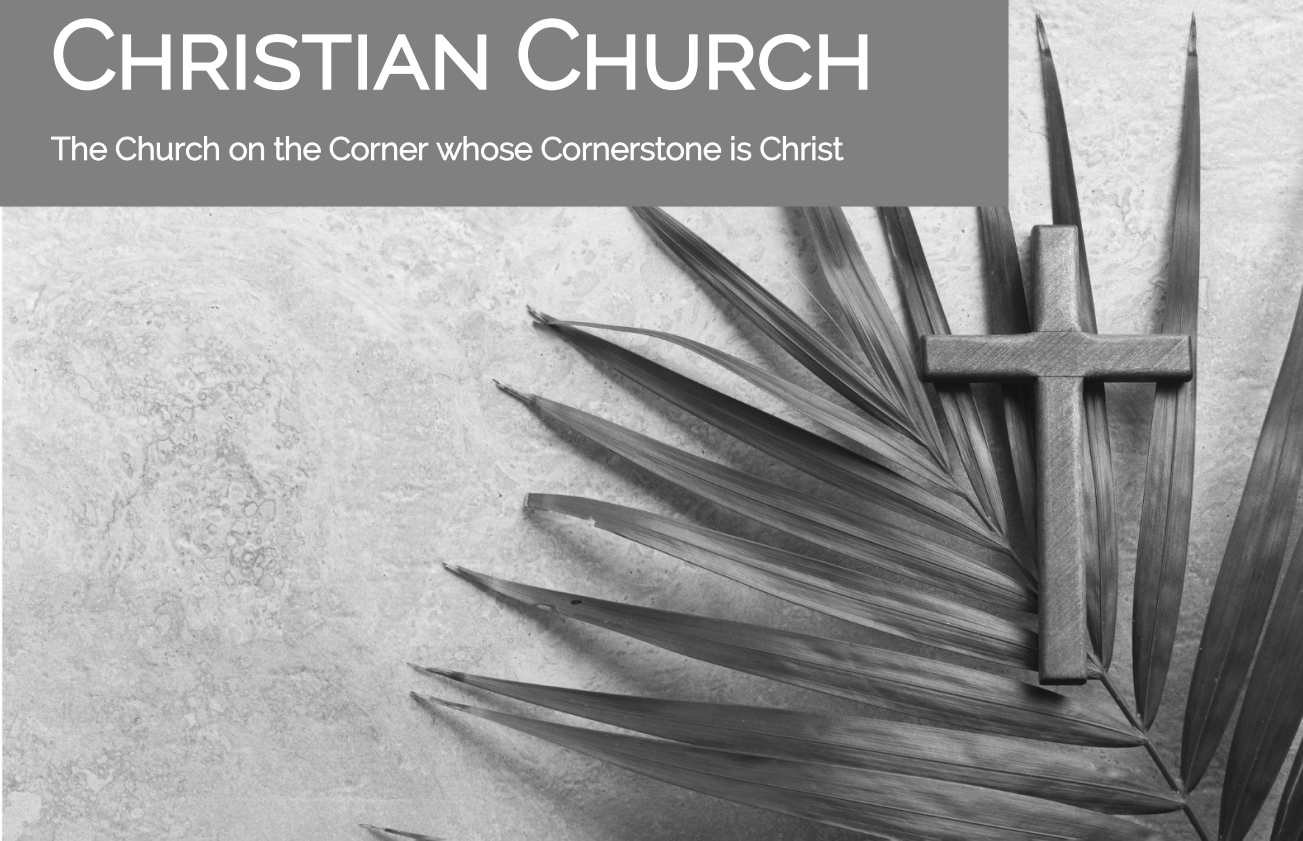


March 24, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am | Palm Sunday

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!

PALM SUNDAY

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Announcements

(8:00) Prelude

“Behold the Lamb”

(10:30) Chancel Choir

“Hallelujah, Our God Reigns”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalms 118:19-29 (p. 606)

†Palm Sunday Hymns of Praise

#173, “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

#174, “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Palm Processional

“Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye little children; God is love, God is love”

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2) “Love Him...”

