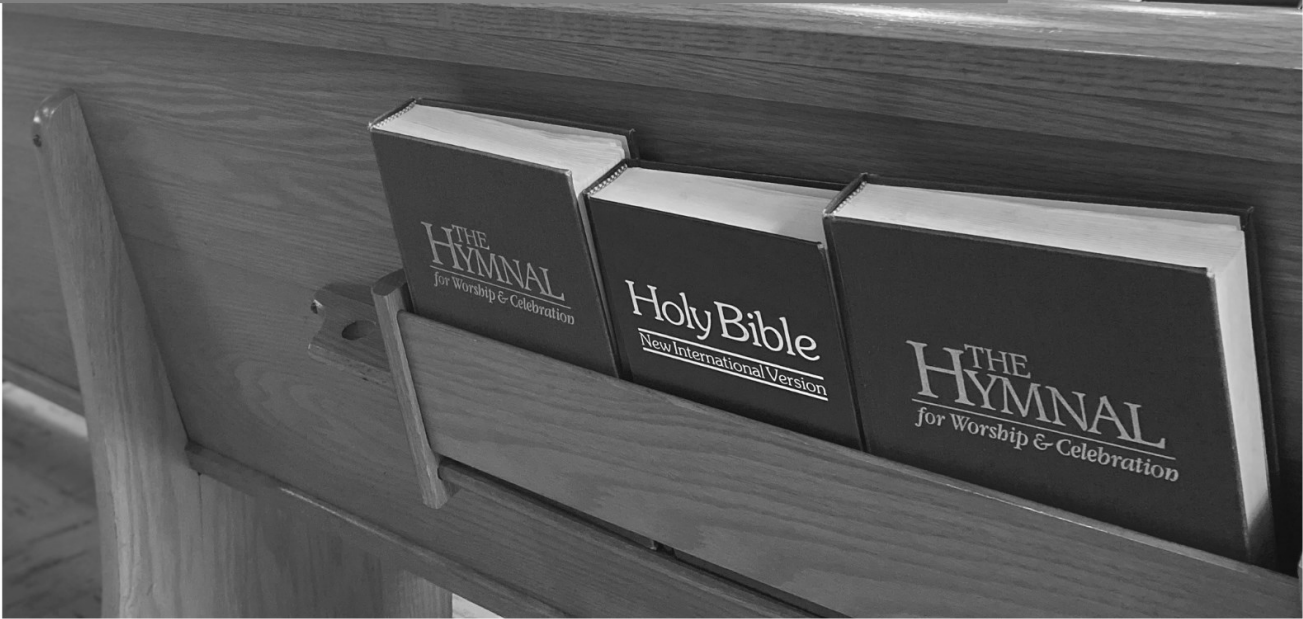


August 4, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am

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

(8:00) Prelude

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

(10:30) Call to Worship

"Here in Your Presence"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Revelation 21:1-6

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

(insert) "He is the Way"

#350, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

(insert) "He is the Way"

"Jesus Son of God"

Mission Presentation – Kajiado Children's Home

Jim Grieser

Children's Message

(10:30) Installation of Jocelyn Walker, Director of Youth and Young Adults

Liturgy of Installation

Affirmation – Congregation: ***We, the members and friends of St. John's Christian Church, affirm Jocelyn Walker as the director of our youth and young adult ministries. She is a servant of Jesus Christ, called by God to serve God's people. We pledge to serve with her in the ministry of our church, to pray for and with her, to respect and support her, and to strive to live together in the peace and unity of Jesus Christ.***

Presentation, Prayer, Installation

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

Anna Yoder

"The Lord's Prayer"

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5, 10:22-30, 14:1-6, 20:30-31

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#330, "Only Trust Him"

Sermon

"Is John 14:6 True? Accurate?"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"You Are My All in All"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn	#542, vs. 1-3, “When We All Get to Heaven”
†(10:30) Closing Song	“Abide”
†Spoken Benediction	
†(8:00) Benediction in Song	#542, v. 4, “When We All Get to Heaven”
†(10:30) Benediction in Song	chorus, “Abide”
†Postlude	

EAST GARDEN COMMUNITY MEAL—FINAL ONE OF THE SUMMER

SJCC is providing and serving the final meal of the summer at East Garden on Thursday, August 22nd. Some of the people who could serve earlier this summer are not available this time, so if you’d be able to help grill meat a head of time, or able to be at East Garden by 4:15pm to help set-up, or able to be there at 5pm to serve, please contact Pastor Erich.

