

March 17, 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

(8:00) Prelude

“Holy is the Lord” Medley

(10:30) Call to Worship

“God of Glory”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 119:1-8 (p. 607)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#85, “Glorious is Thy Name”

#224, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“There is Power in the Blood”

“Victory in Jesus”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

Anna Yoder

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Scripture Reading

John 12:20-36 (p. 1065)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#29, “Glorify Thy Name”

†(10:30) Sermon Hymn

“The Cross Has the Final Word”

Sermon

“True Reality”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Lord, I Need You”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#304, “Lift High the Cross”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Stir Up a Hunger”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#376, vs. 1-2, “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:1-8 Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. ² Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. ³ They do nothing wrong; they walk in his ways. ⁴ You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. ⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! ⁶ Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. ⁸ I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

John 12:20-36 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ²⁷ "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?" ³⁵ Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. ³⁶ Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for not hiding yourself from us. We are grateful that you are the light of the world, shining brightly in our lives. Forgive us for when we have tried to hide from you, thinking our sins are hidden and unknown. Through your Spirit, guide us to walk the path of righteousness that we would live according to your law. We pray for the Spiritual Council and Consistory as they meet on Monday. We thank you for our leaders, and we pray for their knowledge and wisdom. In Christ, Amen.

SERMON NOTES: TRUE REALITY

The Hour Has Come – Jesus Predicts His Death

Curiosity is a good response...

People were talking about Jesus – the Greeks had heard the news about him

Isaiah 56:7 “for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

The end is now at hand

John 2:4 “My time has not yet come.”

John 7:6 Therefore Jesus told them, “The right time for me has not yet come””

John 7:30 “because his time had not yet come.”

John 8:20 “Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come.”

John 12:23 “The hour has come.” (The final sacrifice)

For your benefit

Glorifying the name of the Father

Confusion

Judgment

The prince of this world – driven out

Lifted up on the cross – all men, all people – drawn to him

Light – darkness – trust in the light – now

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2024 - PALM SUNDAY

Scriptures: Psalm 118:19-29, Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: “The Final Week Begins”

(10:30) Children’s Palm Processional; LOGOS Hand Bells & Chimes; Chancel Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Baseball Faith & Family Night with the Mud Hens** - We are extending the ticket deadline for the Mud Hens game sign up to May 5th! 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. There's a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Be the Light Women's Retreat** - Organized by West Clinton Mennonite Church to be held at King's Corner Garage. Sarah Short will be the speaker. Registration is open now and the cost is \$20 which includes lunch. Ladies can register online by going to www.westclinton.org and clicking on the registration link, or by calling the church office at 419-445-1195.
- ◆ **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>.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Acolytes	(8:00) Luci Meyer	(10:30) Ethan Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Brooke Hines & Emily Hines (3/24) Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Carrie Wooley, Aimee Roth, Avery Roth, Evy Roth	

**March Mission-a-Month:
The Friendship House**



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 17 Walking In God's Way ----- Psalm 86
Mar 18 Giving Him Our All ----- Luke 20:45-21:4
Mar 19 Killed...But Not Harmed ----- Luke 21:5-24
Mar 20 Standing Tall to the End ----- Luke 21:25-38
Mar 21 Just As Jesus Had Told Them ----- Luke 22:1-13
Mar 22 Out with the Old... ----- Luke 22:14-23
Mar 23 A Kingdom of Servants ----- Luke 22:24-38

WEEK OF MAR. 17TH 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)
	12:30PM	Kitchen Reserved - Women's SS Class
	2:00PM	Man Camp Return
Mon	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel - Women's SS Class
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
Tue	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - St. Peter's Catholic Church (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Evening Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
Thu	8:00PM	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Palm Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Palm Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben returned home on the 13th, with further therapy to come.
- ◆ The family of Neil Miller, son of Dorothy, who entered eternal life on March 12th. His service was held at Eagle-Marry Funeral Home in Fayette yesterday afternoon.
- ◆ Kali Collins, granddaughter of Nan Neill, who has chosen to return to active service with the United States Air Force in Destin, Florida.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart has his second chemo treatment tomorrow.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she is scheduled for surgery on her right leg on March 19th.
- ◆ Regina Beck, who continues in rehab at the Rehabilitation Hospital of NW Ohio in Toledo.
- ◆ 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 health issues.
- ◆ For the Spiritual Council and Consistory as they meet tomorrow evening.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ 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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