

February 25, 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

Psalm 22:23-31 (p. 543)

Prelude

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies”

†Opening Hymns

#2, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
#6, “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

†Unison Prayer of Worship – **O Lord God, you call us to reflection and to action. You bid us to be silent before you and to offer words of praise. You enable us to use our solitude well, and you encourage us to be in communion with all humanity. Help us to be faithful. Help us throughout the Lenten season to attune our wills to yours. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who invited us to share his own prayer, saying together, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

†The Gloria Patri (#623)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Pastoral Prayer

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“Step into the Water”

Children’s Message

†Sermon Hymn

#449, “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?”

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:31-38 (p. 999)

Sermon

“It’s a Plain Message”

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Savior, Like a Shepherd/He Leadeth Me”

Second Offering

†Closing Hymn

#367, “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#369, v. 3, “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:23-31 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. ²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows. ²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise him-- may your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him -- those who cannot keep themselves alive. ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn -- for he has done it.

Mark 8:31-38 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? ³⁷ Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Klaire Kern
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) Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge	
	<i>(3/3) Corey & Jocelyn Walker</i>	
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Keith & Kelli Kuntz, Bill & Kathy Bostelman	

SERMON OUTLINE: IT'S A PLAIN MESSAGE

Jesus is preparing his disciples for when he would no longer physically be with them.

Mark 8:29-30 – ““Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.”³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.”

Mark 8:31 – “He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.”

The things of God vs the things of this world

Mark 8:32-33 – “He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.””

Why did Jesus turn and look at his disciples?

What does Satan have to do with this?

A teaching for all

Mark 8:34a – “Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said...”

Mark 8:34b: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Two actions: deny self – take up a cross...

Mark 8:35-38 – “For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.³⁶ What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?³⁷ Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.”

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2024

Scriptures: John 2:12-25

Sermon: “Jesus Knows”

(10:30) Praise Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored by SJCC** - St. John's is sponsoring the upcoming Blood Drive at Ruihley Park on March 5th, which will run from 11:00AM to 5:00PM. We are still in need of volunteers to make our sponsorship possible. There is a sign up sheet under the "volunteer" section of the bulletin board for cookies, food servers, and check-in/reception. Your help is greatly appreciated! Finally, please consider making an appointment to donate blood that day by calling 1-800-733-2767 or going online to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: RUIHLEYPARK.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat** - Spend a weekend growing in your walk with Jesus alongside friends and worshiping with other women from throughout the Midwest! The retreat will take place at Miracle Camp the weekend of April 12th-14th. Register online at www.miraclecamp.com/womensretreat/. Questions? Contact Carrie Wooley at cwpink@hotmail.com.
- ◆ **Easter Flowers** - Orders are due to the church office or on the bulletin board by next Sunday, March 3rd. Flowers are \$12.00 each and can be paid to the church office via cash or check with a memo line "Easter Flowers."
- ◆ **2024 VBS** - Get ready to dive into friendship with God at Scuba VBS! Kids will dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. VBS is scheduled for June 2nd - 6th and is designed for children in Pre-K (must be 4-years-old) through sixth grade. Get registered today at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs or by scanning the QR code at the VBS board across from the Preschool Room! We are also in need of volunteers to make the week possible. We're looking for grade leaders, snack room volunteers, preschool assistants, and more. If volunteering isn't your calling, be on the lookout for how you can donate supplies in the coming weeks!
- ◆ **Save the Date for the Mud Hens!** - Start your summer planning by adding the Toledo Mud Hens to your calendar on June 30th! The church has 60 tickets on reserve for the Sunday afternoon game. Contact the church office if you'd like to request tickets for your household. More details will be coming soon.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, each new day is a new opportunity and a new challenge to realize the blessing of your Spirit's guidance and provision in our lives. I am amazed and so grateful for the mercies you show me, and my worship of you, Lord, is filled with joy and praise. I pray for the search process and the building project, two key aspects of our ministry right now. May your will be accomplished in me, and in St. John's. For your glory I pray. Amen.

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 25 God, Most High ----- Psalm 83
Feb 26 Beloved Child ----- Hosea 11:1-11
Feb 27 Look Back and Learn ----- Hosea 11:12-12:14
Feb 28 I Am the Lord Your God... ----- Hosea 13
Feb 29 Come Home... ----- Hosea 14
Mar 1 The Narrow-Minded Prophet ----- Jonah 1:1-16
Mar 2 A Time to Rethink ----- Jonah 1:17- 2:10

WEEK OF FEB. 25TH 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 Small Group (Kuntz's Home)
Mon	10:30AM	Interior Design Committee (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Christian Education Committee (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Church Safety & Security Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Evening Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
Thu	6:00PM	Worship Tech Meeting (Sanctuary Balcony)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Chapel)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
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)
	11:45AM	Consistory (Fireside Room)

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Connie Bostelman, who fell at home and is now dealing with shoulder and ankle issues.
- ◆ Maxine Martin, who is in Rupp Rehab after breaking her ankle.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben is in therapy at Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital in Toledo. Daily improvement continues.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart's biopsy revealed the cancer is in the small bowel and liver. They are working through appointments and seeking treatment options.
- ◆ Regina Beck, as chemo was delayed due to an emergency surgery on Tuesday morning.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.

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!

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, Ohio 43502
419-446-2545 † www.stjohnsarchbold.org

Pastor - Rev. Erich Christman (Cell: 419-551-0401)

Administrative Assistant - Jocelyn Walker (office@stjohnsarchbold.org)