

November 17, 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

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

(10:30) Call to Worship

"I'm Forever Grateful"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Matthew 6:28-34 (p. 961)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#16, "We Praise Thee, Oh God, Our Redeemer"

#556, "Now Thank We All Our God"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"May the Peoples Praise You"

"I Thank God"

Children's Message

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

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#527, "Glory to His Name"

(10:30) LOGOS Chime Choir

"Count Your Blessings"

(10:30) LOGOS Bell Choir

"Strong Word of God"

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:18-29 (p. 1216)

Sermon

"Part II: Thyatira: Tolerance"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#564, "We Are So Blessed"

(10:30) Closing Song

"More Than Conquerors"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#560, v.5, "For the Beauty of the Earth"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

chorus, "I Thank God"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:28-34 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Revelation 2:18-29 "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. ²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezabel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. ²⁴ Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets (I will not impose any other burden on you); ²⁵ Only hold on to what you have until I come. ²⁶ To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations -- ²⁷ 'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery' -- just as I have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ I will also give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

MISSION-A-MONTH - FULTON COUNTY CHRISTMAS CHEER

Your financial donations help us buy in bulk to fill the store with groceries, personal hygiene items, towels, blankets and brand-new toys. Volunteer help is also needed at the store starting 9AM Mon., Dec 9th through Thurs. Dec 12th. Call 419-551-6573 to sign up.

The Cheer Tree will be in the sanctuary narthex through the month of November, decorated with tags of items needed for the Cheer giveaway. Purchased items can be dropped off in the Donation Center's bin in the chapel narthex **on or before Sunday, December 8th**. Financial donations can be given by writing "MAM" on line 11 of your weekly offering envelope. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping local families this Christmas season!

SERMON NOTES - "PART II: THYATIRA: TOLERANCE"

Revelation 2:18-29 – Letter to the Church in Thyatira – “Tolerance”

Sermon Series – Revelation 2 & 3 – Letters to Seven Churches

- ◆ Each letter to one church was intended to be read by the other six churches, too.
- ◆ Addressee, Speaker, Knowledge, Verdict, Corrective Command, Exhortation, Promise

Addressee – “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:”

- ◆ Known for commerce – wool, linen, clothing, dyed cloth, leatherwork, bronze-work
- ◆ Extensive trade guild or labor network – each guild had their own patron deity
- ◆ Acts 16:14 – “...Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God.”

Speaker – “These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.”

- ◆ “Son of God” – only here in this book, equal to “Son of Man,” reference of the Messiah
- ◆ “Blazing fire” – Christ has penetrating discernment
- ◆ “Burnished bronze” – significant to the bronze-workers of Thyatira

Knowledge – ¹⁹ “I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.”

- ◆ Love – manifested in service; Faith – manifested in perseverance; Progress, growth

Verdict – Verses 20-23

- ◆ The church tolerated, allowed, a false prophetess to remain and teach
- ◆ Given the name Jezebel, from the OT, wife of Israel’s King Ahab; known for doing more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any king before him (1 Kings 16:30); Jezebel is known for worship of Baal, idolatry, killing the prophets of the Lord
- ◆ Prophecy was highly respected in the early church, direct revelation from God
- ◆ Reluctance to repent – refusing to repent; Judgment will come

Corrective Command – Verses 24-25 – to the faithful

- ◆ Faithful – able to discern between genuine and false worship
- ◆ Satan’s deep secrets – the depths of Satan’s works on the hearts of believers
- ◆ Until I come – remain faithful until the second coming of Jesus Christ

Exhortation and Promise – Verses 26-29 – to the overcomers

- ◆ Does my will to the end – faithfulness – Matthew 24:13, Colossians 1:23
- ◆ Authority over the nations – Psalm 2, Psalm 2:9
- ◆ The morning star – 22:16, 2 Peter 1:19 – Christ rising over the darkness of the world

