

March 10, 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

“This Is The Day”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 107:1-3 (pg. 600)

†Hymns of Praise

#51, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

#198, “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (Red Hymnal, Inside Back Cover)

†The Gloria Patri (#623)

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

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

†Sermon Hymn

“Into My Heart” (Insert, pg. 9)

Scripture Reading

John 3:14-21 (pg. 1051)

Sermon

“Living in the Light”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“El Shaddai”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

“The Light of the World is Jesus” (Insert, pg. 10)

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#410, v. 1, “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 107:1-3 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ² Let the redeemed of the Lord say this -- those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, ³ those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

John 3:14-21 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I know you to be the Son of God, the Light of the World, my Lord, my Savior, my Messiah! I pray for your gospel to illuminate my heart, giving me self-awareness of my own sin, and with such awareness, I bow before you, asking for your forgiveness, and thanking for your wonderful grace. Unite us as a congregation as bearers of your light to the world, serving you in the area, the nation and the world. Amen

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Children's Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Acolytes	(8:00) Camryn Stuckey	(10:30) Tucker Johnston
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker	
	(3/17) Brooke Hines & Emily Hines	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Bruce & Carrie Wooley, Avery Roth, Evy Roth	

SERMON NOTES: LIVING IN THE LIGHT

Nicodemus

- ◆ John 3 – the conversation with Jesus
- ◆ John 7:50-51 – speaks out to the chief priests and Pharisees
- ◆ John 19:38-39 – assists Joseph of Arimathea with the burial of Jesus

Numbers 21:4-9

- ◆ The Israelites spoke against God and against Moses
- ◆ The Lord sent venomous snakes among them
- ◆ The Israelites confessed their sin
- ◆ Moses made a bronze snake and put it on a pole
- ◆ Anyone bitten by a snake, could look at the pole and live

Son of Man

- ◆ Must be lifted up
- ◆ All who believe in him will live
- ◆ Eternal life

Court Room Language – condemned, verdict, set free or condemned

Light and Darkness

- ◆ Light came into the world
- ◆ Men loved darkness
- ◆ Deeds were evil
- ◆ Evil doers hate the light, fear deeds being exposed
- ◆ People of truth come into the light – pointing to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Church Safety & Security Committee** - The Church Safety & Security Committee sent out a First Aid/CPR survey to a handful of leaders and volunteers within the congregation this past week. If you received the survey via email and have not yet filled it out, we kindly ask that you take two minutes to complete it so that the committee can assess the need for further training. Thank you to the many who already responded!
- ◆ **Spring Break Schedule for Wednesday Evening** - Wednesday evening children and youth programs are canceled for this week (3/13) with the exception of Life Planning due to Archbold's spring break. Life Planning will hold trivia night in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:00PM.
- ◆ **Baseball Faith & Family Night with the Mud Hens** - Join us on Sunday, June 30th for Faith & Family Night with the Toledo Mud Hens! There will be events for all ages before and after the 4:05PM game. Our group tickets gain admission to a faith-based event in the ballpark prior to the game. Additionally, there will be an inflatable park in Hensville before the game and a base run for the kids after the game is over. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Jocelyn in the church office by March 31st if you'd like tickets reserved for your household!
- ◆ **Women's Retreat** - Spend a weekend growing in your walk with Jesus alongside friends and worshipping 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.
- ◆ **Man Camp** - There's still time to sign up for the manliest weekend of the year! Man Camp will run from March 15th-17th at Miracle Camp, departing from the church by 4:00PM on Friday and returning around 2:00PM on Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Any and all men in the congregation are invited to attend! Contact Bruce Wooley at wool5bw@gmail.com with questions.
- ◆ **LOGOS Bell/Chimes Rescheduled** - Due to Archbold's Spring Break, LOGOS Bells/Chimes choir performance has been rescheduled to Palm Sunday, March 24th during our 10:30AM service of worship.
- ◆ **Grocery Bag Recycling** - Grocery bag collection for Fairlawn's "Making Mats" program is currently closed, therefore the church has stopped collecting recycled grocery bags. If the program resumes, we will make an announcement. The drawers in the Donation Center will now be used to collect new/used Christian literature and resources for Mission Cry.
- ◆ **Men's Event & Dinner** - Pettisville Man Cave Ministries is hosting a men's event and dinner with former Harlem Globetrotter and motivational speaker, Melvin Adams, on Sunday, April 7th at 6:00PM. The free event will be held at Pettisville Missionary church. For tickets, visit <https://givebutter.com/r2xQvd>.