Building Project

Members of the building committee met on July 30th with JDRM, the electrical engineer coordinating the work for the new electric service to the church, and some interested electrical contractors for a pre-bid meeting. The time was insightful and lined out the steps of the process. The first step is for the church to order the electrical distribution equipment, which comes with a 4 month to 9 month delivery timeframe, depending on which bid is accepted. It will be interesting to learn of other such equipment delivery dates. The positive aspect is that we were aware of possible lengthy delays on equipment, thus we met soon after congregational approval.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Reader	(10:30) Avery Roth	
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge	(10:30) Ethan/Eyan Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Bri & Emma Krukowski	(8/11) Corey & Jocelyn Walker
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Richard Spiess	
10:30 Ushers	Evy Roth, Avery Roth, Curt & Kay Stamm	
10:30 Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley	

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 21:1-6 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

John 10:22-30 Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

John 14:1-6 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 20:30 - 31 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Aug 4 God Made Known -----Psalm 103
Aug 5 Fix Your Eyes -----Hebrews 10:11-25
Aug 6 Standing Firm -----Hebrews 10:26-39
Aug 7 Blessed Assurance -----Hebrews 11:1-7
Aug 8 Life After Life ----- Hebrews 11:8-22
Aug 9 Major or Minor ----- Hebrews 11:23-31
Aug 10 Connections -----Hebrews 11:32-40

WEEK OF AUGUST 4TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	4:00PM	Book Bag Bash
Mon	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee
Thu	6:00PM	Christian Education Committee
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
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	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Praise the Lord, O my soul, Praise the Lord! Yes, Lord, I praise Your Holy and Righteous Name! Yes, Lord, I praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Being able to read and study Your written Word is such a tremendous blessing, Lord. Thank you. As we live and journey through our years on this earth, teach us the truth of Your Word, enabling us to travel along the narrow path that leads to life. In this month of August, I pray for all the people involved in planning and leading our ministries. Give them grace and guidance and stamina in their work as we all seek to faithfully love, serve and glorify You, Lord. Amen.

SERMON NOTES: "IS JOHN 14:6 TRUE? ACCURATE?"

When using Google Maps to find a destination you can be given multiple ways to arrive at your journey's end. There's the "avoid highways" route, the "tolls required" option, or the most popular option, the "fastest route." Google Maps lets the driver be in charge, choosing their preferred way as they see fit.

Many Christians believe the route to heaven is like Google Maps – multiple paths to follow.

Do you have a biblical worldview? A pluralistic worldview?

- ◆ A worldview is the framework from which we view reality and make sense of life and the world.
- ◆ A biblical worldview is based on the infallible Word of God. When you believe the Bible is entirely true, then you allow it to be the foundation of everything you say and do.
- ◆ A religious pluralistic world view generally refers to the belief in two or more religious worldviews as being equally valid or acceptable, accepting multiple paths to God or gods

John 14:6 – "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.""

Jesus didn't say he would show them the way or that he would make a path for them, he said that he himself is the way.

Matthew 7:13-14 – "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

Is it true that Jesus is the only way to salvation?

Exclusive – Jesus is the destination and the route

Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane – "if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Jesus was asking if there was any other way to save, redeem and bring people to the Father – there wasn't – God's will was and is that Jesus is the way, the only way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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 today 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!

AUGUST MISSION-A-MONTH: BACK BAY MISSION

"Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives" (thebackbaymission.org, 2022). Back Bay serves communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast through ministries like their education and empowerment programs and their housing rehabilitation program - all with a goal of transforming lives. St. John's has participated in several mission projects in coordination with Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi over the years and continues to be one of our larger mission partners. If you feel called to give to Back Bay Mission this month, you can do so by checking line 2 on your weekly offering envelope or by selecting "Give to Back Bay Mission" in the "Give to..." drop-down menu on Breeze's online giving feature. We thank you so much for your continued support of this project that is near to many hearts at SJCC.



KAJIADO CHILDREN'S HOME CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

For less than \$1.65 a day, you can make a life-changing difference on the world stage. Sponsorships are \$50 per month, which cover a portion of their basic needs for survival. We allow no more than three sponsors for each child to encourage a personal relationship. We appreciate that some folks can't commit to a sponsorship. However, anyone can become a "We Care" recurring donor designating any amount you desire. Anything you can do is not only needed but much appreciated.

There are more than 100 children currently being supported through Kajiado Children's Home. Kenya Child Services helps to identify children who are most in need. In addition, KCH is a rescue center which provides temporary care while Child Services looks for the child's extended family. When they arrive, the children are afraid and often malnourished. Many have never had their own bed or their own plate of food. It is a time of transition as they discover a new world. The other children welcome them as they become "brothers and sisters" to these children. They are provided love and caring attention as they grow to consider KCH as their home.

Each child understands that his or her sponsor helps to provide for them. You can exchange email or letters to provide encouragement to your child. You can also visit your child on our annual visits to KCH. Your level of interaction is up to you. When we visit the children they often ask if we know their sponsors and ask about them. These are very loving and appreciative children. If you can help, we can assure you that your donation is being used well according to God's plan for these kids.



Vulnerable children without a guardian who can provide for their needs visit their village during school breaks to maintain a connection with their heritage.

He Is the Way

(He Is the Truth; He Is the Life)

OTIS SKILLINGS

1. God sent His Son to be our
 2. 'Twas Je - sus Christ who came to
 3. He gave His life that we might
 4. Rose from the grave that we might
 5. He lives to day; I know He

Sav - ior; God sent His Son
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He is the Life.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Susie Enderle, recovering at home following surgery on July 24th.
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, now in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ◆ Don LaFontaine, 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.
- ◆ Kajjado Children's Home Child Sponsorships

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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