

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st | 10:30 a.m.



**St. John's Christian Church**

700 South Defiance Street

Archbold, Ohio 43502



# † Alleluia! He is Risen! †

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Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Risen 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 service of worship 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](http://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!



**EASTER MORNING**  
**CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!**

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Easter Greetings

Scripture Reading and Prayer of Invocation Acts 10:34-43 (p. 1089)

†Easter Hymn "Every Morning is Easter Morning" (Insert)

Easter Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

†Easter Hymn "Lift Your Glad Voices" (Insert)  
#216, "Christ Arose"

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 (p. 1074)

Children's Message

†Easter Hymn #217, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Easter Song"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Easter Message "Uncontainable"

†Easter Hymn #220, "He Lives"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song #225, v. 1, "Worship Christ the Risen King"

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Acts 10:34-43** Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-- <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. <sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen-- by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**John 20:1-18** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" <sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both

were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes, <sup>11</sup> but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

# EASTER FLOWERS

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## GIVEN BY:

Connie Nicolen .....	Children & Grandchildren
Gary & Judy Salisbury .....	Children
Ken & Cathy Laub .....	The home we've found at SJCC
Jon & Jan Lindsay.....	Family
Paula Summa .....	My new church home & family

## IN HONOR OF:

## GIVEN BY:

Betsy Redd.....	Jim Redd
Allie Walker .....	Ali Held Herman
Buffy Riley .....	Parents, Merle & Donna Wyse
Sue Steiner .....	Loved Ones
Carson & Will Baden .....	Grandma Beth
Gloria Lauber .....	Graeme Lauber
Rod Kinsman Family .....	Loved Ones
Mary Ellen Johnson .....	Loved Ones
Lenny & Jean Stamm .....	Loved Ones
James Grime .....	Loved Ones
Dale & Ann Grime .....	Loved Ones
Audrey Burkholder .....	Scott Burkholder
The Walker Cousins .....	Grandpa & Grandma Mike
Doug & Nancy Rupp .....	Loved Ones
Lynne & Erich Christman .....	Parents
Greg & Kim Walker .....	Parents
Todd & Jill Nafziger.....	Father, James Schmucker
Richard Spiess .....	Loved Ones
Shawn & Jenna Stuckey .....	Grandma
John & Jan Lindsay .....	Jan's Parents & Grandparents
The Rutledge Family .....	Loved Ones, Parents & Grandparents
The Wooley Family .....	Grandparents & Great-Grandparents
Dave & Karen Walker .....	Joyce Warner
Dave & Karen Walker Family .....	Mom/Grandma Phyllis Miller
Brad & Susie Enderle .....	Parents
Corey & Jocelyn Walker .....	Loved Ones
Suzette Nafziger & Tara Meyer .....	Tamara Shumaker

## IN MEMORY OF:



*Flowers are labeled and may be picked up from the base of the cross following 10:30 a.m. service.*