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:

Mar 10 God's Promise of Restoration ----- Psalm 85
Mar 11 New Humanity ----- Titus 3
Mar 12 The King on a Colt ----- Luke 19:28-44
Mar 13 Right Question, Wrong Motive ----- Luke 19:45-20:8
Mar 14 An Invitation to Repentance ----- Luke 20:9-19
Mar 15 to Give Him His Due ----- Luke 20:20-26
Mar 16 What Happens When We Die? ----- Luke 20:27-44

WEEK OF MAR. 10TH 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 (Kuntz's Home)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Lockport Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Sanctuary)
Wed	7:00PM	Life Planning (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Evening Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	4:00PM	Man Camp Departure
Sun	8:00AM	Man Camp Return
	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)
	2:00PM	Man Camp Return
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel - Women's SS Class

CONGREGATIONAL THANK YOU - BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and to those who brought cake, cookies, or drinks for the Blood Drive this past Tuesday. The Red Cross had hoped for at least 60 units of blood for this drive and they collected 68 units with over 70 people turning out to donate. Blood can not be manufactured. It can only be donated. Thanks for the great effort! It was a success.

March Mission-a-Month: The Friendship House



The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two-story home located near downtown Archbold is designed to provide shelter for one or two individual or family units at a time until they are able to become self-sufficient. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board.

This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life. You can give to the Friendship House by marking Line 8 of your offering envelope or by selecting “Friendship House” in the “Give to” drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.

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!

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2024

Scriptures: Psalm 119:1-8, John 12:20-36

Sermon: "True Reality"

(10:30) Praise Team & Special Music by Anna Yoder

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Into My Heart

Harry D. Clarke

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In - to my heart, In - to my heart, Come in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus;

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written on the top staff, and the accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Come in to - day, Come in to stay, Come in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The second system of musical notation also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first system. The melody continues on the top staff, and the accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

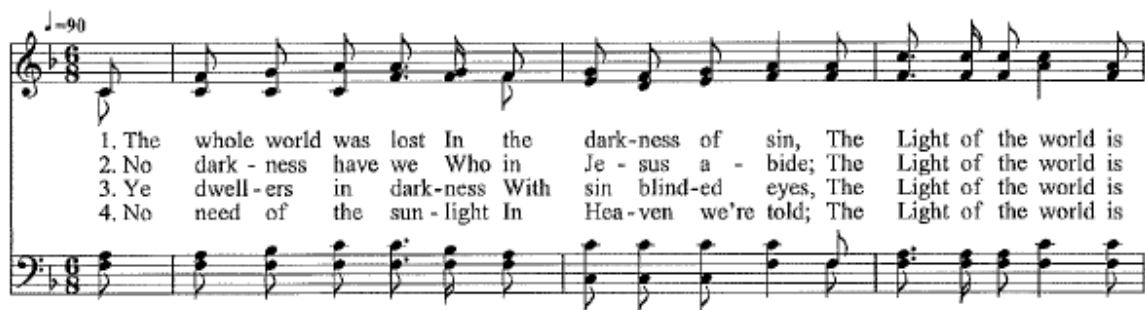
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The Light of the World Is Jesus

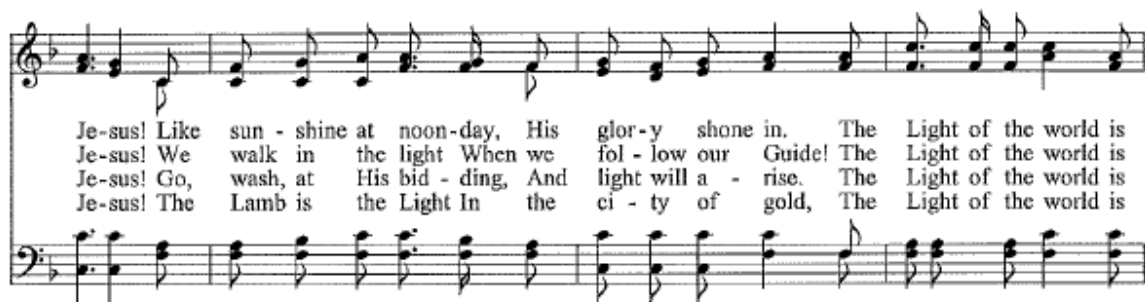
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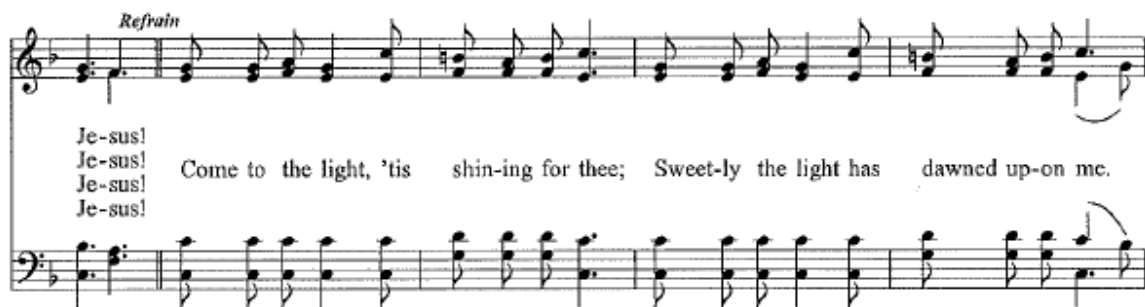


