

February 11, 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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 50:4-5 (p. 728)

Prelude

“Lord, I Want To Be A Christian”

†Opening Hymns of Praise

#271, “Standing on the Promises”
#430, “I Must Tell Jesus”

†Unison Prayer of Worship – **O Great and Glorious Lord, we have come to worship you in praise and thanksgiving. You bless us with strength and guidance in leading us through trials and times of distress. We pray our congregational worship brings you honor and glory as we offer our hearts, words, and lives for you. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

†Hymn Response

#74, “Majesty”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

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

†Sermon Hymn

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” (Screen)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:10-20 (p. 971)

Sermon

“Overcoming Dullness”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#439, “Cleanse Me”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#610, “Go Now and Live for the Savior”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-5 The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. ⁵ The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.

Matthew 15:10-20 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. ¹¹ What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean,' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'" ¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" ¹³ He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴ Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ Peter said, "Explain the parable to us." ¹⁶ "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. ¹⁷ "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?" ¹⁸ But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰ These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.'"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

It is a daily reality, Lord. The certainty of being confronted with the temptation to sin. Help me keep my mind sharp, ready to make use of the sword of faith – your Word, O Lord – to battle against any enticement to sin. Remove any fogginess of doubt and despair. Lord Jesus, may your way, truth and life keep me walking in step with you, that my life, and the life of us all, will sow seeds of faith in the people I meet this week. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Claire Bowers
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker	(2/18) Brooke Hines & Emily Hines
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Steve Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Keith & Kelli Kuntz, Bill & Kathy Bostelman	

SERMON OUTLINE: OVERCOMING DULLNESS

Verse 10 – “Jesus called the crowd to him...” – moving past the Pharisees and teachers of the law

Verse 10 – “Listen and understand...” – two steps to knowledge

Verse 11 – speaking to ceremonial cleanliness regarding OT food laws – see Acts 10:9-15

Verse 13 – “Every plant my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.”

Verse 14 – “blind guides” – a Trust Walk experience

Verse 15 – “Explain the parable...” – referring to verses 12-14, though not really a parable

Verse 16 “Are you still so dull?” – still, so, dull

Verses 17-20 – Condition of the heart – clean/unclean

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **SYF Super Bowl Sub Sale** - SYF will have Super Bowl sub sandwiches available for pickup in the gym after both services of worship and Sunday school today 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!
- ◆ **Ash Wednesday Service & Wednesday Evening Programs** - Ash Wednesday is this upcoming Wednesday, February 14th. We will hold a service of worship at 7:00PM in the sanctuary. Due to the service, there will be no LOGOS, Confirmation/JYF, SYF/Life Planning that evening, although children and youth are encouraged to attend Ash Wednesday service with their families and peers.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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** - Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U. S. Red blood cells must be used within 42 days (or less) after donation. Please consider donating Blood on March 5th. See bulletin board for details on how to donate.

MISSION-A-MONTH: ARCHBOLD FISH PANTRY

It is the goal of the Archbold FISH Food Pantry to assist low-income families on a short-term basis, particularly those in a crisis situation, and to share God's grace. All of the households served have an Archbold mailing address, live in the Archbold school district, or attend a church which supports the Archbold FISH Pantry. FISH Pantry also help families with rent, utility payments, or prescriptions. They are completely reliant on the donations from generous people in our community and churches.

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

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 11 Joy in the Lord -----Psalm 81
Feb 12 In Good Faith ----- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Feb 13 According to Their Deserts ----- 2 Thessalonians 1
Feb 14 Breath of Life ----- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Feb 15 With All My Heart ----- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:3
Feb 16 Actions Fair And Good ----- 2 Thessalonians 3:4-18
Feb 17 Forgotten God? ----- Hosea 1:1-2:13

WEEK OF FEB. 11TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
Mon	3:30PM	VBS Planning Meeting (Counting Room)
	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Rotary & Four County CC (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	4:30PM	Search Committee (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	8:30AM	Building Committee (Chapel)
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PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben recovers from neck surgery, replacing his C5 vertebrae. It will take time for the inflammation to recede and then there will be months of therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is working through several medical consultations.
- ◆ Helen Grandey, grandmother of Keira Christman, who has entered hospice care.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who continues to heal from the surgery on her left leg and awaits the same procedure on her right leg, once the left is fully healed.
- ◆ Regina Beck, who had a medical consultation at the Cleveland Clinic on Friday.
- ◆ Neil Miller, son of Dorothy, who continues having tests in preparation for treatment of the cancer.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace, and family members, as they are dealing with several health issues.
- ◆ For the Search Committee as they prepare for a second interview on Thursday.

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

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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