

January 12, 2025 | 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 in the second floor room labelled "Artisan's Tent." 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

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." (Psalm 100:4)

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

"To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship." (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Mission-A-Month – Church World Service: Disaster Response Kits

Ann Grime

(8:00) Prelude

"Every Time We Are Gathered"

(10:30) Call to Worship

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 19:7-11 (p. 541)

† (8:00) Opening Hymns

#381, "Open My Eyes, That I May See"
#271, "Standing on the Promises"

† (10:30) Opening Praises

"House of the Lord"
"Praise"

Children's Message

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

Commissioning of the 2025 Building Project

Scripture Reading

Revelation 3:7-13 (p. 1217)

† Sermon Hymn

insert, "It May Be at Morn"

Sermon

"Philadelphia: Enduring"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Jesus Draw Me Close"

† The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

De-Commissioning Service of the Pipe Organ

History of the Organ, Richard Spiess

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Release

† Closing Hymn

#349, "Trust and Obey"

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

#238, "The King is Coming"

† *Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 19:7-11 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. ¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. ¹¹ By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Revelation 3:7-13 "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars-- I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹² Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

MISSION-A-MONTH - CWS EMERGENCY CLEANUP KITS

The Church World Service kit ministry program provides much needed supplies to people in their times of crisis. For every \$75 collected this month, CWS will fill a five-gallon bucket with items like sponges, cleaning towels, dish soap, house cleaners, dust masks, work and dish gloves, trash bags, insect repellants, and more. Through this special offering we will be able to provide many of the tangible items that are necessary for the physical needs of our sisters and brothers in crisis. But even more importantly, those tangible items provide a spiritual hope. And perhaps that is the most compelling definition of faithful stewardship - sharing hope with others.

To give to our Mission-A-Month, simply write "MAM" or "CWS Kits" on Line 11 of your offering envelope, or select "Church World Service" in the "Give to" drop-down menu through Breeze's online giving platform.

SERMON NOTES: "PHILADELPHIA: ENDURING"

Revelation 3:7-13 – Letter to the Church in "Philadelphia: Enduring"

Addressee – verse 7a – "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:"

- ◆ An important high plateau city, a main highway running through it, a fortress city of prosperity, prone to earthquakes

Speaker – verse 7b – "These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open."

- ◆ Jesus as the true Messiah; Holy (holiness speaks of God), True (trustworthy/reliable)
- ◆ Encouraging the church to continue in their faithfulness

Knowledge and Verdict – verse 8 – "I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name."

- ◆ An open door – could be describing the city as a missionary city, or, more likely, it is the door to the kingdom of God that Christ opens for all who love him
- ◆ "Little strength" does not prevent their witness of Christ to the world
- ◆ Word and name – faithful to the Gospel

Corrective Command – verse 9 – "I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars -- I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you".

- ◆ Synagogue of Satan – Jews who denied Jesus as the Messiah, persecuted believers
- ◆ John and Paul were examples of Jews who came to know Christ as Messiah
- ◆ The New Covenant – Christ came for Jew and Gentile
- ◆ Underlying truth of Philippians 2:10-11

Promise – verse 10 – "Since you have kept my command to **endure patiently**, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth."

- ◆ Pattern of Christ's own endurance – 2 Thessalonians 3:5, Hebrews 12:3
- ◆ Hour of trial – the wrath of God, which Christ's overcomers will be delivered from