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

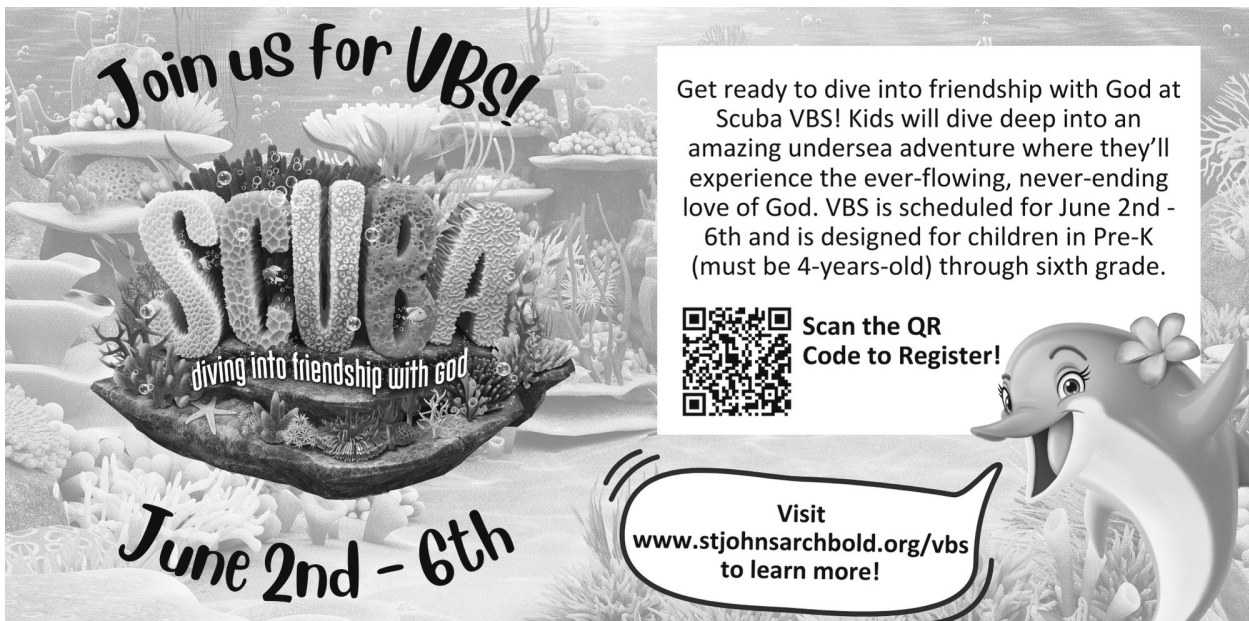
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Accompanist	Lynne Christman	Easy Worship	Jenna Stuckey
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman	Sound Tech	James Grime
Children's Message	Matt Hines	Live Stream	Ollie MacDonald
Acolyte	Klaire Kern	Head Usher	Brad Roth
Ushers	Bruce & Carrie Wooley, Avery Roth, Evy Roth		
Trumpets	Andrew Rohrs & Anna Yoder		
Hand Bell Choir	Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, Lynne Christman, Ryan & Keira Christman, Gloria Lauber, Sarah Nafziger, Richard Spiess, Darlene Steiner, David & Crissi Stuckey; Buffy Riley (Director)		
Bulletin Cover	Emma Krukowski		

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Mighty Lord God, Alleluia! The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is alive, just as he said he would be. Alive today! Not just an historical record, but Jesus is with us now, our Lord's love and forgiveness reigns! I praise you, God, for the miracle of resurrection, for the hope Christ offers to all who believe. Thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for your mercy and grace and counsel. I pray for your strength to fill me; that I would be more faithful in my devotion and honoring of Jesus Christ, my Lord. In his name, Amen.



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 (must be 4-years-old) through sixth grade.

Scan the QR Code to Register!

Visit [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/vbs) to learn more!

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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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 31 He Is Risen! ----- Luke 24:1-12  
Apr 1 Sharing Your Faith-- ----- Luke 24:13-35  
Apr 2 Peace & Joy----- Luke 24:36-53  
Apr 3 Changing Focus ----- James 1:1-11  
Apr 4 Entangled in a Spiderweb ----- James 1:12-18  
Apr 5 The Implanted Word ----- James 1:19-27  
Apr 6 No Favoritism ----- James 2:1-13

## WEEK OF MARCH 31ST AT ST. JOHN'S

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Sun	7:00AM	Easter Sunrise Service - Led by SYF (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Easter Breakfast - Hosted by Senior High School Programs (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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Zion Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	Youth Gathering with Youth & Young Adult Candidate (Chapel)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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)
	11:30AM	Coffee & Cake Reception for Norma Fish's 90th Birthday (Parish Hall)

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Candidate for Director of Youth & Young Adults - Special Congregational Meeting**

As initially shared in worship on March 24th, the Search Committee is excited to announce their recommendation of Jocelyn Walker for this pastoral staff position. After approving this recommendation, the Consistory has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, April 21st for the purpose of acting upon the calling of Jocelyn to this position.

