytes	(8:00) Maci Martz	(10:30) Klaire Kern
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	Ollie MacDonald	
Nursery Assistants	Raegan & Molly Rutledge	(2/4) Corey & Jocelyn Walker
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Dale & Ann Grime	

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

How thankful I am, O Lord, for the work of your fingers in not only creating the world, but for creating me and all your children. Your creative and redemptive work is certainly worthy of my praise and worship, Mighty God. When the Bible speaks of hypocrisy, I feel convicted because of my own false actions, when what I do doesn't line up with my faith. Forgive me, Lord, when I stumble, draw me to you in humility and renewed conviction. Guide me, and the family of St. John's to give to you what is yours – my life, my heart, my love. In Christ, amen.

SERMON OUTLINE: THE RIGHT RESPONSE

2 Timothy 4:2-4

² Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage -- with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Have I encountered such preaching or teaching? Hearing words that met my need in that moment, or that situation?

Mark 12:13-17

The Pharisees and the Herodians...

Their question...

Their intent...

The response of Jesus...

“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.”

Their result...

Application

What in our lives is God’s, and what are we challenged to give God?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Toledo Walleye Faith & Family Night** - The Walleye game is one week away! The pre-game faith session begins at 3:00PM and the game itself begins at 5:15PM. If you cannot drive yourself to the game, contact the office and we will help arrange carpooling. Details and parking information were enclosed in your ticket envelope but please be sure to let Jocelyn know if you need a new copy. See you at the game!
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Emergency Blood Shortage** - The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. Your blood donation is needed to help alleviate the shortage and ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not delayed. St John's will be sponsoring the Tuesday March 5th Blood Drive at Ruibley Park. Keep watching on how you can help by donating blood, volunteering and providing food.
- ◆ **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 Nancy Rupp, chair of the Mission Committee. Applications for the trip are due by February 16th and can be picked up in the church office.
- ◆ **Shalom Counseling and Mediation** - Shalom is seeking individuals interested in working with parents and children in both our Supervised Visitation program, and our Parent Education program. Part-time and full-time positions. Training provided. If interested, please call or email Kerry Beck: kbeck@shalomworks.org, (419) 445-1552.

MISSION-A-MONTH: CWS EMERGENCY CLEANUP KITS

It's the last Sunday of the month! For every \$75 we've collected, 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 repellents, and more to help families after natural disasters strike. 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

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 28 Praise After the Pain----- Psalm 79
Jan 29 Clean You Plate! ----- Leviticus 11
Jan 30 From Death to Life ----- Leviticus 12
Jan 31 Sore Losers? ----- Leviticus 13
Feb 1 Radical Remedies-----Leviticus 14
Feb 2 Mind the Gap! -----Leviticus 15
Feb 3 For All, Our Thanks -----1 Thessalonians 1

WEEK OF JAN. 28TH 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)
	11:30AM	Parish Hall Reserved
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)
Mon	6:30PM	Consistory Potluck (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Chapel)
	8:15PM	Spiritual Council (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Parish Hall)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
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)
	3:00PM	Faith & Family Worship Event @ Toledo Walleye
	5:15PM	Toledo Walleye Game

IMAGINE YOUR FAITH BUILDING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Building Project Finances

Initiated in April, 2014

Approved Building Project Budget		\$	2,224,000
Building Fund Balance (12/31/23)	\$	1,244,921	
Balance of Project Cost Remaining		\$	979,079
Buehrer Estate Legacy Fund Balance (12/31/23)	\$	826,995	
Balance of Project Cost Remaining		\$	152,084
Legacy Fund Balance (12/31/23)	\$	104,658	
Balance of Project Cost Remaining		\$	47,426
Building Fund Balance on Balance Sheet	\$	58,009	
Balance of Project Cost Remaining		\$	(10,583)

These numbers reflect the reality that we have enough funds on hand to cover the entire cost of the project budget. This is a blessing to celebrate! Past generations and the present generation have and are faithful.

The goal is to not fully deplete the existing funds of the Buehrer Estate Legacy Fund and/or the Legacy Fund, as well as to continue to increase the amount of capital campaign funds raised towards the cost of the full building project, budgeted to be \$4.5 Million in 2014.

We continue to ask for the prayerful discernment of the congregation in the stewardship support towards this initial phase of the building project.

Teach Me, O Lord

FAITH

PSALM 119: 33-40

Psalter

BISHOP L. M.

JOSEPH P. HOLBROOK



1. Teach me, O Lord, Thy way of truth, And from it
 2. In Thy com - mand - ments make me walk, For in Thy
 3. Turn Thou my eyes from van - i - ty, And cause me
 4. Turn Thou a - way re - proach and fear, Thy right - eous



I will not de - part; That I may stead - fast -
 law my joy shall be; Give me a heart that
 in Thy ways to tread; O let Thy serv - ant
 judg - ments I con - fess; To know Thy pre - cepts



ly o - bey, Give me an un - - der - stand - ing heart.
 loves Thy will, From dis - con - tent and en - vy free.
 prove Thy Word, And thus to god - ly fear be led.
 I de - sire, Re - vive me in Thy right - eous - ness.

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PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, as her mother, Teresita Tercina Gabuelo, passed away on January 24th at the age of 86, in the Philippines.
- ◆ Sharon Rose Ybanez, sister of Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, in isolation with Covid in Toronto and feeling quite weak.
- ◆ Marshall Clemenson, brother of Sue Ruffer, who is at the Defiance In-Patient Hospice Center due to liver cancer.
- ◆ Regina Beck, as the tumor removed has been determined to be malignant, so she's going through appointments to determine treatment.
- ◆ 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

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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