3) “Serve Him...”

4) “Thank Him...”

Children’s Message

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

(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#172, “Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

(10:30) Logos Hand Chime Choir

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

(10:30) Logos Hand Bell Choir

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11 (p. 1003)

Sermon

“The Final Week Begins”

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Lamb of God”

Second Offering

†Closing Hymn

#105, “He Is Lord”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#105, chorus, “He Is Lord”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:19-29 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. ²² The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; ²³ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. ²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Mark 11:1-11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!" ¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dear God, in this time of prayer I offer my gratitude to you for giving us Jesus, who intercedes on our behalf. Through my Lord's saving grace, I recognize my shortfalls of faith and I pray for greater knowledge and wisdom. Tune my heart to ring with truth through the power of your Word. I pray for my church family, that we will love with compassion and welcome people's faith questions. May I, may we, be beacons of your light and love. In Christ, I pray. Amen.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

† Maudy Thursday Meal, Service & Holy Communion - 3/28 @ 6:00PM

Maudy Thursday focuses our hearts on the Last Supper, which is remembered not as the Jewish Passover, but as the Lord's Supper into which Jesus transformed it for his disciples. The evening begins with a soup and sandwich supper in the Parish Hall at 6:00PM hosted by the Fellowship Committee, followed by Service and Holy Communion at 7:00PM. The service will conclude with the traditional stripping of the sanctuary, which symbolizes Christ, stripped of his power and glory, now in the hands of his captors.

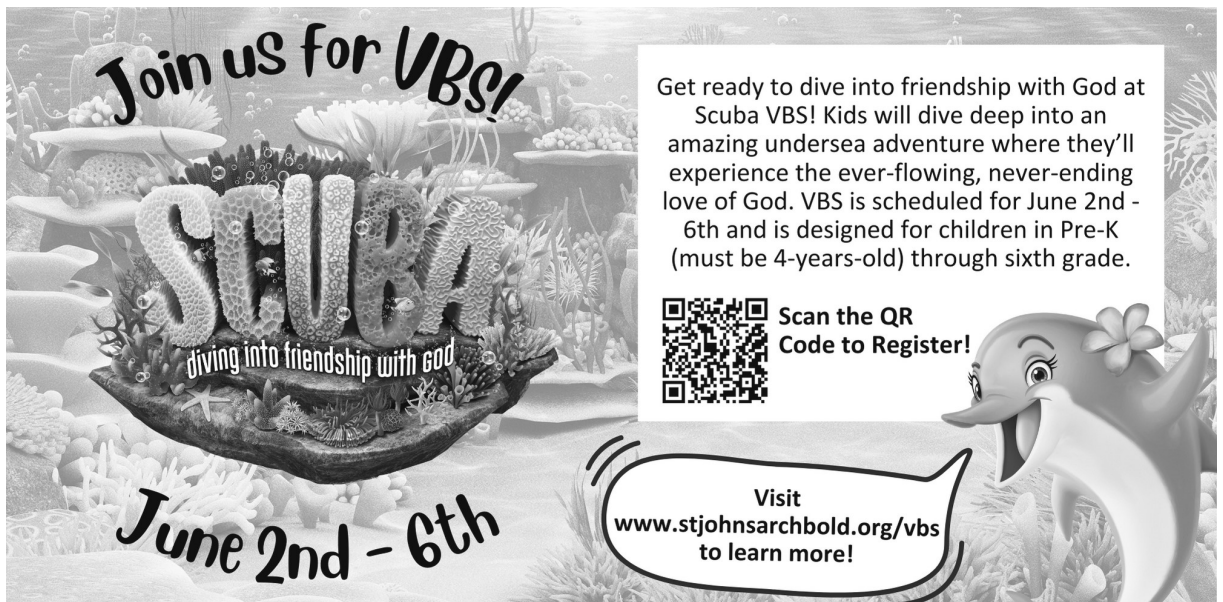
† Good Friday Service of Tenebrae - 3/29 @ 7:00PM

"Tenebrae" means shadows or darkness. This is a service which moves from light to darkness, symbolizing the fading loyalty of the followers of Jesus, impressing upon us the reality of sin which made necessary Jesus' death for us. Service begins at 7:00PM in the sanctuary.

