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**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to **Serve Together****



*Birthday Party for Jesus*

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! Second Sunday of Advent ~ 48th Sermon In Music

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 11:1-5 (p. 686)

The Nativity Scene – The Stable – #157, verse 1

“Away in a Manger”

Prelude

Chancel Choir

“Glory to God”

Bells – Ian Grime, Isaac Meyer, Leah Nafziger, Jay Riley, Avery Roth, Raegan Rutledge

†Carol – #160

“Low! How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – The Candle of Peace

Craig, Jenny & Josie Grieser

Carol Response – insert, page 7, second verse

“Now It's Time to Light the Candle”

Children's Message

(#82, verse 1) “O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

Junior Choir

“Rockin' the Baby”

Soloists – Ali Genter, Klaire Kern, Maci Martz, Kendal Davis

Group – Molly Rutledge, Kaenen Helberg

Women's Ensemble

“Mary's Little Boy Child”

Service of Infant Dedication – Reilly Stephen Yoder

Opening Sentences and The Apostles' Creed

Promises of the Parents and Congregational Pledge:

*You are dedicating your child, Reilly, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Reilly and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ's way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God.*

Dedication and Prayer

†Carol – #161

“Our Day of Joy Is Here Again”

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

Duet

Scott & Joshua Reeb

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“One Small Child”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Reading

Psalm 96:1-9 (p. 592), Isaiah 9:6-7 (p. 683)

Advent Message

Chancel Choir

†Closing Carol – #119

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #112

†Postlude

“Singing the Carols”

“Sing Gloria”

“O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”

“Jesus Name Above All Names”



**Welcome . . .**

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### **Guests and Visitors**

Welcome, welcome, welcome, to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together and enjoy fellowship. We hope you have felt God's love in a new, refreshing way. So that our pastor may follow up with you, please fill out one of the pew cards and drop it in the offering plate later in the service.

### **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](http://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.

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**Congregational Prayer** – Filled with praise, Lord, I come before you in prayer, expressing to you my joyous gratitude for the blessed coming of the Messiah. As we celebrate Christmas, we look to the past and look to the future. Praising you for the glory shone forth through the birth of our Savior so long ago. Praising you for the hope and peace that come to us through Jesus our Lord, as we worship and live in his grace. Praising you for the promise of our Lord's return, sometime in the future – whenever he might come again, we trust in your truth. In my own heart, I pray for the peace of Christ, to fill me with confidence and renewal in this season of preparation. To you, O Lord, I sing my praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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***December Mission-A-Month – Crossroad***

**Next Sunday – December 15, 2019**

Sermon – “One Solitary Life” by Pastor Erich Christman

Scripture – Revelation 21:1-8

**Offering Envelopes** will be available for pick up next Sunday. If you do not have a box and would like one, please let the office know.

### **Bingo at Fairlawn**

There will be Bingo at Fairlawn on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 1:30. About 5 volunteers are needed. If you are able to help out, please contact Elaine Winzeler. Thank you!

**2019 Advent Booklet** – Copies are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex. A digital copy of the booklet is posted on the home page of our web site, under the "Events" tab.

### **Tonight – 7:00pm – Evening Concert**

Siberian Solstice is a musical group from northwest Ohio providing Christmas music as originally performed by the nationally acclaimed "TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA" (TSO). The music format of traditional Christmas music and other classical pieces with electronic keyboards, drums, and guitars is enjoyed by all age groups. Siberian Solstice has eight members on stage to accurately reproduce the TSO style and will perform for approximately 90 minutes. They present the program “An Angel’s Gift” with music, song and light show! There will be a free will offering received for the support of their music ministry.

### **Senior Citizens Dinner**



The Fellowship Committee would like to invite our senior citizens to a Christmas Dinner on December 10th, at 5:30 in the Chapel. Please sign up on the bulletin board (or contact the church office) if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you for an evening of good food and fun!

### **Stephen Ministry**

Are you the child of an aging parent? Do you work or volunteer in a care facility? On Monday, December 9th at 6:30PM, Paul Reichert, pastor of St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, will be presenting a 30 – 45 minute information session on “Ministering to Those Experiencing Losses Related to Aging.” Some of us have already experienced some of these losses – hair that sprouts in places where it never belonged, changes in our strength and endurance, loss of hearing, or grieving the death of peers, spouses or even children. Some of the objectives covered may include: recognizing some of the losses that can occur with advancing age; exploring the feelings aged people have regarding themselves; understanding the needs for care that go in each phase of aging; and how to care for people in the aging process. Although this is a continuing education class for our Stephen Ministers, the evening is open to all who would like more information on caring for the aging. All are welcome!

## **WEEK OF December 8 AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Children's Program Practice (Gym)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	10:45AM	Jr. Church
	12:00PM	Private Party (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Siberian Solstice Concert (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:30PM	Training: "Ministering to Those Experiencing Losses Related to Aging"
	7:00PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision
	7:30PM	Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
Tues	7:15AM	YFC Bible Study (AMS)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	1:30PM	Bingo at Fairlawn
	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy Ministry
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Meal by Zion Mennonite Church)
	5:30PM	Senior Christmas Dinner (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Preschool Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Parlor)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)
	9:00AM	Bible Study at West Haven
	6:30PM	Children's Program Practice (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Parish Hall & Kitchen)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School
	9:15AM	Children's Program Practice (Sanctuary)
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Foote's)