Congregational Prayer – God, as was the confession of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8), I know I am a person of unclean lips. I long to move from sinfulness to righteousness. I know that I am made righteous by Jesus, and I also know that I will reap what I sow. Lord, help me to sow good things in a generous fashion, sowing what is pleasing to you and not my own desires. May St. John’s be known in the community as a generous body of believers who care for others, who demonstrate the life of Christ with our faith, and our words and actions. All for your glory, I pray. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **The Fellowship Committee** is considering starting up group meals. This would be an opportunity for families/individuals at SJCC to be paired with other families/individuals they may not normally have the opportunity to fellowship with. The specific details will be worked out based on interest and will not officially start until January or February of next year. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway to express interest.
- ◆ **Provide a Meal** - If you would like to provide a meal for Bud, Tootie, Kevin and Dee Beck please use the following link: <https://takethemameal.com/IRWX5563> We could still use a meal for Wed. Nov. 20th.
- ◆ **God Winks Devotional: Christmas Collection** - There is a collection basket in the sanctuary narthex. We are collecting them between now and Christmas to distribute locally to medical waiting rooms, rehab facilities, dialysis centers, and cancer treatment centers.
- ◆ **JYF Poinsettia Sale** - Flowers are \$17 each in red, white, pink, or jingle bell (speckled). **Orders due Dec. 1st.** Reach out to one of our middle schoolers, JYF advisors, or the church office to place your order. Flowers will be delivered in mid-December. Thank you for supporting our youth ministries!
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - Seniors are invited to gather in the Chapel for a time of food and fellowship on **November 21st @ 11:30am.** We will enjoy a light lunch together and then Pastor Erich will share a faith-based program.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Keep **December 5th @ 11:15AM** open for our Christmas get-together at the Sauder Barn Restaurant. Hope to have a few surprise activities! There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- ◆ **Senior Citizen's Dinner** - The Fellowship Committee invites all senior citizens to the annual Senior Dinner on **Thursday, December 12 @ 5:30PM** in the Parish Hall. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **2025 Offering Envelopes** - Offering Envelopes are ready for pickup in the sanctuary narthex. If you don't see your name, please let Gloria in the church office know.
- ◆ **The coffee machine** located in the foyer area to the kitchen has not been working for several weeks now. There is one more avenue for repair that is being pursued. In the meantime, pots of coffee, both caffeinated and de-caffeinated, are available on the kitchen counter for people to help themselves. The Building Committee is pursuing a new beverage area and set-up that may be located in the parlor, which would not occur until the work of the building project is complete, as the parlor is scheduled for new ceiling and new flooring.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Nov 17 The Long Trail----- Psalm 119:25-48
Nov 18 Ain't Seen Nothing Yet -----Isaiah 24
Nov 19 God Picks Up the Bill-----Isaiah 25
Nov 20 Through Turmoil to Peace-----Isaiah 26
Nov 21 With God To the Summit-----Isaiah 27
Nov 22 Urban Decay-----Isaiah 28
Nov 23 God Arrives: Be Afraid-----Isaiah 29

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School / Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	2:30PM	BASIC SS Class to TGRM
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - (Central Mennonite) (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Men's Group Practice
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room) / SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thur	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Fireside/Chapel)
Fri	7:00AM	Rest & Restore Bible Study (Rest & Restore)
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)
	1:30PM	Advent Decorating
	6:00PM	Seekers (Keith & Kelli's)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs	(10:30) Praise Team
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Children's Message	(Both) Jocelyn Walker	
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge	(10:30) Dawsyn Martinez
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Nursery	(10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
Ushers	(10:30) Dave & Paige Miller, Adam Swisher, Toby Walker	
Praise Team:	Lynne Christman, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley	

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ The family of Shirley Wyse, who entered eternal life early Thursday morning at the age of 93. Services will be held on Wednesday, November 20 with visitation from 9:30-11:30 in the Chapel and the service starting at 11:30 in the Sanctuary. Interment at Pettisville. Luncheon in the gym.
- ◆ Keith & Kici Wyse and family, upon the passing of Keith's sister, Molly Knipp, who entered eternal life on November 7th at the age of 69.
- ◆ Norma Fish, is now at Fairlawn for a time of recovery following surgery.
- ◆ Scott & JoAnn Short, as Scott has been diagnosed with cancer in his prostate.
- ◆ Melva Woolace, who is in rehab at Montpelier Hospital.
- ◆ Bud & Tootie Beck, as they are now both in a new apartment, at 106 West Park Drive.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, recuperating at home from recent surgery.
- ◆ Jeff & Laura Bostelman, as Jeff goes through treatment of the cancer in his spine.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, who continues through treatment of the cancer.

Care Center Residents

- ◆ Josephine Short, Fairlawn Haven, Room #405
- ◆ Linda Hayes, Fairlawn Independent Living, Apartment #104
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Louise Short, Hillside Country Living, 09876 County Road 16, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, Fairlawn Independent Living, Apartment #111

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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