† Easter Sunday - Worship Services at 7:00AM and 10:30AM with Special Events:

Easter Breakfast (8:00AM) - All are invited to attend the annual Easter morning breakfast after sunrise service hosted by our senior high school programs. Breakfast menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage links, French toast sticks, yogurt parfaits, fruit, juice, and coffee.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt (8:45AM) - JYF will host this year's Children's Easter Egg Hunt before the 9:15AM Sunday school hour. Children should meet in the chapel at 8:45AM to participate! Children will be on a fun hunt to "Find Jesus" this year!

A promotional graphic for Scuba VBS. The background is a grayscale illustration of an underwater scene with coral, bubbles, and a scuba diver. In the center, the word "SCUBA" is written in large, bubbly letters, with "diving into friendship with God" written below it. At the top, it says "Join us for VBS!" and at the bottom, "June 2nd - 6th". On the right, there is a QR code and a cartoon dolphin character. A speech bubble from the dolphin contains the website address.

Join us for VBS!

SCUBA
diving into friendship with God

June 2nd - 6th

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 - 6th and is designed for children in Pre-K (must be 4-years-old) through sixth grade.

Scan the QR Code to Register!

Visit www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs to learn more!

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>.
- ◆ **Scuba VBS Lantern & Book Drive** - This summer's VBS program will collect monetary funds as well as new/used books for children in Malawi, Africa, supporting the mission of Villages in Partnership (VIP). Students in the Malawi villages do not have electricity to complete their homework. Collected funds will be used to purchase solar-powered lanterns for their evening work and new/used books will be helpful as they work on their English literacy for school.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge	(10:30) Jace Bernath
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge	
	<i>(3/31) Corey & Jocelyn Walker</i>	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Bruce & Carrie Wooley, Avery Roth, Evy Roth	

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 24 Join the Joyful Procession ----- Psalm 118
Mar 25 The Perfect Will of God ----- Luke 22:39-53
Mar 26 Responding to Injustice ----- Luke 22:54-71
Mar 27 True Authority ----- Luke 23:1-12
Mar 28 The Ultimate Substitution ----- Luke 23:13-25
Mar 29 Words from the Heart ----- Luke 23:26-43
Mar 30 Jesus' Final Words ----- Luke 23:44-56

March Mission-a-Month: The Friendship House



HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
Mon	7:00PM	Christian Education Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - AUMC (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thu	6:00PM	Maundy Thursday Meal (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday Service & Communion (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)
Fri	7:00PM	Good Friday Service (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)
Sun	7:00AM	Easter Sunrise Service - Led by SYF (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Easter Breakfast - Hosted by Life Planning (Parish Hall)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	8:45AM	Children's Easter Egg Hunt - Hosted by JYF
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Easter Sunday Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben returned home on the 13th, with further therapy to come.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart had his second chemo treatment this past Monday.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Regina Beck, who had her first chemo treatment this past week and was due to return home Friday or Saturday.
- ◆ A correction from 3/17 bulletin: Nan Neill's granddaughter, Taylor Pitts, has returned to active duty in the Air Force, stationed in Dayton, Ohio with her husband, Shayne.
- ◆ Maxine Martin, hopes to return to her home this Wednesday after being in Rupp Rehab since February 7th.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace, and family, as they are dealing with health issues.
- ◆ The Islands – Tom & Megan – asking for people to pray for their month of fasting and prayer, which began on 3/11, strategically praying for a disciple making movement.

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)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ 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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