Exhortation – verses 11-12 – "I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹² Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Sunday Lunch with the Pastor** - Want to know more about the theology and current ministries of St. John's Christian Church? Then this time of lunch and conversation is for you! Pastor Erich and Lynne will host the lunch in the Fireside Room following the 10:30AM service **Today**. It will be an informal time of getting acquainted with each other and with the church.
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! January's Third Thursday Lunch falls on **January 16th** beginning at 11:30AM in the chapel. Following an always delicious meal, those present will enjoy some special entertainment as we work our way from Epiphany to Ash Wednesday.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Happy New Year to all the GIF Gals. Our first 2025 get together will feature a Brown Bag Lunch at the Home Restaurant on **Jan 23rd, at 5PM**. After a fun fellowship meal, Judy Sears will be presenting a program about her years of being the owner of a Bed & Breakfast in Archbold. She is sure to have many interesting and funny stories. There is a sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office to sign up and select your sandwich preference.
- ◆ **Widow/Widower Event - Thursday, Feb. 20th, 5PM-7:30PM** at Pettisville Missionary Church. Free dinner and program provided by Weeping Willow Florist. Must call Weeping Willow to register at 419-445-7773. Registration deadline is Feb. 10th.
- ◆ **College Student Funding for Kajiado Children's Home Mission Trip** - The Mission Committee has allocated \$5,000 in the 2025 Mission Budget to help send up to two college students on the upcoming mission trip to Kajiado Children's Home from May 27 - June 6, 2025. These funds are pending approval of the Annual Congregational Meeting in January 2025. If two students are selected, the amount will be evenly divided at \$2,500 each. If one student is selected, the student will receive the full \$5,000. This funding is designed to provide college students with a global mission experience backed by the financial and prayer support of their home church. Interested applicants should email Jocelyn Walker at jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org. **Applications are due by January 17th, 2025.**

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Jan 12 The Mountain Maker-----	Psalm 121
Jan 13 Table of Nations-----	Genesis 10
Jan 14 One of Us-----	John 1:1-18
Jan 15 He Never Said-----	John 1:19-28
Jan 16 This Light is Ours-----	John 1:29-34
Jan 17 I Will Follow -----	John 1:35-42
Jan 18 Change Your World-----	John 1:43-51

WEEK OF JANUARY 12TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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)
	11:45AM	Sunday Lunch with the Pastor (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Keith & Kelli's)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Archbold Rotary/Four County) (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Adult Small Group (Parlor)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thur	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Confirmation/Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:10AM	Congregational Annual Meeting Sunday (Sanctuary)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman
Song Leader	(8:00) David Stuckey (10:30) Praise Team
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer
Children's Message	Nancy Rupp
Acolytes	(8:00) Dawson Martz (10:30) Ethan Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger
Sound Tech	(8:00) Jenna Stuckey (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman
Nursery	(10:30) Bri Krukowski & Emma Krukowski
Usher	(8:00) Jim Grieser
Head Usher	Greg Walker
Ushers	(10:30) Tom & Laura Johnson, Keith & Kelli Kuntz
Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Todd Nafziger, Buffy Riley, Jocelyn Walker

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jim Grieser, who will have hip surgery on January 13th.
- ◆ Curt Stamm, who will have lower spine surgery on January 15th.
- ◆ Ron Comden, brother of Pam Reeb, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer.
- ◆ Scott & JoAnn Short, as Scott recovers from successful prostate surgery on January 7th.
- ◆ Ron McCurdy, Jim's brother, who continues dealing with serious health issues.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, as he continues through chemo treatments.
- ◆ Melva Woolace, in rehab, going through wound treatment, hoping to return home soon.
- ◆ Jeff & Laura Bostelman, as Jeff has recently gone through two weeks of chemo pills, and then on a 23 day stretch without the pills, and is doing okay through it all.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart's latest scan was a good one, with progress in his treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, Fairlawn Independent Living, Apartment #104
- ◆ Charlene LaFontaine, Fairlawn Independent Living, Apartment #108
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Bryan, 43506, Room #130
- ◆ Dencel Miller, Fairlawn Haven Care Center, Room #169
- ◆ Josephine Short, Fairlawn Haven, Room #405
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, Fairlawn Independent Living, Apartment #111

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. as she departs this week for her cross-cultural mission field.
- ◆ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59PM

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY, has been honorably discharged from the 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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