

September 8, 2024 | 10:30am

St. John's Christian Church

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ

Rally Sunday

Outdoor Worship & Program Year Kickoff

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 on this beautiful Rally Sunday! 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

While the Nursery is not staffed this morning, parents of small children are more than welcome to use the Nursery at any point during the morning for children who may get the jitters or need a quiet space to play! 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 Activity Bulletins are located with the ushers this morning - feel free to take a handful of crayons and complete some worship coloring and activities during our service!

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 upon request. Please ask an usher.

Congregational Lunch

Finally, all are welcome to join us for lunch after worship in the Parish Hall! Our Fellowship Committee have prepared a delicious meal complete with soft serve ice cream sundaes for dessert. If you need assistance with your tray, please let one of the food servers know as you enter the line.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

The Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Prayer

Opening Song

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Scripture

Matthew 16:15-18

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

Praise Songs

“Lord I Lift Your Name on High” with “Shine, Jesus Shine”
“Hymn of Heaven”

Children’s Message

Church World Service Blanket Sunday

Song

“Step by Step with You Are My All in All”

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Children’s Message

“Living Stones”

Prayer Time

Scripture

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, the living Stone -- rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him --⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.⁶ For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,”⁸ and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message -- which is also what they were destined for.⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Morning Message

“Brick by Brick”

Closing Song

“Days of Elijah”

Spoken Benediction

Benediction in Song

“Shine, Jesus Shine” (Chorus)

Meal Prayer

Exit Offering

Praise Lyrics

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing the end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus (Sing 2 times)

Tag

Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name



Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth To show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high



Shine, Jesus, Shine

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Praise Lyrics (cont.)

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord and let there be light

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence from the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness so our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Hymn of Heaven

Verse 1

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me and walk with Him for all eternity



Chorus 1

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again holy holy is the Lord

Verse 2

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation the songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
And in the end we'll see that it was worth it when He returns to wipe away our tears

Verse 3

And on that day we join the resurrection and stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord

Praise Lyrics (cont.)

Step By Step

O God You are my God
and I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
and I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
and I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days
(REPEAT)

And I will follow You all of my days and I will
follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me and I will fol-
low You all of my days



You Are My All in All

Verse 1

You are my strength when I am weak you are
the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel Lord to give up
I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

Taking my sin my cross my shame rising again I
bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up when I am
dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus



Days of Elijah

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah declaring the Word
of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trials of
famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying pre-
pare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes riding on the clouds shining
like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice it's the year of Jubilee and out of
Zion's hill salvation comes

Praise Lyrics (cont.)

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel the dry bones becoming as flesh

And these are the days of Your servant David rebuilding a temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest the fields are as white in the world

And we are the labourers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah

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(REPEAT)

Chorus (REPEAT)

Wednesday Evenings at SJCC

Scan the QR code to register children and teens in Pre-K (must be 4 years of age) through 12th grade for our Wednesday evening ministries!



Program Kickoff Nights

LOGOS: Pre-K - 5th Grade

Logos kicks off on Wednesday, September 11th and parents, you are invited too! Our Parent/Kids Kickoff Night will replace the annual parent meeting and we pray this gives you an opportunity to experience Logos first-hand. Check-in between 5:50 - 6:00pm in the south lobby and dinner will begin at 6:00pm. If you cannot make it to the kickoff night, please email Kim M. Walker at gkwalker@rtecexpress.net.

Middle School: 6th - 8th Grade

JYF and Confirmation will have their first night on Wednesday, September 18th. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring a towel! We'll be playing water balloon dodgeball in the East Lawn to kick off our year! Check-in for Confirmation begins at 5:50pm in the south lobby and check-in for JYF begins at 6:50pm (head to the Fireside Room after check-in). JYF advisors this year are Matt Hines, Katie Link, Caitie Martinez, and Jocelyn Walker.

High School: 9th - 12th Grade

All high students, advisors, and Life Planning mentors are invited to attend our kickoff night on September 11th at 7:00pm starting in the Sanctuary. Check-in begins at 6:50pm in the Sanctuary for a welcome program. Weather-pending, we will play a game of Teens vs. Adults flag football to truly kick off the program year! Teens should wear blue & gold and adults should wear red & yellow. SYF advisors this year are Carrie Yoder, Adam & Cayla Swisher, and Jocelyn Walker.

