

June 23, 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

*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!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence and Christ, the Light of the World.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

#63, "Psalm 136"

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 136:1-9 (p. 616)

†Hymns of Praise

#58, "This is My Father's World"

#59, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

†Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

(8:00) Special Music

Jim McCurdy & Mike McRobbie

"Peace in Christ"

(10:30) Special Music

Jim McCurdy & Mike McRobbie

"Since I Opened Up the Door"

Scriptures

Deuteronomy 7:7-9 (p. 179), Isaiah 11:3b-5 (p. 686),
Hebrews 10:19-23 (p. 1191)

†Sermon Hymn

#43, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Sermon

"Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness"

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Faithful"

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn

#191, vs. 1-3, "There is Power in the Blood"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#191, v. 4, "There is Power in the Blood"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 136:1-9 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. ² Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever. ⁴ to him who alone does great wonders, His love endures forever. ⁵ who by his understanding made the heavens, His love endures forever. ⁶ who spread out the earth upon the waters, His love endures forever. ⁷ who made the great lights, His love endures forever. ⁸ the sun to govern the day, His love endures forever. ⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night; His love endures forever.

Deuteronomy 7:7-9 The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Isaiah 11:3b-5 He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Hebrews 10:19-23 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord God, you are completely faithful in everything you do. You show your faithfulness to me in caring for me, guiding me, and providing for my needs. Forgive me for the times I question you, grumble about my circumstances, or turn away from you. Refresh my faithfulness in you through the presence and power of your Spirit, that I will be equipped to be a faithful disciple in your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SERMON NOTES : "FAITHFULNESS"

Deuteronomy 7: 9 – Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

Isaiah 11:5 – Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

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The Spirit of God works faithfulness in us, both to God and to people.

The ability to serve God faithfully through the years and through the temptations of life is not something we achieve by heroic virtue. It comes from the Spirit. (Morris)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge	(10:30) Ethan Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Brooke Hines & Emily Hines	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Brad Enderle, Maggie Enderle, Ken & Cathy Laub	

BUILDING PROJECT: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Consistory has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, July 14th at 11:15AM, for the purpose of approving the final concept and budget for the Building Project.

The schedule on the 14th will be:

9:00AM	Sunday school
10:00AM	Worship Service
11:15AM	Congregational Meeting

In preparation for the congregational meeting, there will be two building project information meetings offering the same presentation information, just two scheduled for people's convenience. The first meeting will be held at 9:15AM on Sunday, July 7th, and the second will be held at 7:00PM on Thursday, July 11th. Members of the Building Committee will be at each meeting to assist with questions and comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **2024 Senior Saints Concert** - The Senior Saints, an energetic group of 71 retirees from 31 churches in the greater Fort Wayne area, will present "Way to Go!" in the St. John's Sanctuary on July 11th at 11:00AM. This event is free and open to all! This program is a musical about methods of travel throughout the ages and their own experiences with them. The program includes songs, narration, and amusing and heart-warming personal experiences about travel. "Way to Go!" will celebrate through music and stories the fact that Jesus travels with us in our journey through life and has made a way for us to travel to heaven to a relationship that will last for eternity. Songs in this program include Wait for the Wagon, Cruising Down the River, Wabash Cannon Ball, Bicycle Built for Two, and in My Merry Oldsmobile. Songs of faith and our walk with Jesus include Life's Railway to Heaven, Walking with the King, Just a Closer Walk, Precious Lord Take My Hand, Jesus Led Me All the Way and I'll Fly Away. Accompaniment is provided on piano with woodwind and brass instruments.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The next meeting of the Gals will be on June 27th at 5:30pm at The Barn Restaurant here in Archbold. Please sign up on the bulletin board by today so we can reserve a table.
- ◆ **Pastor Erich Vacation** - Pastor Erich will be out of the office this upcoming Thursday through Sunday. Jocelyn will be covering the office, and Nancy Rupp will be sharing her faith testimony during both services of worship on Sunday, June 30th in his absence. Pastor Erich can be reached on his cell phone for any pastoral care needs during that time.

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:

Jun 23 Far Above All-----Psalm 97
Jun 24 Hear the Word of the Lord-----Isaiah 1:1-20
Jun 25 Redeemer and Judge -----Isaiah 1:21-31
Jun 26 What The Seer Saw -----Isaiah 2
Jun 27 Shame and the City -----Isaiah 3:1-4:1
Jun 28 The Eternal City -----Isaiah 4:2-6
Jun 29 Good Vineyard, Bad Grapes -----Isaiah 5:1-7

WEEK OF JUNE 23RD 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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Safety & Security Committee (Fireside Room)
Thurs	6:00PM	East Garden Summer Meal (East Garden Apartments)
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)
	2:00PM	Mud Hens Faith & Family Pre-Game Event
	4:05PM	Mud Hens Game

MISSION-A-MONTH: THE OUTBACK YOUTH CENTER

The Outback Youth Center with Youth for Christ's mission is to provide Archbold Area Youth (middle school through high school) with a positive, non-denominational, Christian-based atmosphere. To give to The Outback Youth Center, simply write "MAM" on Line 11 of your offering envelop or select "Give to Outback Youth Center" in the "Give to" drop-down menu on Breeze's online giving feature.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Don LaFountaine, who is undergoing some medical testing after a recent fall and hospital stay.
- ◆ Jeff Bostelman, son of Bill and Kathy, who spent a few days at Cleveland Clinic this week and now awaits test results.
- ◆ Marilyn Baron, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- ◆ Gretchen Heer, who is in rehab at Montpelier following surgery on a broken hip.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, who is at Rupp Rehab and continues with dialysis three times a week.
- ◆ Regina Beck, who is at Rupp Rehab for a few weeks.
- ◆ Maria Cruz, as she was diagnosed with cancer and has asked for our prayers.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Larry, Mel, Monte Woolace, as Monte will soon have his final chemo treatment, then awaits testing to see progress of the treatment.

Missions/Missionaries

- ◆ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59pm

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)

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