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Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together



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Welcome to



**ST. JOHN'S
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

**“The Church on
the Corner Whose
Cornerstone is Christ”**

We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word, preaching salvation through believing in Christ as Savior. We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome to our Worship of God! First Sunday after Epiphany

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence, and Christ, the Light of the World. Inscribed on the Tower Bells – "To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship."

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 Chronicles 16:8-11

Mission-A-Month – Church World Service Clean Up Kits

Prelude

"Blessed Assurance"

A time to center our thoughts, centering on Christ, our Lord and Savior, and our worship of him.

†Call to Worship

†(8:00) Hymn – #88

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

†(8:00) The Apostles' Creed

†(10:30) Songs

"Let the Praises Ring"

"Shout to the Lord"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Reception of New Members

Opening Sentences and Scripture Reading

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover, red hymnal)

Vows of Membership

Congregational Response: *As you join the membership of this congregation, we promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our Risen Lord. Welcome to our fellowship!*

Hymn Response – #287, "Our God Has Made Us One"

Children's Message

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

(10:30) Chancel Choir

"God Will Be Exalted"

Scripture Reading

Psalm 105:1-7 (p. 597), Luke 21:1-4 (p. 1042)

Sermon

"The Widow's Offering"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn – #563

†(10:30) Closing Song

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song – #563, refrain

†Postlude

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

“Count Your Blessings”

“My Lighthouse”

“Count Your Blessings”



Welcome . . .

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to our worship of God! We hope you will find our service to be an uplifting and faithful time of worship and that you will worship with us again. Learn more about us by visiting our Welcome Table at the south end of our building or our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

St. John’s Christian Preschool

A learning, Christian ministry geared for children 3-5 years of age. Four sessions offered: Tues/Thurs morning and afternoon, and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon; and run from September thru May. More information is available at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Mother’s Room / Diaper Changing Station / Nursery Care

We have a Mother’s Room located near our sanctuary – just ask an usher for its location. A diaper changing station is in our nursery room just down the hallway from our sanctuary. Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children.

Children’s and Large Print Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a “loop system” switch position.

This Week’s Congregational Prayer:

(These weekly prayers are given for unity and prayer guidance. Unity in the hope that everyone will offer this prayer daily throughout the week. Prayer guidance in the intent to assist everyone in knowing how and what to pray.) By faith, Lord, I offer myself to you, recognizing how much you offer to me. Daily, may I bow down and worship you, praising you for the gifts of your faithfulness, compassion and mercy. I pray for the many ministries of our congregation, that we serve as reflectors of your true light and love. Pour out the power of your Spirit upon us, that our faith would not be shaken, daily tended by reading your word and seeking your guidance through prayer. To your glory I pray. Amen.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Beverly Beaverson lives at 235 Westfield Drive in Archbold, having moved there from Fayette a few years ago. Beverly retired after 32 years in the J.C. Penney store in Toledo. She has a twin sister, Marilyn Baron, and the two of them do most everything together – including many bus trips!

Marilyn Baron lives 201 Westfield Drive in Archbold, having moved here from Long Island, New York in the fall of 2013, to be near her twin sister, Beverly Beaverson.

The two sisters are open to doing anything that's fun at their age, and enjoy swimming, reading and exercising.

Colin & Miranda Bzovi live at 404 Murbach Street in Archbold, moving there after they were married on July 21, 2018. Colin is a registered nurse working at the Defiance Regional Hospital. Miranda is a fourth grade teacher at Archbold Elementary school. The couple enjoys staying active! Colin enjoys watching and attending sporting events, especially Michigan football. Miranda enjoys caring for animals and working with horses. They both enjoy fishing, and Colin likes spending time outdoors hunting. The two of them have been working to update their new house.

Joel & Annie Foote live at 732 West Leggett Street in Wauseon, in the home with all of the gorgeous flower beds north of the golf course. They were married on February 9, 1971. They have two grown children, Joel and Colin, and they enjoy traveling to visit with them and their families. Both are now retired and enjoy gardening, singing, reading, traveling, Bible studies and small group activities. They enjoy singing in the chancel choir and Annie is being trained to be a Stephen Minister.

Jocelyn Walker married Corey Walker on December 30, 2016, and the couple lives at 131 Meekison Street in Napoleon. Their precious daughter, Alexandra "Allie" was born on November 19, 2018. Jocelyn is an advisor/recruiter at Bowling Green State University. She loves to sing and cook, and spend time with family, and is an avid binge-watcher of "The Office." Jocelyn enjoys singing in the chancel choir.