**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:

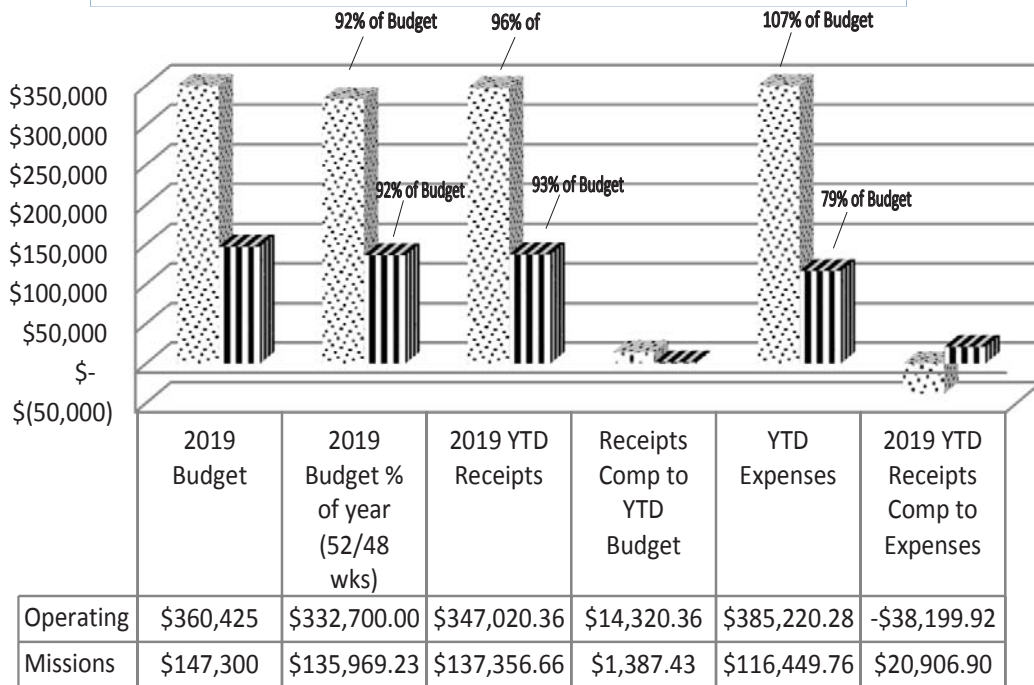
December 9 - Giving and Serving .....	2 Chronicles 24:1-6
December 10 - Here We Go Again .....	2 Chronicles 29:1-11,35b,36
December 11 - Come on and Celebrate.....	2 Chronicles 30:1-31
December 12 - Humility Wins .....	2 Chronicles 33:1-25
December 13 - Back to the Future .....	2 Chronicles 34:1-33
December 14 - Disaster - or Not? .....	2 Chronicles 36:2-23
December 15 - Hang in There .....	Psalm 31

## 2020 Community Meals

We're about to commence serving these meals for the 10th year! In 2019, an average of 188 people enjoyed food and fellowship each week. The meals are served on Tuesdays, from 5pm to 6pm. The meals are held at SJCC from January thru March and July thru September and at Zion Mennonite Church April thru June and October thru December. That means the meals are coming back to SJCC beginning on January 7th, so once again we are praying for and seeking volunteers to help set up before, serve during and clean up after each meal, as well as serve on one of our meal teams

Meal teams from SJCC will serve up to 12 meals throughout the year, being responsible to choose the menu, purchase the ingredients (using budgeted funds), prepare the meal, serve the meal, and help clean up from the meal. We need people to help with table set-up (either on Monday afternoon/evening or Tuesday afternoon) and table take-down (Tuesday evenings), as well as sweeping the floor. We rely on a team of 5 to 8 to help with bussing tables, washing dishes, washing pots and pans, and putting everything away. Volunteers can serve however they want – once a month, four times a month, with just the tables, just the serving or just the cleanup. Talk with Pastor Erich if you're interested!

**2019 Operating & Missions Funds as of December 2, 2019**



# Now It's Time to Light the Candle

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Martha Spang, 2015

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

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Now it's time to light the can-dle, Soon God's prom - ise will be here.  
Now it's time to light the can-dle, Mes - sen - gers pre-pare the way.  
Now it's time to light the can-dle, In God's name we will re - joice.  
Now it's time to light the can-dle, Shin - ing love in Je - sus' name.

Young and old we wait to - geth - er For the Sav - ior draw - ing near.  
Wolf and lamb lie down to - geth - er; Right - eous - ness marks God's new day.  
Bells and or - gan play to - geth - er, We will shout in one loud voice!  
When all peo - ple join to - geth - er Earth will nev - er be the same.

Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: See the hope the Christ Child brings.  
Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: Live the peace the Christ Child brings.  
Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: Sing the joy the Christ Child brings.  
Light will o - ver - come the dark - ness: Be the love the Christ Child brings.

## Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- Kenny Walker, III, has been dealing with pancreatitis and had surgery on Wednesday at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and was due to come home Friday or Saturday.
- Emma Hall, will undergo possible labrum repair surgery and then hip surgery on Wednesday in Dublin. Pray for viable tissue for the labrum repair, for minimal blood loss, for patience and healing, and for a continual positive outlook. Pray for Emma, and Vond & Mary!
- Jack Stover continues to recover from his recent stroke.
- Sue Ruffer continues to recover from her fall, which resulted in outpatient elbow surgery.
- Audrey Smith is a patient at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.
- Mike Henry has received word that due to issues with his health, the kidney transplant process has been stopped at this point. Pray for his healing, his patience and for perseverance. Please also pray for the donor's peace, as he had had been through several tests already.
- Toni Neuenschwander is recovering from surgery to repair a broken elbow.
- Jodi Beltz is recovering from surgery to repair a ligament in one of her fingers.
- Ella Yoder continues in the healing process following arm surgery.
- 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

Acolyte	Cameron Yoder
Ushers	(Head) Greg Walker
	Tom & Laura Johnson, Bill & Kathy Bostelman
Sound Tech	James Grime
Video Tech	Dean Sauder
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Computer Tech	Mark Nofziger
Accompanist	Lynne Christman

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