

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.

September 1, 2019 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.

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 and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Prelude

†Call to Worship (L-Leader; P-People)

- L: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos.
- P: Our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.
- L: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice.
- P: We bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.
- L: We gather as children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.
- P: Let our joy resound through singing, teaching and reflecting on the Word.

+Hymn of Praise – #202

⁺Unison Prayer of Confession - Great God of all, we come into your presence humbled by your majesty and chagrined by the many ways we fall short of your desires for our lives. You create us to live in community, yet we can distance ourselves from one another. You call us to follow you, yet we can often shirk our responsibilities. We expect much from you, and can give so little of ourselves. Turn us away from our sin and toward you. Strengthen our faith and our obedience, that our lives may show forth your praise. In Christ's name we ask this. Amen.

†Hymn of Response – #252 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" **†**Passing the Peace of Christ Children's Message Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) **†**Sermon Hymn – #357 "Jesus Loves Even Me" Scripture Reading Genesis 6:5-22 (p. 6) "Lessons From Noah's Ark" Sermon Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings "As the Deer" Offertory ⁺The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication **†**Closing Hymn – #294 "Set My Soul Afire" **†**Spoken Benediction "The Trees of the Field" **†**Benediction in Song – #244 **†**Postlude

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (p. 780) "We're Marching to Zion"

"Amazing Grace"



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 through 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.

Congregational Prayer – God, I wonder what all Noah thought of when you gave him your plans for the ark. I wonder what all Peter considered after Jesus arose and then ascended, what was he thinking on that day of Pentecost? Lord, how has the Christian church lasted over the course of centuries? All stems from your plans, doesn't it? Lord, further reveal your plan to us as a church, to me as a believer. Open my mind to your word. Teach me your path, your plan, for my life. For I want to love you, and serve you and honor you. In Jesus' name. Amen

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Riding a bike. Using a new computer program. Ironing a shirt. Training is important whenever anyone learns a new skill. Training is important in Stephen Ministry, too. Before Stephen Ministers begin their work, they go through a lot of training. When they start their official ministry, they're ready! A training class for Stephen Ministers is beginning soon – October 28th. READY? SET? MINISTER! To find out about what Stephen Ministry has to offer, contact one of the Stephen Ministry Team Leaders. We would love to talk with you! **Mission** – Service Opportunity – The Mission Committee has planned a day of service with Crossroad Child & Family Services, one of the longest running mission partnerships of SJCC. We're looking for 12 volunteers to serve on Saturday, September 14th. The group will leave the church at 8am and work until 4pm, returning to the church shortly after 5pm. Lunch will be included. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, we have an opportunity to further bless the work and ministry of Crossroad through taking items on their wish list – check out the bulletin board!

LOGOS – The first night of LOGOS will be Wednesday, September 18! We will follow the same schedule as in the past, with our meal beginning at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall – doors will open at 5:50 pm. Parents may register their 5 year old through 5th grade youth for LOGOS by completing the LOGOS registration form on the LOGOS bulletin board in the chapel narthex. Completed forms may be placed in the folder on the LOGOS bulletin board, dropped off in the church office, mailed to the church, or emailed to Kim M. Walker at gkwalker@rtecexpress.net. Please have registrations completed by September 8th.

LOGOS volunteers needed.

As we continue to make plans for LOGOS, our Wednesday evening ministry for children, we are in need of additional volunteers. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts in one or more of the following roles. For more information on any of the positions, please contact Kim M. Walker at 567-239-2021 or gkwalker@rtecexpress.net

-LOGOS Table Parent – Table Parents show genuine interest in each child at their table; encourage the children to engage in family time conversation; model what it looks like to treat others as a child of God. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 5:50 – 6:50 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

-LOGOS Bible Study Teacher – Teach one grade level of children from the provided Faith for Life curriculum; develop positive relationships with the children; facilitates the building of positive relationships among the children. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 7:15 – 7:50 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

-LOGOS Bible Study Assistant – Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 7:15 – 7:50 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

-LOGOS Preschool Classroom Assistant - Be present and assist the Bible Study Teacher with any necessary tasks. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 6:45 – 8:00 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

-LOGOS Jr. Choir Assistant – Be present and assist the Jr. Choir Director with non-musical tasks. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 6:45 – 7: 20 pm on a rotational basis.

-LOGOS Hand Chime Assistant – Be present and assist the Hand Chime Director with nonmusical tasks. Time commitment: Wednesday evening from 6:45 – 7: 20 pm on a rotational basis.

-LOGOS Table Decorations – Provide simple decorations for each LOGOS table to go with the weekly theme. May use decorations that we have accumulated over the years or come up with your own. Time commitment: Wednesday late afternoons – must have tables decorated by 5:40 pm weekly or on a rotational basis.