Solomon & Lisa Welch live at 122 Main Street in Pettisville, PO Box 53216. They were married on February 20, 1996. Solomon is a Microsoft systems engineer and loves all things techie. He enjoys doing car maintenance and simple repairs, gardening, is a grill master and loves to eat venison. Lisa is an occupational therapist, though she's currently not employed as she cares for parents. Lisa likes to cook and is learning to bake gluten-free, and she enjoys gardening, studying natural alternative medicine, and is crafty. They have enjoyed leading pre-school ministry at previous churches, and Lisa was on a worship team, a meal team, and in children's ministry.

WEEK OF JAN. 13 AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Couples Small Group
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	4:00PM	Investment Meeting (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Training (Chapel)
Tues	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. Martin's Lutheran Church Hosting)
	7:00PM	Preschool Board (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Classroom Upstairs)
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	6:00PM	6th Grade Basketball
	7:00PM	Christian Education Team (Fireside Room)
Sat	8:00AM	Private Party (Parish Hall/Kitchen)
Sun		Annual Congregational Meeting & Meal
	9:00AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	11:15AM	Annual Meeting (child care provided for preschool through sixth grade)
	12:15PM	Lunch served by the SYF
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Short's)

Discovery® is a daily Bible reading guide that provides clear Bible explanation, prayers and relevant application questions. You can access the guide online at <http://www.scripture-reunion.org/Bible%20Reading/Discovery>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

January 14 - To The Governor.....	Acts 23:23-35
January 15 - I'm Committed	2 Samuel 1:1-16
January 16 - I'm Gifted.....	2 Samuel 1:17-27
January 17 - I'm in Touch.....	Samuel 2:1-7; 3:1
January 18 - I'm Purposeful.....	2 Samuel 5:1-12
January 19 - I'm Worshipful.....	2 Samuel 6:1-23
January 20 - Living For God.....	Psalm 137

2018 Giving Statements

Giving Statements are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex, arranged alphabetically.

LOGOS: PreK/Kind - God made my nose, 1 Corinthians 12:12, 14-27. Upon returning, we continued to talk about our five senses. Focusing on our sense of smell, we discussed how our nose helps us, from smelling to holding up our glasses. Our craft for the night was made ahead of time: Kool-Aid play dough. The children were able to smell and play with watermelon, lemonade, grape, and orange. The room smelled very fruity and fun!

3rd Grade - We studied Genesis 37-45 learning that like Joseph, God is always with us, no matter how bad it looks. 4th Grade -In our continuing study of worship, this week our focus was on what we as Christians believe - The Apostles' Creed. The class has been challenged to memorize the creed for next Wednesday!

Senior High Sunday School: Our lesson comes from Exodus 13-14, where we confirm God does indeed protect His people. We look at all the ways God delivers through water: Noah's ark, Moses' basket, the parting of the Red Sea, the crossing of the Jordan River, and Jonah's three days in the fish.

Annual Congregational Meeting – January 20th, 2019

The Sunday morning schedule on January 20th will be as follows:

9:00am Sunday School Hour

10:00am Worship

11:15am Annual Meeting (child care provided for preschool through sixth grade)

12:15pm Lunch served by the SYF

The nomination ballot was published in the January Visitor. Meeting packets are available for pick up today.

Junior Church – January 20th, 2019

Children's ministry is being resumed, thanks to the willingness of Josie Grieser, Emily Hines and Kelsey Wyse, who on their own expressed desire to lead this ministry. Junior Church will occur during the 10:30am service, on Sunday's in which the LOGOS Worship Skills will sing or play in worship (the 3rd Sunday of January, February, March and April). Following the children's moment and the Junior Choir singing or the Bell and Chime choirs playing, our 4 year olds thru 2nd graders will be released to the narthex, where they will meet up with Josie, Emily and Kelsey. The children will hear a Bible story, create a craft, play a game tied to the lesson, and watch a video that underscores the lesson.