1. The whole world was lost In the dark-ness of sin, The Light of the world is
2. No dark-ness have we Who in Je-sus a-bide; The Light of the world is
3. Ye dwell-ers in dark-ness With sin blind-ed eyes, The Light of the world is
4. No need of the sun-light In Hea-ven we're told; The Light of the world is

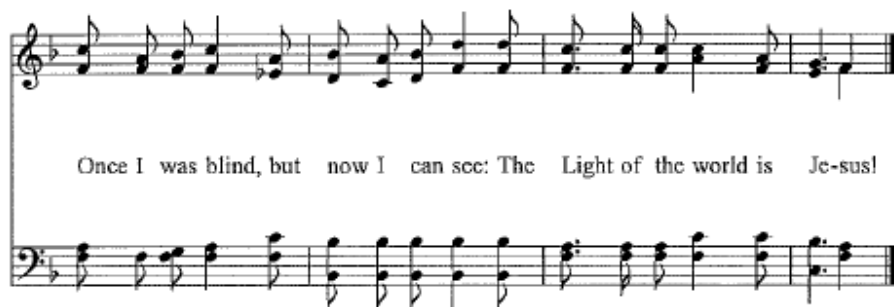


Je-sus! Like sun-shine at noon-day, His glor-y shone in. The Light of the world is
Je-sus! We walk in the light When we fol-low our Guide! The Light of the world is
Je-sus! Go, wash, at His bid-ding, And light will a-rise. The Light of the world is
Je-sus! The Lamb is the Light In the ci-t-y of gold, The Light of the world is

Refrain

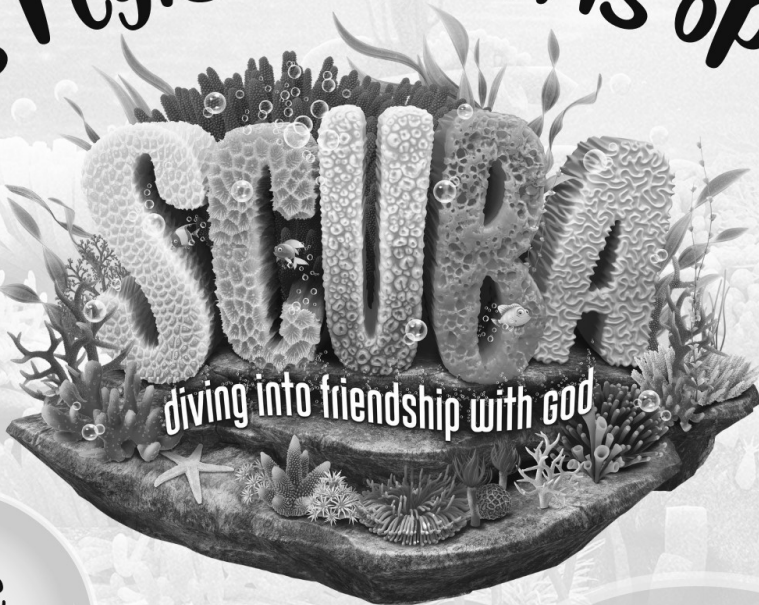


Je-sus!
Je-sus! Come to the light, 'tis shin-ing for thee; Sweet-ly the light has dawned up-on me.
Je-sus!
Je-sus!



Once I was blind, but now I can see: The Light of the world is Je-sus!

VBS registration is open!



June
2nd - 6th

Volunteers Needed!
Sign up at the VBS
bulletin board
across from the
Preschool Room.

All children in Pre-K (must
be 4-years-old) through
sixth grade are invited to
attend our fin-tastic week
of VBS! Register at
www.stjohnsarchbold.org

Scan to register



PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Debbi Russell, on the passing of her mother, Shirley Perry, age 91, who entered eternal life on March 3rd.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues in therapy at Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital in Toledo, and continues to make good progress each day. There's a possibility he has returned home by this morning, otherwise, it could be next weekend.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart had his first chemo treatment on March 4th, with the next chemo on March 18th.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she is scheduled for surgery on her right leg on March 19th.
- ◆ Regina Beck, as she continues in rehab at the Rehabilitation Hospital of NW Ohio in Toledo.
- ◆ Neil Miller, son of Dorothy, as he recovers from surgery on his leg due to the cancer. We can be praying for a miracle of the Lord's healing as the cancer is at stage 4.
- ◆ Connie Bostelman, recovering well at home from a recent fall.
- ◆ Maxine Martin, who is in Rupp Rehab after breaking her ankle.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace, and family members, as they are dealing with several health issues.
- ◆ For the Consistory as they continue to discuss and discern the recommendation of the Search Committee, seeking some further information in a couple of areas.
- ◆ The Islands – Tom & Megan – asking for people to pray for their month of fasting and prayer, beginning on March 11th, strategically praying for a disciple making movement. Visit <https://theislands.pray4movement.org/>.

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)

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