



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

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



**Pictured above: Eden Evelyn Young, daughter of Pastor Alex and Jenny Young.*

*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.*

Welcome to our Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Romans 1:17

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

†Call to Worship (L- Leader; P-People)

L: After studying Romans 1:17, Martin Luther observed that the righteousness with which our merciful God justifies us is the righteousness of God. We are not justified (that is, made right with God) by our own righteousness. We are justified by the righteousness of God himself. This revelation opened Luther’s eyes to the mercy and goodness of God.

P: We are forever grateful for the amazing grace of God, that in his great mercy he would justify sinners like us!

L: We are grateful for the gift of God’s Word to us, that through it he would make his grace and mercy known to us.

P: We are grateful for the faithful men and women who have gone before us, leaving us a legacy of knowing, loving, and following God.

L: Let us embrace that legacy, as we enjoy afresh the gift of God’s grace, and gratefully sing our praise to the God who is our very heart, our love, our life, and our everything.

†Hymn of Praise

#204, "Rock of Ages"

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism – Eden Evelyn Young, daughter of Alex and Jenny

Scripture – “Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart” (Psalm 37:4)

The Apostles’ Creed

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: *You are baptizing your daughter, Eden, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Eden 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. Amen.*

Hymn – #372, verse 1, “Living for Jesus”

Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Sermon

“The Joy of Justification”

†Closing Hymn

#26, “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#97, verse 4, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

†Postlude

Worship Service Scripture Readings

Romans 1:17

“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”

Romans 5:1-11

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Eden Evelyn Young. Eden was born on May 12, 2020, the daughter of Alex and Jenny Young. Grandparents are Jeff and Dottie Young, and Wayne and Lynn Lehman. Great-grandparents include Chuck and Glenda Lehman, and Beverly Wanemacher.

Sermon Notes

Sermon "The Joy of Justification"

Scripture Romans 5:1-11

Theme We'll be looking at the legacy of the Protestant Reformation, including the recovery of the Word of God, the recovery of the doctrines of grace (especially that we are saved by grace not by works), culminating in the recovery of joy in the Christian Life.

Memorial Service

Esther Rice entered into eternal life on June 20th at the age of 100. Her memorial service will be held in the sanctuary this afternoon at 1:30PM, as Esther requested that the organ she played for over 60 years be played during the service. People of the congregation are invited to attend this celebration of life service and time of remembrance.

This Week's Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, we praise you that through the Scriptures we come to know you as a merciful, gracious, and loving God. Though our sins are many, your grace is greater than all our sins. Though we can't afford the debt our sins have earned, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to pay all our debts for us. Though we could never hope to merit your loving affection, Jesus bestows us with all of his righteousness, so that we might know your full and boundless love and pleasure. With our lives hidden in Christ, you look at us and say: "This is my son, whom I love, with whom I am well pleased!" Father God, we praise you for your amazing love! Amen.

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.

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 25 – The Rise and Fall.....	Psalm 75
October 26 – Are You Religious?.....	Luke 13:10-17
October 27 – Slowly, Slowly.....	Luke 13:18-21
October 28 – Quality, Not Quantity.....	Luke 13:22-30
October 29 – Hurry, Hurry!.....	Luke 13:31-35
October 30 – Your Invitation.....	Luke 14:1-11
October 31 – Quid Pro Quo?.....	Luke 14:12-24

Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

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

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located near our sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. Nursery care for infants and pre-kindergarten children is currently suspended. A diaper changing station is located in the Mother's Room. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room.

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.

Week of October 25 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/Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	1:30 PM	Memorial Service in Memory of Esther Rice (Sanctuary)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	4:00PM	Budget and Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	LOGOS/JYF/SYF
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	6:00PM	Facility Committee (Fireside Room)
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Next Sunday, November 1, 2020

Sermon "Fret Not, Faint Not, Fear Not" - Pastor Erich

Scriptures John 13:1, Psalm 139:10, Psalm 121:5

October Mission-A-Month: Op. Christmas Child

We are still collecting items and monetary donations for Operation Christmas Child. Donations can be dropped off to the church office or through your offering envelopes.

Stephen Ministry

In Romans 12, the apostle Paul talks about the body of Christ. He urges listeners to use whatever gifts they have been given to their fullest ability. It doesn't matter which gifts we might have. What matters is that we use them to the best of our ability for the good of others. In a church family, people care for each other. They use their gifts to help each other and to see that anyone who is wounded or hurting or in some difficulty is looked after and loved. Sometimes healing is possible. Other times mourning and support are what's needed. At times we ALL need caring for. Stephen Ministers are trained to reach out and make a difference. Let them use their gifts to add to your fullness of life.

Distance Worship

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, we will continue to offer distance worship options. 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.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist - Lynne Christman

Song Leader and Lay Reader - Roger Zimmerman

Easy Worship Tech - Kelly Ducey

Sound Techs - (8:00AM) Angie Neuenschwander, (10:30AM) James Grime

Video Tech (10:30AM) - Dean Sauder

Live Stream Tech (10:30AM) - Jocelyn Walker

Head Usher - Steve Walker

Usher (8:00AM) - Jim Grieser

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

- ◆ Gretchen Heer, upon the death of her daughter, Susan Richards, at the age of 69.
- ◆ Brayden Hall leaves for Basic Training tomorrow, 10/24, to serve in the Ohio Army National Guard.
- ◆ Shirley Wyse has returned home from her time in the care center. She and the family are grateful they can now visit at any time.
- ◆ Mert Kinsman has begun radiation treatment for his prostate cancer.
- ◆ Larry Woolace continues treatment for prostate cancer, which is now in the bone.

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army National Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary).
- ◆ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (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)



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