



# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

“The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ”

*\*Pictured below: AJ Short (left); Kyle Walker and Sarah St. Marie (right) . See back of bulletin for prayer joys.*



**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.*

## Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests

- ◆ Jim Grieser, upon the death of his mother, Betty, on 9/23 at the age of 92.
- ◆ Sharon VonDeylen, hospitalized 9/30 due to a bowel obstruction.
- ◆ AJ Short is scheduled to complete his military service and return home on 10/10.
- ◆ Kyle Walker and Sarah St. Marie were married on Saturday, 10/3 in Cleveland, Ohio.
- ◆ Willie Buehrer and family, during his final days due to his kidney failure.
- ◆ Larry Woolace is in treatment for prostate cancer, which is now in the bone.
- ◆ Karen Roth, as her family cares and seeks additional help for her health care.
- ◆ Larry & Carol Robinson's daughter, Kim, continues to recover after her coma
- ◆ Chloe Merillat is recovering well and started half days back at school.
- ◆ Students, faculty, and staff at Defiance College as they work to contain the recent Covid-19 outbreak on campus.
- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Magg, Ketchikan, AK (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie)
- ◆ AJ Short, Japan (Marines) (Son of Joe and Sheryl)

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## **ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

700 S. Defiance St., Archbold, Ohio 43502

419-446-2545 [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org)

Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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October 4, 2020

8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God  
World Communion Sunday  
Blanket Sunday**

**Worship Service Scripture Readings**

*Psalm 85*

You showed favor to your land, O LORD; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins. Selah 3 You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger. 4 Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us. 5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations? 6 Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? 7 Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. 8 I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints-- but let them not return to folly. 9 Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. 10 Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. 11 Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. 12 The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. 13 Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Announcements and Call to Worship

Scripture

Psalm 85

Offertory Sentence and Prayer

Prelude

“Psalm 77”

† Opening Hymns

#560, “For the Beauty of the Earth”  
#198, “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

**Matthew 13:47-52**

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. 52 He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

Mission Moment

Church World Service – Blanket Sunday

Children’s Message

Prayer Hymn

“Kum Ba Yah”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:47-52

**Guests and Visitors**

Welcome, welcome, welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chose to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God’s love in a new, refreshing way.

Sermon\*

“Heaven & Hell – The Case for Heaven”

Sacrament of Communion

† Closing Hymn

#543, “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

**Distance Worship**

Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM on 96.1 WMTR to listen to last week’s worship service. Our 10:30 AM worship service is streamed via YouTube Live, which can be accessed on the St. John’s Christian Church website at [stjohnsarchbold.org](http://stjohnsarchbold.org).

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

#543, chorus only, “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

† Postlude

“Revive Us Again”

## *October Mission-A-Month Operation Christmas Child*

Operation Christmas Child is a mission that strives to get needed supplies and the Word of salvation to children living in dire conditions throughout the world. In October we collect items to be included in cardboard boxes that will be packed by volunteers here at our church. If you want to pack your own box, please contact the church office so we can provide you with a box; otherwise you can place donated items in the white mission box in the Chapel narthex, or give monetary donations using your offering envelopes or sending your donation to the church office.

A list of items to be donated or packed includes: Toothbrushes, socks, hats, gloves, dolls (girls only), pencils, pens, notebooks, coloring books (with the least amount of words possible), crayons or colored pencil, pencil sharpener, hairbrush/comb, boxes of band aids, washcloths, bars of soap, hair bows, chapstick, sunglasses, flip flops, and any other toys like puzzles, cars, etc. Please NO food, candy or toothpaste, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, and refrain from packing or donating stuffed animals or animal-related things because they cannot be sent to some countries.

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### **Week of October 4 at St. John's Christian Church**

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Faith Village
	9:15AM	Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study
	7:00PM	Mission Committee
Wed	8:30AM	Mom's in Prayer
	6:30PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Breakfast (TBD)

### **This Week's Congregational Prayer**

In an attitude of prayer, read Psalm 13 each day this week, letting it's imagery settle in your mind as you continue to cope and live through these current times. As the psalm moves through times of difficulty and suffering, even expressing failure, the psalmist clings to trust, trust in the Lord. May such faith be with you as you pray this week.

"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? 3 Look on me and answer, O Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death; 4 my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall. 5 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. 6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me."

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### **Health and Safety Guidelines**

We encourage everyone to abide by these hygiene and safety practices:

- ◆ Wear a facial covering when in the building, unless you meet one of the exemptions.
- ◆ Sanitize/wash hands frequently and cover coughs and sneezes.
- ◆ Stay home if you are sick, not feeling well, or live with or care for someone who is sick or not feeling well.
- ◆ Maintain 6' social distancing, including in the pews. Be mindful of people around you.
- ◆ Individuals and families seated in the back of the sanctuary should exit first.
- ◆ Offerings will be received in plates at the sanctuary doors. They can also be mailed to/dropped off at the church office or given online at [stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com](https://stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com).