Jocelyn was presented to the Search Committee by The Shephard Staff (TSS), which conducted a lengthy and thorough nationwide search. TSS conducted several interviews with Jocelyn and provided the committee with professional support during this time. Jocelyn has provided an extensive plan for the vision she has for this position and our youth and young adults that aligns with the faith, values, and hopes of the congregation.

Instead of providing a trial sermon on April 21st, as preaching is not a key component of this position, Jocelyn will be presenting a program with sixth through twelfth grade youth, youth leaders, and Life Planning Mentors on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00PM. This will give both the youth and Jocelyn a chance to get to know one another some more.

A congregational meeting will be called to order following the 8:00AM service on April 21st, and after votes are cast, the meeting will be recessed. Following the 10:30AM service, the meeting will be reconvened, with a Zoom option offered (meeting login to be shared via email).

An informational packet for the meeting should be ready by April 7th. Please continue to be in prayer for Jocelyn and our congregation that we remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we seek the Lord's will together.

### **Special Invitation - Norma Fish Coffee & Cake Reception**

The family of Norma Fish would like to invite everyone in our church family to a Coffee and Cake reception next Sunday, April 7th after 10:30AM worship to celebrate Norma's 90th birthday. Reception will be held in the Parish Hall. The family has requested no gifts and cards are not expected - simply come and fellowship with Norma to celebrate her special day!

### **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/](http://www.miraclecamp.com/womensretreat/). Questions? Contact Carrie Wooley at [cwpink@hotmail.com](mailto:cwpink@hotmail.com).



## Lift your glad voices

RESURRECTION 11 11 11 11 (Irregular)

1 Lift your glad voices in triumph on high,  
 2 He burst from the fetters of darkness that bound him,  
 3 Glo - ry to God, in full anthems of joy;  
 4 But Je - sus hath cheered the dark valley of sor - row,

for Je - sus hath ris - en, and we shall not die.  
 re - splend - ent in glo - ry, to live and to save.  
 the be - ing he gave us, death can - not de - stroy.  
 and bade us, im - mor - tal, to heav - en as - cend.

Vain were the ter - rors that gath - ered a - round him,  
 Loud was the cho - rus of an - gels on high,  
 Sad were the life we may part with to - mor - row,  
 Lift then your voices in triumph on high,

and short the do - min - ion of death and the grave.  
 the Sav - ior hath ris - en, and we shall not die.  
 if tears were our birth - right, and death were our end.  
 for Je - sus hath ri - sen, and we shall not die.

# 126 Every Morning Is Easter Morning

*Unison*

Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing from now on!

Ev-'ry day's re-sur - rec - tion day, the past is o - ver and gone!

1 Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good rid-dance! Hel - lo, Lord, hel - lo, sun!  
 2 Dai - ly news is so bad it seems the Good News sel - dom gets heard.  
 3 Yes - ter - day I was bored and lone - ly; but to - day look and see!

*D.C.*  
 I am one of the Eas - ter Peo - ple! My new life has be - gun!  
 Get it straight from the Eas - ter Peo - ple! God's in charge spread the word!  
 I be - long to the Eas - ter Peo - ple! Life's ex - cit - ing to me! *(to Coda)*

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## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Betsy Redd, who was hospitalized for a few days due to blood clot issues.
- ◆ Linda Rutledge, who is thankful for successful gall bladder removal surgery.
- ◆ Curt & Kay Stamm, as Curt's sister, Donna Thompson died on March 23.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben returned home on the 13th, with further therapy to come.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Regina Beck, who developed an infection and remains hospitalized at UTMC.
- ◆ 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 March 11th, strategically praying for a disciple making movement.

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)
- ◆ 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

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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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