WEEK OF September 1st AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
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	Youth Praise Band Practice (Chapel)
	Labor Day Office Closed
9:00AM	Visitation for Rose Ann Mann
11:00AM	Memorial Service
5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted by SJCC)
7:00PM	SYF Leaders Meeting
7:00PM	Capital Campaign Committee (Fireside Room)
8:30AM	Mom's in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
6:30PM	Walk Through the Bible Meeting (Fireside Room)
7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
11:00AM	Memorial Service for Larry Rupp
8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:15AM	Confirmation / Faith Village / Sunday School
10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
3:00PM	TGRM Chapel & Meal
	Youth Praise Band Practice (Chapel)
	Revive Ohio Prayer - Oasis
	9:15AM 10:30AM 4:00PM 9:00AM 11:00AM 5:00PM 7:00PM 7:00PM 8:30AM 6:30PM 7:00PM 11:00AM 8:00AM 9:15AM 10:30AM 3:00PM 4:00PM

Next Sunday – September 8, 2019

Sermon – "Study the Bible? Why?" by Pastor Erich Christman Scripture – Deuteronomy 32:48-52

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides – Discovery Daily Bible Guides are available in the literature rack outside the Associate Pastor's office (suggested donation \$6 each). You can access this guide online at *http://www.scriptureunion.org/Bible%20Reading Discovery*. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

September 2 - Is God Enough?	Job 1:1-22
September 3 - Why Do We Suffer?	Job 2:1-13
September 4 - The Darkness of Despair	
September 5 - Talk is cheap	
September 6 - Religious Discomfort	
September 7 - Theology Drives Everything	
September 8 - Confident Prayer	

September Mission-A-Month Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission

SERMON NOTES

"Lessons From Noah's Ark" Genesis 6:9-22

Some reflections shared:

- 1. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah began to build the ark.
- 2. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.
- 3. Don't listen to critics. Do what has to be done.
- 4. Build on high ground.
- 5. For safety's sake, always travel in pairs.
- 6. Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
- 7. Don't miss the boat.

Most of these ideals deal with planning. Proverbs offers scriptures to help us plan:

16:3 - Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

16:9 – In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

15:22 - Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

19:21 – Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Monthly Spotlight on Missionaries SJCC Supports



Ravi Arole & Dr. Shoba Arole

Second Generation Administrators of the Comprehensive Rural Health Project

It was in 1970 that St. John's began partnering with Dr. Raj and Dr. Maybelle Arole, who founded the Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP) in rural Jamkhed, India. CRHP works among the rural poor and marginalized. Founded to bring healthcare to the poorest of the poor, CRHP has become an organization that empowers people and communities to eliminate injustices through integrated efforts in health and development. Pioneering a comprehensive approach to community-based primary healthcare (also known as the Jamkhed Model), CRHP has been a leader in public health and development in rural communities in India and around the world. Annually, CRHP provides services that directly impact 500,000 people in the state of Maharashtra. Since the opening of the Training Center in 1994, over 30,000 local and 3,000 international representatives from NGOs, governments and healthcare professionals have been trained in the CRHP approach.

Upon the death of their parents, Ravi Arole and Dr. Shoba Arole assumed oversight of all the administrative and medical duties of this Christian based ministry. During a visit in 2013, SJCC members learned first-hand that each day at CRHP begins with team devotions and prayer, and that the "comprehensive" approach certainly includes sharing the gospel with staff, patients and community members.

You can pray for Ravi and Shoba, for their personal health and wise counsel of leadership; pray for the faithful stamina of the CRHP staff; and pray for the patients and community members who they minister too.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

•Gary & Teresa Mann, and family, upon the death of Gary's mother, Rose Ann Mann. Visitation will be Tuesday from 9am to 11am in the church's chapel, with the service at 11am. •Rosemarie Schmidt, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery at Rupp Rehab.

- •Rosemarie Schindl, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery at Ro •Eric Yoder as he continues to recover from his recent back surgery.
- •Audrey Smith as she is in hospice care at home.
- •Sue Grieser is in the midst of five weeks of radiation for cancer treatment.
- •Mike Henry has been placed on the kidney transplant list with the Cleveland Clinic. Please be praying for his health, and for a successful search in finding a kidney donor.
- •Brenden Bostelman, stationed in Alaska (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- •Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- •Kyle Ducey, at Fort Gordon, Georgia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- •Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (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, in Marine boot camp (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) Tyler Wyse	(10:30) Cahle Roth		
Ushers	(Head) Steve Walker			
	(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, A) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Adam & Kim Walker		
	(8:00) Linda Heer, Jean Sta	8:00) Linda Heer, Jean Stamm		
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Jan Martinez (3	September 8) Mark & Tammy Noziger		
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwand	der (10:30) James Grime		
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder			
Computer Tech	(Both) Brian Roth			
Worship Leader	(Both) Tammy Nofziger			
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs			
Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman			

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