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### **Discovery Daily Devotional Guides**

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- October 4 – God Save the King.....Psalm 72
- October 5 – Great Joy is Coming.....Revelation 19:1-10
- October 6 – Lion or a Lamb.....Revelation 19:11-21
- October 7 – Death of Death.....Revelation 20:1-15
- October 8 – Wow! .....Revelation 21:1-8
- October 9 – Union.....Revelation 21:9-27
- October 10 – Warnings and Promises.....Revelation 22:1-21

## Resumption of Church Ministries – October 2020 Update

1. Preschool Sunday School and Logos Preschool – after careful consideration, we will hold off restarting ministries for our young children.
2. As SJCC resumes Sunday school, Faith Village, Bible Studies, Small Groups, Logos, JYF, SYF, Life Planning and Music Ministries, we'll follow these protocols:
  - A. Symptom Assessments – daily symptom assessments upon arrival – If any of the following symptoms are present, attendee will be isolated and parents will be contacted: fever of 100.4 degrees or above, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, achy, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.
  - B. Sanitization
    - i. Before and after classes/sessions – hand sanitizer will be used by each person when entering the room and when leaving the room.
    - ii. Containers of hand-sanitizer will be placed in each room for individual use
    - iii. Frequently touched surfaces – door knobs, light switches, tables and chairs – will be sanitized between groups using a room.
    - iv. Specific items will be removed from rooms facilitate the sanitizing efforts
  - C. Snacks/Refreshments
    - i. Items will be pre-packaged/individually wrapped.
    - ii. Hand-sanitizer will be used before and after any eating.
    - iii. People will be spaced out so face coverings can be removed while eating.
  - D. Contact Tracing
    - i. Attendance will be taken for each class/group setting.
    - ii. Participants will be given their own supplies to use, though groups of 10 or less may share some items (see the next point).
    - iii. Large groups will be divided in to smaller groups of 10 or less, with those smaller groups being maintained throughout the class/session time, with 1 adult per group of children. The following situations are examples:
      - a. For FV Gathering Time – a maximum of 17 children and 3 adults will be able to gather in The Well, with half the children on the north end of the room and half the children on the south. If attendance is higher than 17, another room will be ready for use, with prepared leaders
      - b. There are plenty of rooms upstairs for FV groups to be spread out.
      - c. For Junior Choir Practice – children will be spaced out in groups of ten or less, with multiple pew spacing in between each group.
      - d. For JYF – Youth will be divided into groups of 9 or less, with 1 adult per group, with the large group utilizing a large space in the building, such as the gym, chapel, or confirmation room.

- E. Attendees will not congregate in groups before or after classes/sessions unless facial coverings are worn and social distancing guidelines are followed.
- F. Best Practices
  - i. Physical distancing (6ft. or more) observed at all times, when possible.
  - ii. Activities involving “group/hands on” will be altered for social distancing.
  - iii. Velcro dots will be placed on the floors and/or on the walls of the various rooms so people can see where to stand/sit/line-up to stay spaced out.
  - iv. Sanitizing wipes will be available for sanitizing any shared items after use.
- G. Logos Meal/Start Time/Schedule
  - i. For the time being, no Logos meal will be served on Wednesday evenings
  - ii. 6:45PM – Logos gathering time in the gym – each age group (with 9 or less in subgroups with 1 adult per group) gathers in a specific spot in the gym
  - iii. 6:55PM – 1st thru 5th Graders will move in their respective small groups to the sanctuary for worship skills; social distance between groups
  - iv. 7:25PM – 1st thru 5th Graders will move in their respective small groups to their individual classrooms for Bible study
  - iv. 7:55PM – Preschool through 5th Grade will move in their small groups to the gym for closing and pick up by parent(s)
- H. Youth/Adult Ministries
  - i. Confirmation – will meet in the confirmation room, which is a doable classroom space to allow for social distanced seating
  - ii. Senior High Class – will meet in the youth room, which is large enough to allow for social distanced seating
  - iii. Forerunners Class – will meet in the Fireside Room pending number of people in attendance for appropriate social distancing; if the attendance is greater than the room can safely hold, the class might be divided into two classes for the time being, with one class remaining in the Fireside Room and the second class meeting in another first floor space
  - iv. B.A.S.I.C. Class – will meet in the gym, with dividing curtains in place to improve audio atmosphere
  - v. Women's Class – will meet in the parlor
  - vi. Connections Class – will meet in the chapel
  - vii. JYF – will meet in the gym and Fireside Room
  - viii. SYF – will meet in the youth room
  - ix. Life Planning – will meet in the chapel
  - x. Tuesday Bible Study – will meet in the chapel