Announcements

- ◆ **Help Needed!** - The St. John's Property Committee could use some help with hauling and raking the large pile of mulch into the church playground. They have a worknight planned for this Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00pm. If you're able to help, please contact the church office and plan to bring gloves, a rake/shovel, and/or a wheel barrel. Many hands make light work!
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Care & Share Thrift Shops and Ten Thousand Villages** would like to invite you to join our family of volunteers. We have volunteer opportunities in many areas including clerking, receiving, pricing, and sorting, all with flexible hours. You will make a difference in our community and around the world as we support the mission of Mennonite Central Committee's relief and development efforts. For an application or additional information, please contact Kathy (x2) or Karen (x5) at 419-445-1926 (Thrift Shops), or Elizabeth (TTV) at 419-445-1310. Thank you for considering Care & Share Thrift/TTV!

Welcome, Gloria Beck!

Please welcome Gloria Beck as the new Administrative Assistant at St. John's Christian Church! Gloria lives in Pettisville. Her previous work experience includes office management with accounting using Quick Books and Microsoft Office, Associate Pastor at Lockport Mennonite Church, and Solo Pastor of a small church in Canada. The "other duties as assigned" as Solo Pastor included managing the office, including weekly bulletins, emails, filing, phones, documentation, etc. A few members of St. John's already know Gloria. Please give her a warm welcome as she begins in the office on September 16th.

Today's Worship Servants

Worship Leader	Linda Heer
Sound Tech	James Grime
Praise Team	Keira Christman, Lynne Christman, Jim McCurdy, Todd Nafziger Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley
Head Usher	Dave Walker
Ushers	Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Keith & Kelli Kuntz

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:

Sep 8 Questions of Praise ----- Psalm 108
Sep 9 A Tale of Two Kings ----- 1 Kings 22:29-53
Sep 10 Here He Comes! ----- Mark 1:1-8
Sep 11 Ready for the Challenge ----- Mark 1:9-13
Sep 12 All Change! ----- Mark 1:14-20
Sep 13 The Power of God ----- Mark 1:21-34
Sep 14 Living From Rest ----- Mark 1:35-45

Week of September 8th at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School Pep Rally (Sanctuary)
	10:30AM	Outdoor Praise & Worship (East Lawn)
	11:30AM	Rally Sunday Lunch, Ice Cream Bar & Slip 'n Slide Kickball
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Mulch Raking (Playground)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Playground)
Wed	6:00PM	JYF Parent Meet-n-Greet (Chapel)
	6:00PM	LOGOS Parent/Kids Kickoff Night (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Senior High Kickoff (Sanctuary)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thurs	6:00PM	Christian Education Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	7:10AM	Rest & Restoration HS Girls Bible Study (Rest & Restore Salt Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission

The Mission-A-Month for September is the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM). We as a church have been challenged to consider giving funds or giving items to support their ministry. TGRM is suggesting that we as a church may donate the following items:

Bedding: sheets and blankets
Towels and wash cloths

Men's, women's and children's gently used winter coats
Scarves, gloves and hats

Items can be brought to the church and set by the donation center area outside the chapel, or items can be brought Sunday, September 22nd, when a representative from TGRM will be here to talk about their ministry and to collect items to take to the mission Sunday after the 10:30AM service. Please be in prayer for how you can participate in this ministry to the homeless.



Rest & Restoration

Bible Study for High School Girls

Every other Friday morning starting
September 13th at 7:10am
at Rest & Restore in Archbold

Sermon Notes: “Brick by Brick”

Kickball Team Rosters

Grab an ice cream sundae and head back to the East Lawn after lunch for the first ever Slip ‘n Slide Kickball Tournament! Three teams will be competing in a round-robin bracket. Who will take home the winning prize and (*humble*) bragging rights for the next year? Face painting and kids base run will be available for the little ones too!

The Toe Jammers

Dawsyn Martinez, Alexa Martinez, Bryson Martinez, Izaiah Sanchez, Tyler Jagielski, Brinley Jagielski, Charlee Gearig, Addi Gearig, Alexa Alt, Gabi Martinez

The Team with No Name

Jill Holdgreve, Josh Grime, Justin Yoder, Jay Riley, Klaire Kern, Krayton Kern, Jude Rutledge, JD Holdgreve, Lainey Holdgreve

That’s A Lot of Walkers (And a Christman) - TALOWAAC

Corey Walker, Collin Walker, Adam Walker, Toby Walker, Karen Walker, Cayla Swisher, Ryan Christman, Allie Walker (DH)

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Ben Buehrer, recovering from neck surgery that relieved pressure on a nerve.
- ◆ Don LaFontaine, undergoing therapy at Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who recently experienced a new health concern.
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, who continues in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ◆ Jeff Bostelman, son of Bill & Kathy, diagnosed with a rare cancer in the spine. Prayers for effective treatment and healing are appreciated.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Kajiado 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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