

June 30, 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!

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

Prelude

Raegan Rutledge

"Nearer My God to Thee"

*A time to prepare for worship, focusing on the Lord, whom we've come to worship.*

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 104:31-34 (p. 596)

†(8:00) Opening Hymns

#267, "Come, Thou Almighty King"

#106, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

†(10:30) Praise Hymns

"Gratitude"

"Days of Elijah"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (p. 659)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#66, "To God Be the Glory"

†(10:30) Song

"Good Plans"

Sermon

"Taking a Risk"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Trust in You"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#244, "The Trees of the Field"

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalms 104:31-34** May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works - <sup>32</sup> he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. <sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. <sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-14** There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: <sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, <sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, <sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, <sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, <sup>6</sup> a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, <sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, <sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. <sup>9</sup>What does the worker gain from his toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the burden God has laid on men. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. <sup>12</sup> I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. <sup>13</sup> That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil-- this is the gift of God. <sup>14</sup> I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Worship Leader	(Both) Jocelyn Walker	
Sermon	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Joshua Reeb
Acolytes	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	(10:30) Tucker Johnson
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nafziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Corey Walker & Karen Walker	
8:00 Usher	Tim Beck	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Brad Enderle, Maggie Enderle, Ken & Cathy Laub	
Youth Praise Band	Joshua Reeb, Molly Rutledge, Raegan Rutledge	

## **SERMON NOTES : "TAKING A RISK"**

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### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

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Thank you, Lord, for guiding Nancy in sharing a testimony of faith with us. Such a blessing to experience a testimony of your love and grace through the lives of your people. Guide us each in sharing your great and abundant love and grace, that we would glorify and praise your mighty name. Please enlighten us so that we can encourage others by the hope and peace you give. Amen.

## **BUILDING PROJECT: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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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**

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- ◆ **"Worthy" Sunday School for Senior High Schoolers** - Senior High Sunday School (SHSS) will begin an 8-week summer study titled, "Worthy" Embracing Your Identity in Christ" next Sunday, July 7th during the 9:15AM Sunday school hour. The study published by Daily Grace Co., helps us apply scripture to understanding our identity as Christians. It's important for our identity to be rooted in the right thing. Bring your Bible or favorite study Bible, as we'll be learning how to take notes and actively engage in the Word!
- ◆ **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. A luncheon with the musicians will be held in the Parish Hall after the concert and all St. John's senior citizens are invited to attend the meal! The 11:00AM concert is free and open to any and all ages. "Way to Go!" 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.
- ◆ **Mocktail Mingle 2024** - Calling all college students and recent grads! You're invited to a Mocktail Mingle workshop on Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30PM at The King's Corner Garage. This faith-based evening will teach everyone how to craft the perfect "mocktail" from scratch using zero-proof spirits. We will also offer non-alcoholic wine and beer tasting. Register or learn more at <https://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/upcoming/>.

## 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:

Jun 30 Celebrate Salvation ----- Psalm 98  
Jul 1 Trouble Ahead -----Isaiah 5:8-30  
Jul 2 I Saw the Lord -----Isaiah 6  
Jul 3 Immanuel - God With Us-----Isaiah 7  
Jul 4 Maher-Shalal-Has-Baz! -----Isaiah 8:1-18  
Jul 5 The Prince of Peace ----- Isaiah 8:19-9:7  
Jul 6 The Other Christmas Reading ----- Isaiah 9:8-21

## WEEK OF JUNE 30TH 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)
	2:00PM	Mud Hens Faith & Family Pre-Game Event
	4:05PM	Mud Hens Game
Mon	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Personnel Committee
Thu	<b><i>Independence Day - Church Office Closed</i></b>	
Fri	<b><i>Church Office Closed</i></b>	
Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	9:15AM	Building Renovation Presentation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

## MISSION-A-MONTH: THE OUTBACK YOUTH CENTER

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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.

## Here I Am, Lord

Unison

G Am/G D7/G C/G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

G D G Em Am7 C

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin  
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,  
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

Am D7/G D/F# D/C G Am/G D7/G

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,  
 they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,  
 my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro - vide

C/G G D G Em

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); para. Isaiah 6:8

MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte (1947-); arr. Michael Pope (20th c.), Daniel L. Schutte (1947-), John Weissrock (20th c.)

(<sup>add</sup> 343326)



*Am7* *C* *Am* *G/B* *C6* *slowing* *D* *Refrain*  
*D7/F#*

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Word to them. Whom shall I send?  
life to them. Whom shall I send? Here I

*a tempo* *G* *Gsus* *G* *D7/A* *C/B* *D7* *G*

am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

*C/G* *Am* *G/B* *C6* *D* *D7/F#*

heard you call - ing in the night. I will

*G* *Gsus* *G* *C/G* *G* *C/E* *D7* *G*

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

*Am7* *C/D* *D* *G* *C/G* *G*

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Don LaFontaine, who is undergoing some medical testing after a recent fall and hospital stay.
- ◆ Jeff Bostelman, son of Bill and Kathy, who awaits test results after a stay at Cleveland Clinic.
- ◆ 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 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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