

July 28, 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.*

Ring 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 - Organ & Piano Duet

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

John 15:4-5, 9-10

†Hymns of Praise

"For God So Loved Us" (Insert)  
#201, "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music - Organ & Piano Duet

"Praise the Lord – Medley"

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-3, Ephesians 2:1-10

†Sermon Hymn

#332, "Without Him"

Sermon

"Salt of the Earth"

Prayer of Dedication and the Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Lord, Be Glorified"

Second Offering – Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

†Closing Hymn

#372, "Living for Jesus"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#447, v. 1, "Freely, Freely"

†Postlude

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**John 15:4-5** Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **9-10** "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.

**Romans 12:1-3** Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

**Ephesians 2:1-10** As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup> But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions -- it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Thank you, God, for both the direction and the challenges you included in your Word. I know we all need the light of Jesus to show us the way to glorify you as we strive to be transformed so we can know your will. Thank you for your great love and richness of mercy as we stand against the devious patterns of the world. May all that we are and all that we do be in your name, for the blessing of sowing seeds of salvation as we strive to be salty for you. Guide us, O Lord. Amen.

## SERMON NOTES : "SALT OF THE EARTH" (CHURCH DRIVING CULTURE)

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Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

- ◆ Salt flavors food; and salt preserves food, stopping the rotting or spoiling process
- ◆ Salt was valuable in the first century, sometimes used to pay wages
- ◆ Christians are to flavor life, flavoring the lives of others with the gospel
- ◆ Christians are to help stop the spread of evil
- ◆ When something is wrong, we can speak up for what is right
- ◆ When something is right, we can support it
- ◆ Flavorless salt is thrown away, good for nothing
- ◆ Christians are valuable, a Christians life can make a difference

Christians, and the Christian Church are to be salt to the world

- ◆ To exalt the Lord, to glorify God
- ◆ To engage in ministry
- ◆ To evangelize the world

Romans 12

- ◆ Offering ourselves to the God
- ◆ Not conforming to the pattern of the world – what is that pattern?
- ◆ Be transformed by the renewing of your mind – what does that process look like?

Ephesians 2

- ◆ A Christian's life – no longer following the ways of the world
- ◆ Alive with Christ – because of God's great love
- ◆ By grace, we have been saved, a gift of God
- ◆ To do good works – sharing the gospel, the love of God

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **St. John's Talent/Gong Show!** - The St. John's Talent/Gong Show is returning on October 27th after a seven-year break! Think about what fun song/dance/skit or more you want to share in October and sign up on the office bulletin board. At this time, Pastor Erich is the only one signed up - let's make sure he's not a one-man show!
- ◆ **Book Bag Bash** - The Evangelism Committee is looking for 4-6 volunteers to help at the annual Book Bag Bash next Sunday, August 4th from 3:30-6:30PM in the Parish Hall (BBB event runs from 4:00-6:00PM). A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. If you know of anyone in the community who would benefit from free school supplies, please extend the invite to their household!
- ◆ **Tuesday Bible Study** - Tuesday morning Bible study is canceled for this week, July 30th. Class will resume on August 6th.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Pianist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Acolytes	(8:00) Luci Meyer	(10:30) Tucker Johnston
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Eric & Anna Yoder	<i>(8/4) Bri &amp; Emma Krukowski</i>
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Steve & Debbi Russell, Bruce & Carrie Wooley	

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

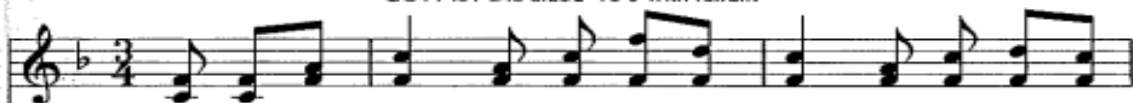
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Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Jul 28 Listen to Me, Lord -----Psalm 102  
Jul 29 Top of the Pecking Order -----Hebrews 7:1-10  
Jul 30 The Perfect Priest -----Hebrews 7:11-28  
Jul 31 Makes Everything New -----Hebrews 8  
Aug 1 That Was Then...----- Hebrews 9:1-10  
Aug 2 This is Now! ----- Hebrews 9:11-28  
Aug 3 Perfect and Holy -----Hebrews 10:1-10

## For God so loved us 167

GOTT IST DIE LIEBE 10 9 with refrain



- 1 For God so loved us, he sent the Sav - ior. For God so  
 2 He sent the Sav - ior, the bless'd Re - deem - er. He sent the  
 3 He bade me wel - come; oh word of mer - cy! He bade me  
 4 Glo - ry and hon - or, O Love é - ter - nal, to thee be



- loved us, and loves me too.  
 Sav - ior to set me free. Love so un - end - ing,  
 wel - come; oh voice di - vine! giv - en while life shall last.



I'll sing thy prais - es. God loves his chil - dren, loves e - ven me.



1 Gott ist die Liebe, lässt mich erlösen.  
 Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.

3 Er sandte Jesum, den treuen Heiland,  
 er sandte Jesum und macht mich los.

2 Ich lag in Banden der schnöden Sünde,  
 ich lag in Banden und konnt nicht los.

4 Jesus, mein Heiland, gab sich zum Opfer,  
 Jesus, mein Heiland, büsst meine Schuld.

Refrain Drum sag ich noch einmal:  
 Gott ist die Liebe,  
 Gott ist die Liebe,  
 er liebt auch mich.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Jarett & Brooke Lerma, daughter and new son-in-law of Matt & Kim Hines, who were married here in the sanctuary yesterday at 3:30pm. Congratulations to the newlyweds and we pray for many blessed years of marriage!
- ◆ Crissi & David Stuckey, and family, upon the death of her father, Leonard Chapman, on July 23rd. Visitation will be on July 31, 10:30am to noon, at the United Brethren Church in Stryker, with the funeral service at 12pm.
- ◆ Susie Enderle, who had surgery in Cleveland on July 24th, with the surgery going well.
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, now in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ◆ Louise Short, as she is now a resident at Hillside Country Living near Bryan.
- ◆ Don LaFountaine, going through treatment for cancer, and awaits a date for surgery for another health issue.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, a resident at Fairlawn, receiving dialysis three times a week, with plans to return home soon.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who had some tests and they are praying for positive results.
- ◆ Regina Beck, now at Fairlawn, waiting on further plans of treatment.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59pm
- ◆ Grace L – pray for healing, pray for relief from pain, swelling and stiffness, pray for complete remission, pray she is able to tolerate meds and have no bad side effects.

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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