

April 14, 2024 | 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

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*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.*

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# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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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](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!



## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 23 (p. 544)

†Songs of Praise

“People of Promise” (Insert)  
#228, “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Children’s Message

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

Special Music

Adam Swisher

“Goodness of God”

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:3-7 (p. 1035)

†Sermon Hymn

#464, “Shepherd of Love”

Worship Teaching Video

“The Lost Sheep”

Sermon

“Judgment & Grace”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Higher Ground”

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#45, “Surely Goodness and Mercy”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#309, v. 3, “Pass It On”

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalms 23** The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Luke 15:3-7** Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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O Immanuel, God with us, may I be ever grateful that you sacrificed yourself on the cross of Calvary, for you came to earth to seek and to save what was lost – even me! Through the light of your presence in my life, reveal my tendencies to sin so I am more aware of my need for your wisdom and strength to be ever faithful to you. Having been saved myself, in my confession of you as my Lord and Savior, convict me in seeking to share your good news, that your word would go forth from my mouth in blessing a lost soul. For your glory, O Christ, I pray. Amen.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Acolytes	(8:00) Kamy Link	(10:30) Tucker Johnston
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	(4/21) Brooke & Emily Hines
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	
Head Usher	Steve Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Adam Swisher, Adam Walker, Kim S. Walker, Toby Walker	

# People of Promise

With spirit

Words and Music by  
Martie Swan



Peo - ple of prom - ise a - rise and see there's a



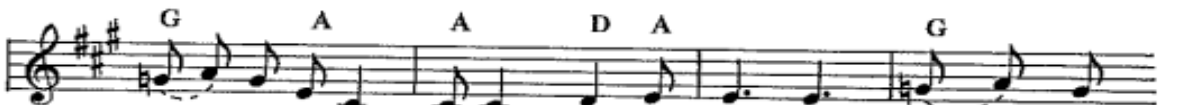
new day a - dawn - ing for you and for me, For God in Christ



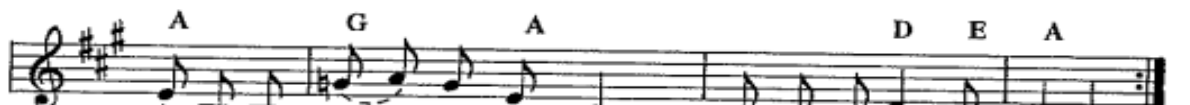
Je - sus has set us all free. Peo - ple of prom - ise a - rise.



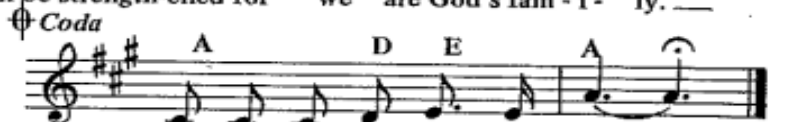
*Last verse to Coda*  
Do you hear Je - sus call - in'? I — am hun - gry and  
Do you hear Je - sus call - in'? I am a stran - ger, —  
Yes, — I hear him call - in'. I — am rea - dy —  
To - geth - er we will serve him. We will reach out — and



I — am thir - sty, Peo - ple an - swer me, — I — am  
I am in pri - son, Peo - ple an - swer me, — I am your  
to do my part for We are God's fam - i - ly. — Here are my  
dare to be ser - vants, Take us and set us free. — In the midst of



sick — and I — am na - ked, What will your an - swer be? —  
bro - ther, — I am your sis - ter, What will your an - swer be? —  
hands, — Here — is my heart, Take me and set me free! —  
strug - gle we all will be strength - ened for we are God's fam - i - ly. —



Peo - ple of prom - ise a - rise! —

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **GIF Gals Supper at Tap Culture** - The GIF Gals will meet and eat at Tap Culture Coffee on Thursday, April 25th at 5:30PM. There will be a Barista so everyone can choose a drink and a meal will be served. We will also have a special presentation from one of our mission partners. The cost is \$15 per person so please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, April 21st.
- ◆ **Connections Sunday School Class** - Many people have a tough time believing that God still speaks. We've learned from Scripture that God spoke to His people in ancient times and in mysterious ways, but how do we hear His voice now? The truth is God still communicates with His people, but He often speaks in a whisper – not to make it difficult to hear Him, but to draw us close. The Connections Sunday school class invites you to participate in a four-week study series titled “Whispers,” starting April 28th in the chapel during the Sunday school hour.
- ◆ **BASIC Sunday School Class** - The B.A.S.I.C (Brothers & Sisters in Christ) adult Sunday School class meets in the Parlor Sunday Mornings during Sunday School hours. Our attendees range in age from 60's-80's. All are welcome to join! We use the Discovery Guide, which allows us to study scripture. Linda Heer and Jim Grieser lead the class discussions. In addition to studying God's word, we participate in mission work that involves the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM) and supporting a child in the Kajido Children's home.

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

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It was earlier announced that the Search Committee recommended Jocelyn Walker as the Director of Youth and Young Adults. After scheduling a congregational meeting for the purpose of acting upon the calling of Jocelyn to this position, the Consistory wanted further discussion and so the called congregational meeting was postponed. The Consistory met on April 11th for that further discussion.

Resulting from their discussion on April 11th, the Consistory has scheduled a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 5th for the purpose of acting upon the same purpose – calling 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.

The Consistory has called for one service at 10:00AM on May 5th, with the congregational meeting to follow the service. A Zoom link will be emailed within the next two weeks for those unable to attend in person, and an informational packet for the meeting will be available by April 21st. 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.

## 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:

Apr 14 Faith in the Darkness -----Psalm 88  
Apr 15 Prayer Untapped -----James 5:13-20  
Apr 16 A Tale of Two Goats ----- Leviticus 16  
Apr 17 Washed in the Blood ----- Leviticus 17  
Apr 18 Distinctive Lifestyle ----- Leviticus 18  
Apr 19 Practical Holiness----- Leviticus 19  
Apr 20 The Wages of Sin ----- Leviticus 20

## WEEK OF APRIL 14TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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 (Christman's Home)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - PEACE Mennonite Fellowship (Parish Hall)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation - <b>8th Graders Only</b> (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	Annual JYF vs. SYF Dodgeball Game
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
Fri	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Building Committee (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)

April Mission-a-Month: Growing Hope Globally  
Annual Burger Bash on May 5th from 11am - 1pm



## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Ross & Katie Planson, on the birth of their daughter, Kasey Renee, on April 3rd. Baby Kasey was 7lbs, 11oz, 20 inches, and born with a full head of hair! Celebrating are grandparents, Keith & Nici Wyse, and their family.
- ◆ Kasey Grime, who is home recovering from ACL surgery, starting therapy.
- ◆ Regina Beck, undergoing chemo treatment this week at UTMC.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, recovering at home from surgery on her right leg.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace – Monte will soon have his final chemo treatment, then awaits testing to see progress of the treatment.

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)

## MISSION THANK YOU

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Dear St John's Christian Church,

Leila and I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for your many years of partnership with us in taking the Gospel to other parts of the world! Thank you for your faithful financial support, prayers, and words of encouragement over these past few decades. As of March 31, 2024, we are no longer serving as missionaries with World Team. For the immediate future we will reside in that little town just to the west of you. We humbly ask that you pray for us as we begin a new chapter in our lives. We continue to trust the Lord to open new opportunities to serve Him and those with whom we encounter day by day. We pray that the Lord may richly bless you as you continue to proclaim the Gospel in Northwest Ohio and as you continue to support those who are able to take the Gospel to other parts of the world.

Gratefully yours, Tony & Leila Frank

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