

February 4, 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

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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 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](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

(8:00) Prelude

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy (We Bow Before Thee)”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 9:7-10 (p. 535)

†(8:00) Opening Hymns

#267, “Come, Thou Almighty King”

#517, “I’d Rather Have Jesus”

†(10:30) Opening Praise Songs

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

Praise Medley

†Passing the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Junior Choir

“No Mountain High Enough”

Children’s Message

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

†Sermon Hymn

#42, “Seek Ye First”

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:41-44 (p. 1005)

Sermon

“Real Giving”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Holy is the Lord”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#366, v. 1-3, “I Surrender All”

†(10:30) Closing Praise Song

“Surrender”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#366, v. 4, “I Surrender All”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“We Are an Offering”

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READING

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**Psalm 9:7-10** The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment. <sup>8</sup> He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. <sup>10</sup> Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

**Mark 12:41-44** Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. <sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything-- all she had to live on."

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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*As you pray, keep the words of Psalm 59:16 in mind: "But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble."*

Yes, Lord, you are indeed as David describes – you are strength, you are love, you are fortress, you are refuge. I pray for the mission and ministry of St. John's, that our leaders, committees, teachers, pastor and congregation will remain open to your leading, your inspiration, your will for us. I pray for trust and assurance in my own stewardship of the blessings you shower upon me. May I offer my everything for your glory and your kingdom. Amen.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song & Worship Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Luci Meyer	(10:30) Tucker Johnston
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) Corey & Jocelyn Walker	(2/11) Eric & Anna Yoder
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Keith & Kelli Kuntz, Bill & Kathy Bostelman	

# SERMON OUTLINE: REAL GIVING

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## Setting the scene...

- ◆ Mark 12:27 – “They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts...”
- ◆ The temple, known as Herod’s temple
  - ◆ The Women’s Court – by the Gate Beautiful – both women and men used the court, but women could not go beyond the court
  - ◆ 13 collecting boxes, in the shape of trumpets – gifts for the temple, for sacrifices
- ◆ Jesus might have been sitting by the Gate Beautiful, relaxing a bit from the tense interactions with the Pharisees, Sadducees and teachers of the law
- ◆ Observing the people in the temple courts, Jesus saw the widow drop in her offering, and wanted his disciples to learn from this experience
- ◆ The final incident of Jesus’ public ministry

## The offering...

- ◆ Two very small copper coins – Greek “two lepta”; smallest of coins, 1/16<sup>th</sup> of a penny
- ◆ The widow threw in everything she had

## Points...

- ◆ The widow could have kept one of the two coins, but she didn’t, she gave all
- ◆ Others gave more, giving what they could easily spare, and still have plenty left
- ◆ The amount of the gift does not matter, but the cost of the gift to the giver matters
- ◆ The focus was not on the amount of the gift, but the spirit in which she gave

## Further Points...

- ◆ Are we willing to do without our pleasures?
- ◆ Should gifts need to be coerced?
- ◆ Do we give to get something in return...an incentive to give?

## Still Further Points...

- ◆ As Jesus knew the widow and her life situation, so he knows ours
- ◆ Real giving is sacrificial – Jesus gave everything on the cross
- ◆ “Giving which is real giving has a certain recklessness in it.” William Barclay

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Campus Ministry Presentation** - Next Sunday, February 11th during the Sunday school hour, four of our campus-based mission partners, Matt Pardi with Reliant & H2O at BGSU; Jenni McMahan with CRU at BGSU; Hannah Lammers with CRU at NSCC & Defiance College; and Kyle Chase with Reliant at University of Michigan, 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.
- ◆ **SYF Super Bowl Sub Sale** - SYF will have Super Bowl sub sandwiches available for pickup in the gym after 8:00AM worship, Sunday school, and 10:30AM worship next Sunday, February 11th for a free will donation (proceeds to go to the SYF fund for an upcoming mission trip). Options include Italian, turkey, ham, and chicken salad with chips and a cookie. There is no order form this year - simply stop into the gym and SYF will serve until subs are gone!
- ◆ **Easter Flowers** - The 2024 Easter Flower order form is posted on the office bulletin board. Flowers selections include a variety of colors of daffodils, lilies, hyacinths, tulips, and mums, and are \$12.00 each. Orders are due by Sunday, March 3rd. Contact Jocelyn if you have any questions or special requests.
- ◆ **Deadline Approaching: 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 21st to 30th. 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.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The Gals are scheduled to have lunch at The Barn Restaurant on February 22nd at 11:30AM. Please sign up on the bulletin board by February 18th.
- ◆ **Emergency Blood Shortage** - Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Blood can not be manufactured. It can only be donated. Keep watching on how you can contribute to March 5th Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by St. John Christian Church.
- ◆ **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: ARCHBOLD FISH PANTRY

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This month, you can help support the mission of the Archbold FISH pantry with donated goods or financial contributions (indicate on Line 6 of your offering envelopes). Donated items can be placed in the white mission box in the chapel narthex. Monetary donations allow the pantry to purchase needed items in bulk. Thank you for your support in offering help and hope to those in need!

## 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:

Feb 4 Are You Sleeping, God? -----Psalm 80  
Feb 5 A Sea of Troubles ----- 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Feb 6 Slings and Arrows ----- 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20  
Feb 7 Little Fears Grow Great ----- 1 Thessalonians 3  
Feb 8 Do As You Please? ----- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12  
Feb 9 To Die, To Sleep ----- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Feb 10 Day and Night ----- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

## WEEK OF FEB. 4TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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
Mon	10:00AM	Building Committee - Interior Design Team (Sanctuary)
	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Chapel Reserved
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. John Lutheran Church (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Mission 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)
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	Campus Ministry Presentation (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's Home)

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Taylor Pitts, granddaughter of Nan Neill, who completed her service with the United States Air Force and is now completing her bachelor's degree at Wright State University in Dayton. Praise God and thank you for your service, Taylor!
- ◆ Curt and Kay Stamm, as Curt's brother, Terry, suddenly passed away on 1/24. A family service will be held on 2/10.
- ◆ Sue Ruffer, whose brother, Marshall Clemenson, passed away on 1/28; with services being held on 2/17 at Fayette Christian Church.
- ◆ Sharon Rose Ybanez, sister, of Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer in isolation with Covid in Toronto and feeling quite weak.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from recent extensive leg surgery.
- ◆ Tom Short, recovering from recent surgery while awaiting further tests.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace, and family members as they are dealing with several health issues.
- ◆ For the Search Committee as they interviewed two candidates yesterday.

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)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ 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!

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