

July 7, 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

(8:00) Prelude

"God of Wonders"

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

(10:30) Call to Worship

"For Your Name Is Holy"

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 98 (p. 592)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#1, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

"May the Peoples Praise You"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"May the Peoples Praise You"

"Ancient of Days"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music - Matt Hines, Trumpet

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17 (p. 1069)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#69, "Thy Loving Kindness" & #71, "Behold, What Manner of Love"

†(10:30) Sermon Song

"This is My Commandment"

Sermon

"Loving by Bearing Fruit"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"The Power of Your Love"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#357, "Jesus Loves Even Me"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"Speak O Lord"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

v. 3, "Listen, God is Calling" (Insert, p. 5)

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalms 98:1-9** Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. <sup>2</sup> The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. <sup>4</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; <sup>5</sup> make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, <sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn-- shout for joy before the Lord, the King. <sup>7</sup> Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. <sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; <sup>9</sup> let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**John 15:9-17** "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) David Stuckey	
Worship Leader	(8:00) Linda Heer	(10:30) Kim S. Walker
Acolyte	(8:00) Harrison Rohrs	
Children's Message	Jocelyn Walker	
Sermon	Mackenzie	
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Richard Spiess	
10:30 Ushers	Bruce & Carrie Wooley, Steve & Debbi Russell	

# Listen, God Is Calling

*Leader*  
NC

*All*  
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Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing through the Word in - vit - ing,

*Em* *Am* *G* *Em* *D7* *G* *Fine*

of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort and joy.

*Leader*  
NC

*All*  
G D Em

Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

*Leader*  
NC

*All*  
G Em D G *DC*

that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

## BUILDING PROJECT: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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The Consistory has called a special congregational meeting for next Sunday, July 14th at 11:15AM, for the purpose of approving the final concept and budget for the Building Project. Zoom information for those unable to attend the July 14th meeting in person will be emailed out later this week. An informational sheet is available in the sanctuary narthex.

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, the Building Committee will hold two options for informational meetings, the first of which will be held today at 9:15AM in the Sanctuary. For those unable to attend today, the same presentation will be offered this upcoming Thursday, July 11th at 7:00PM, both in the sanctuary. Members of the Building Committee will be at each meeting to assist with questions and comments.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Senior Saints Concert** - Any and all are invited to the Senior Saints concert this upcoming Thursday, July 11th at 11:00AM in the sanctuary. We welcomed the energetic group of 71 musicians last year and are excited to have them here once again! St. John's senior citizens are invited to a luncheon with the music group after their performance. This will be in place of our monthly senior luncheon.
- ◆ **Mocktail Mingle** - All college students and recent graduates (up to 25 years old) are invited to attend a mocktail workshop at King's Corner Garage on Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30PM. We will be learning how to make a smoked old fashioned and blackberry lime margarita using alcohol-free spirits! Come with a hands-on mindset as we fellowship and discuss how to find and use alcohol-free options in your own life! RSVP by registering online at <https://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/upcoming/>
- ◆ **Senior High Sunday School** - "Worthy" starts today in the Youth Room at 9:15AM! Join us as we learn how to root our identity in the right thing. Bring your study Bible and be sure to let Jocelyn know if you do not have one. No previous Bible knowledge is required and any and all high schoolers are welcome to join us!
- ◆ **Pastor Erich Vacation** - Pastor Erich is on vacation this week, serving as a camp cabin counselor at Camp Allendale for about 6-8 third and fourth-grade boys. His daughter, Amy, is the camp director of the third and fourth grade camp. Jocelyn Walker will be covering the church office in his absence, but he will be available via cell phone for any pastoral care needs.

## 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:

Jul 7 The Lord Reigns-----Psalm 99  
Jul 8 A Strange Comfort-----Isaiah 10  
Jul 9 As the Waters Cover the Sea-----Isaiah 11  
Jul 10 In That Day -----Isaiah 12  
Jul 11 Babylon’s Burning -----Isaiah 13  
Jul 12 How You Have Fallen----- Isaiah 14  
Jul 13 Love Your “Frenemies” ----- Isaiah 15, 16

## WEEK OF JULY 7TH 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
	9:15AM	Building Renovation Presentation (Sanctuary)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Thurs	11:00AM	Senior Saints Concert (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Senior Citizens Luncheon (Parish Hall)
	5:00PM	East Gardens Apartments Summer Meal (East Gardens)
	7:00PM	Building Renovation Presentation (Sanctuary)
Sat	7:40AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
	1:00PM	Private Event (Parish Hall)
Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:15AM	Special Congregational Meeting

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Thank you, Lord, for blessing us with Mackenzie’s words and message this week. I pray for the real presence of your joy in my heart and mind, that your joy would fill me to overflowing so that my personal witness would be contagious. Thank you for loving me and continue to mold me in the true work of a disciple – loving one another as you, O Lord, love us all. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

## MISSION-A-MONTH: SHEPHERD'S CIRCLE

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The Shepherd Circle is a local mission project started by Cecily Rohrs in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources. To give to this important local mission, write "MAM" on Line 11 of your weekly offering envelope or select "Shepherd Circle" in the "Give to..." drop-down menu on Breeze.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Don LaFountaine, who is going through further testing, hoping to have results soon.
- ◆ Gretchen Heer, as she's back at home, still recovering from recent hip surgery.
- ◆ Marilyn Baron, as she has returned home following her time of surgery rehab.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, a resident at Fairlawn, receiving dialysis three times a week.
- ◆ Regina Beck, now at Fairlawn, waiting on further plan of treatment.
- ◆ 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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