January Mission-A-Month

Church World Service Emergency Clean Up Kits

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation

- ✚ Africa – Tom & Megan – The Islands – serving since 2009, Tom and Megan, with their children, Grace, Peter and David, continue serving with a team focused on teaching English, offering translation workshops, mentoring and discipleship.
- ✚ Akron – David Hench – Reliant at Akron University – serving since 2018, David grew up in Wauseon, graduated from Akron U in 2017, and he married Blair last summer. David is focused on discipling students and is involved in weekly Bible studies and worship services.
- ✚ Ann Arbor – Kyle Chase – Reliant Mission at University of Michigan – serving since 2008, Kyle is married to Melissa, and they have two sons, Jaden and Brennan. Kyle serves as pastor of New Life Church and has oversight and discipleship of North Campus students and staff as well as oversight of the teaching ministry at New Life Church.
- ✚ Bowling Green – Robert & Jenni McMahan – Cru at BGSU – originally from Napoleon, Robert & Jenni started serving in September of 2018 and continue to build relationships with other staff and with students.
- ✚ Brazil – Tony & Leila Frank – Tony is originally from Stryker, and after serving in Russia and Mozambique, they transitioned to Brazil in 2014. They are engaged in teaching at a local church, teaching bible and discipleship at a college campus, and translation work.
- ✚ Chicago – Jon & Rachel Doriot – Pioneers – we began supporting Jon & Rachel, and their children, Jadon, Brendan, Joshua and Asher, in 2012, when they were in Indonesia. They transitioned to Chicago in the fall of 2016 where they train believers in discipleship, reach out to lost Muslims, and network broadly with like-minded people.
- ✚ Columbus – Matt & Paige Waanders – Cru at Ohio State University – Paige is a granddaughter of Lenny & Jean Stamm, and after serving a year in Brazil, they returned to Cru at OSU in July of 2017. Matt continues to oversee aspects of Cru’s ministry in Brazil and the two of them serve at OSU, as well as at Columbus State University.
- ✚ Dominican Republic – Jason & Becky Suon – Freedom International – from the Pettisville area, they started serving 2017. Jason works on the maintenance staff at the school and Becky works in the preschool. They have four children – Finn, Paisley, Stacia and Moses.
- ✚ India – Dr. Shobha Arole & Mr. Ravi Arole – CRHP Jamkhed – Shobha and Ravi are the children of the CRHP founders, who we’ve partnered with since 1967. CRHP includes a hospital, preschool, training center, teaching farm, prosthetic leg workshop and much more, all the while sharing Christ and providing quality health care to 40 villages.
- ✚ Kenya – Larry & Linda Rupp – Kajiado Children’s Home – Larry, brother to Doug, grew up at St. John’s, and he and Linda helped found the home in the early 1990’s. The home serves 60 to 90 orphans, providing lodging, meals, education, faith and a loving family environment.
- ✚ Thailand – Kinsey Smith – Cru at Grace International School – she is in her first of two years, teaching 11th grade U.S. literature, and ministering to students anyway she can.
- ✚ Toledo – Matt Pardi – Reliant Mission at University of Toledo – Matt and MaryLynn served at OSU for six years, and we began supporting them in 2010 when they were at BGSU. They are the parents of Dominic, Isabella and Max. Matt serves as pastor and network director, at both Toledo and Bowling Green State University.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Brayden Hall, had shoulder surgery on Thursday, and is in recovery mode.
- Rich Lesniak, who is home recovering from shoulder surgery that was done on January 2nd.
- Callie Ruffer, whose heart surgery on 1/7 went well, but there have been a few serious set backs in the days following; please continue to pray for her healing, and strength for Cameron & Kristen.
- Sue Grieser hopes to start half days at work next week, so she is improving from her recent surgery.
- Jeremy Neuenschwander, who had a biopsy done on December 26th and awaits results.
- Brenden Bostelman, in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- Jared Kuntz, at Guam (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Shayne & Taylor Pitts, at Bolling AFB, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- David Richardson, enlisted in the Marines, reports to boot camp on 2/25 (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Donny Richardson, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- Joshua Richardson, at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi)
- Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- AJ Short, at 29 Palms, California (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- Kollin Woolace, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).
- All our home bound and care center residents.

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Ian Grime	(10:30) Carly Grime
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker	
	(10:30) Jon & Jan Lindsay, Eric & Sarah Nafziger	
	(8:00) Ron & Karen Rice	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Bo & Bri Krukowski	(Jan. 20) Keith & Kelli Kuntz
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Children's Moment	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Computer Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) Gary Mann
Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	

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