

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 Lent

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements, Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

John 8:31-32 (p. 1060)

Prelude

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies"

†Hymn of Praise – #455

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

†Unison Prayer of Committment – Holy and Eternal Father, as Jesus himself was tested and prepared through his forty days in the desert, so test and prepare me in this forty day season of Lent. As Jesus fended off the tempter's temptations through his knowledgeable and wise use of Your Word, so strengthen me in my study of and reliance upon Your Word. Thank you, Father, for the grace of Jesus Christ, by which I am set free from my sin and given new hope in my discipleship. Amen.

†Hymn of Response – #409

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Prayer Song "What Goes Up"

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

†Hymn – #248 (brown) "Take Time to Be Holy"

Scripture Reading Romans 12:1-8 (p. 1123)

Sermon "Lent: Study"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Nearer, My God/In the Secret"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn – #368 "All For Jesus"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song – #380 (refrain) "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

†Postlude

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Guests and Visitors

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. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year (September through May) continues. Starting with the new school year, we will offer three sessions: Tues/Thurs morning and Mon/Wed/Fri morning and afternoon. 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 – Lord, thank you for your grace and all your blessings! Open my eyes through the truth of your Word. Help me not to be boastful, but to consider myself in accordance with Romans 12. Teach me to encourage and compliment others through the study of your Word, that I will be empowered to glorify you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lenten Coin Folders

Lenten coin folders are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex. Please feel free to pick yours up today! These offerings will be collected on Easter Sunday (April 12th) and will be divided equally between the Aroles and Back Bay Mission.

Easter Memorials/Flowers

Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for giving Easter Memorials and Flowers (deadline March 13). Memorial and flower sponsorships will be listed in Easter Sunday bulletins, and flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:30 service of worship on Easter Sunday.

Ushers

We are in need of ushers for the month of April. If you are able to help out, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact the office. Thank you!

Missionaries Supported by Our Congregation

- ₱Africa Tom & Megan The Islands serving since 2009, their children are Grace, Peter and David. Pray for the growth of faith in strength and numbers they've been recently witnessing, praying for the believers to live their faith consistently. Pray for their team to grow as they need more workers for the harvest. Pray for their upcoming furlough in the USA.
- ♥Akron David Hench Reliant at Akron University serving since 2018, David grew up in Wauseon and graduated from Akron U in 2017. Pray for their outreach efforts this spring, a spring break trip to Memphis to help with urban home repair and for upcoming seminars.
- †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.
- 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 (Finn, Paisely, Stacia, Moses) & Daniel & Bethany Schrock (Luke & Grace) Freedom International –the Suon's started serving in 2017 and the Schrock's in 2019. Pray for Leidy, a young child, who they've lost contact with, that God would reconnect them. Pray for sponsors for children of the school.
- 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. Pray for surgery camps, and for patients, families, staff and volunteers during those camps.
- *Kenya Kajiado Children's Home Founded in the early 1990's by Larry & Linda Rupp. Pray for the children and staff of the home, and for an upcoming June trip to the home.
- 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 BGSU. Prayers of rejoicing as leaders recently graduated with a masters in church planting, for the ordination of a new pastor in their ministry, and pray for 20 people who recently received Christ into their lives.

WEEK OF March 8 At St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	
	9:15AM	Confirmation / Sunday School / Faith Village	
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	
	6:00PM	Seeker's (Kuntz's)	
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)	
	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Chapel)	
Tues	7:15AM	YFC Bible Study - AMS	
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)	
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Hosted by SJCC)	
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)	
Wed	8:30AM	Mom's in Prayer (Upstairs Classroom)	
	9:00AM	Bible Study at W. Haven	
	5:50PM	LOGOS/JYF	
	7:00PM	Life Planning	
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)	
Thurs	4:00PM	Laundry Buddy	
		Facility Committee (Fireside Room)	
	6:30PM	Preschool Dad's Night	
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)	
Sun	8:00AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	
		Confirmation / Sunday School / Faith Village	
	10:30AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)	
	3:00PM	TGRM Service and Chapel	
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Next Sunday - March 15, 2020

Sermon – "Lent - Prayer and Meditation" by Pastor Erich Christman Scripture – Colossians 4:2-6

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:

March 9 - Don't Be Afraid	1 Kings 17
March 10 - Trapped!	
March 11 - The True "Troubler"	
March 12 - Needing God	1 Kings 19
March 13 - A God Who Sees	
March 14 - Unequal Partners	
March 15 - The Wedding Song	



One Call Now

St. John's is starting a new notification system for announcements, events, cancellations, etc. "One Call Now" is replacing "The Phone Tree" that you are used to hearing and it gives us the ability to call, text or email information. A phone call was sent out last week giving instructions as to how to "opt-in" to the text option. If you missed the information and want a text instead of a phone call, text the word "Alert" to 22300. In order to do this, you must have a phone number in our system. If you are not sure if you do or you want to add one, please contact the church office. All of the calls and texts will come from the St. John's phone number, 419-446-2545 and the emails will come from "St. John's Christian Church". There will be a "test" message sent on Tuesday, March 10, between 8:00AM and 9:00PM. If for some reason you are not contacted by phone, email or text by the end of that day, please contact the church office.

Fellowship Hour

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a fellowship hour on March 29th from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Children and youth are invited to have a snack before going to gathering time or their class room. Adults are invited to gather for refreshments and may stay and fellowship together or move on to a Sunday School class.

Vacation Bible School

Kisha Genter and Bri Krukowski are teaming up once again to serve as co-directors of this year's VBS! Dates for this year's VBS experience are June 7th-11th.



4th Sunday, 2nd Offering for the Building Fund

The Capital Campaign Committee is changing the 2nd Offering process, a bit! We will continue to receive a Building Fund Offering on the 4th Sunday of each month, but the plates will only be passed once through the pews. People donating to the building fund that day should use a building fund envelope, found in the pew racks, or clearly mark their check or regular offering envelope for the building fund. On a quarterly basis, the Capital Campaign Committee will provide an oral presentation regarding the progress of the campaign.

March Mission-A-Month

The Friendship House

The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two story home, located near downtown Archbold, is set up to house one or two family units at a time. The home provides shelter for individuals and families until they are able to become self-sufficient. The home is almost always occupied and has been a tremendous help to numerous residents. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board.

The main need of the Friendship House at this point is further financial support for operating expenses. This month we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life.

Man Camp

Man Camp is this month! The men of St. John's are planning a retreat to Miracle Camp in Lawton, MI on March 27-29. The weekend will be filled with great food, an encouraging speaker, numerous outdoor and indoor activities, and good conversation with other men about faith, life, work, and family. Contact Bruce Wooley, Pastor Alex or go to http://www.miraclecamp.com/mancamp to learn more.

54th ANNUAL FAIRLAWN HAVEN SPRING AUCTION-April 2-3, 2020

Thursday, April 2 Preview Night & Dinner

Music provided by Archbold and Pettisville Music Departments. Bake Sale, Flower/Plant Sale, Gift Baskets to Purchase, Chinese Raffle and more!

Friday, April 3 DINNER AND LIVE AUCTION 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Serving Baked Potato Bar, Salad, Pulled Pork, Pie and more (Free Will Donation) 5:00 – 7:30 pm (or until done) AUCTION- Bid on Quilts, Sports Items & Tickets, Handcrafted Furniture, Toys, Art, Gift Cards and 100's of items. In addition to the Live Auction there will be: a bake sale, gift baskets to purchase, and Chinese Raffle. Something for everyone young and old.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests - Please Pray For:

- •Dale VonDeylen has been a patient at the James Center in Columbus, undergoing tests to determine treatment options for the cancer.
- •Velma Overmier had a second hip surgery and is recovering at Fulton Manor.
- •Kelsey Wyse continues to recover from recent shoulder surgery.
- •Sandy Miller is in the midst of chemo treatments.
- •Jamie Beck remains off work while recovering from lower back surgery.
- •PFC Brenden Bostelman, home on leave (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy).
- •AB Kali Collins, at Lackland, Texas (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- •PFC Kohl Collins, at Ft. Benning, Georgia (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- •Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, Virginia (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy).
- •Cpt. Jared Kuntz, Washington D.C. (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli).
- •Eric Magg, at Ketchikan, Alaska (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- •Shane & Taylor Pitts, in Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill).
- •David Richardson, to be stationed in Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- •Joshua Richardson, stationed at MCBH, Kaneohe, Hawaii (Marines) (Son of Shannon & Yesi).
- •Steve Schink, at Port Angeles, WA (Coast Guard) (Son-in-Law of Ed & Julie Ruffer).
- •AJ Short, Japan (Marines) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short).
- •PFC Kyle Stuckey, at Killeen, Texas (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill).
- •Kollin Woolace, Jacksonville, North Carolina (Marines) (Grandson of Larry & Melva).

Today's Worship Servants

Acolytes	(8:00) Jack Hurst	(10:30) Isaac Mever
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Ushers (Head) Steve Walker

(10:30) Jeremy & Jen Hurst, Kim Walker, Michael Walker

(8:00) Jim Grieser

Nursery Staff (10:30) Ryan & Devin Bernath (March 15) Eric & Anna Yoder Sound Tech (8:00) Angie Neuenschwander (10:30) James Grime

Video Tech (10:30) Dean Sauder Computer Tech (Both) Mark Nofziger Easy Worship Creator (Both) Tom Hines

Children's Moment (Both) Nancy Rupp & Karen Rice

Worship Leader (Both) Linda Heer
Song Leader (Both) David Stuckey
Accompanist (Both) Lynne Christman

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