



# 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: Elizabeth Lajoie Culbertson (left); Norm and Ann Fether (right).

*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!**

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture, Prayer of Invocation, and Prayer of Dedication

1 John 1:5

*“<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”*

Prelude

“Majesty”

Gideon Sunday Presentation

Brent Winzeler

†Hymns of Praise

#588, "We Have Come into His House"  
#101, "His Name is Wonderful"

Veteran's Sunday Litany

Response: "We give you thanks, O God"

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

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-38

Sermon

"God's Purposes in Pandemics, Persecution, and Pain"

†Hymn of Response

#305, "Lord, Thy Church on Earth is Seeking"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#569, verse 4, "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

†Postlude

"He Is Exalted"

## Sermon Scripture - John 9:1-38

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. <sup>8</sup> His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. <sup>11</sup> He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." <sup>12</sup> "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup> Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. <sup>17</sup> Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." <sup>18</sup> The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. <sup>19</sup> "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" <sup>20</sup> "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we

know he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." <sup>24</sup> A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" <sup>26</sup> Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" <sup>28</sup> Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!" <sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. <sup>32</sup> Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." <sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him."



## **Sermon Notes**

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Sermon      "God's Purposes in Pandemics, Persecution, and Pain"

Scripture    John 9:1-38

Theme        Pandemics, Persecution, and Pain are not natural phenomenon, but come from God; are not purposeless, but are part of God's plan; are not merely punishment, but are part of God's plan to bless us and the whole world through us.

## **Next Sunday, November 15, 2020**

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Sermon        "Serenity"

Scriptures     Micah 6:8, Philippians 4:4-7

Special Music    Molly Rutledge - "I'll Fly Away"

## **Distance Worship**

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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](http://stjohnsarchbold.org).

## **Congregational Prayer**

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God, we thank you that you are light, and that there is no darkness in you at all (1 John 1:5). We thank you that you are love (1 John 4:8), and that it is impossible for you to even be tempted by evil (James 1:13). We thank you also that you do not tempt us or lead us into evil (James 1:13). You are good. We don't always understand, but your Word assures us that you are sovereign even over the bad things as well, and that you are still innocent of evil. Your Word assures us that the bad things are only part of your plan, that will ultimately bring about our good and your glory. We rejoice in this truth, and we rejoice in you. Strengthen our faith to trust you in the hard times. Sustain us and see us through. Grant that we might be faithful to live our lives in love for you and for others. In Jesus' name, amen.

## **Health and Safety Guidelines**

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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](http://stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com).

## **Discovery Daily Devotional Guides**

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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:

November 8—Misery, Mystery, History.....	Psalm 77
November 9—Too Busy to Bless?.....	Luke 17:11-19
November 10—Present Imperfect.....	Luke 17:20-37
November 11—Turn Pressure Into Prayer.....	Luke 18:1-8
November 12—Come As You Are.....	Luke 18:9-17
November 13—Can't Take It With You.....	Luke 18:18-30
November 14—Hidden in Plain Sight.....	Luke 18:31-43

# 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. 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 November 8 at St. John's Christian Church

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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)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	4:00PM	Personnel Committee (Chapel)
	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Personnel Committee (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	LOGOS/JYF/SYF/Life Planning
Fri	TBD	Man Camp Departure
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)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home, Wauseon)

## **Announcements**

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- ◆ JYF's poinsettia sale has begun! Order forms can be picked up at the bulletin board outside of the church office or at a table in the narthex. Orders are due by Sunday, November 29th and flower pickup will take place on December 8th in the gym.
- ◆ Our contract with our former online directory, Instant Church Directory, will expire mid-2021. Those with email addresses on file with the church office will receive an invitation to create a Breeze account throughout the week of November 8th. If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn in the church office at 419-446-2545.
- ◆ The Archbold Fish Food Pantry will be hosting a food drive on Saturday, November 21st. Canned good donations can be dropped off to the Fish Pantry parking lot (1309 S. Defiance St.) between 9:00AM - 12:00PM.
- ◆ Chancel Choir has opted to cancel rehearsals for the months of November and December. Please contact Lynne Christman with questions.
- ◆ "Man Camp" Men's Retreat at Miracle Camp, in Lawton, MI, will take place next weekend, November 13th through 15th. Contact Bruce Wooley for more information.

## **November Mission-A-Month: Christmas Cheer**

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This year, Fulton County Christmas Cheer is seeking primarily financial donations so that a small group of volunteers can shop for items. Donations can be dropped off to the church office or in your weekly offering envelopes. Please refer to the November Visitor for more information from the organization.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

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Accompanist – Buffy Riley

Worship Leader - Linda Heer

Song Leader - Mike Meyer

Children's Moment - Nancy Rupp

Easy Worship Tech – Mark Nofziger

Sound Tech – (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

Ushers (8:00AM) – Gary & Judy Sears

Acolyte (10:30AM) - Isaac Meyer

## **Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:**

Please pray for...

- ◆ The Christman family, who are in quarantine after Ryan tested positive for Covid-19 this past week. His symptoms have been mild and they are awaiting word on the timing of their quarantine period. Until then, Pastor Erich will be working from home.
- ◆ Margaret Beck, a member of the Tuesday morning Bible Study, who is having surgery on Monday for colon cancer.
- ◆ Kyle and Morgan Culbertson (daughter and son-in-law of Kelly and Betsy Ducey), who welcomed daughter, Elizabeth Lajoie, on 11/5, weighing 6lbs, 4oz.
- ◆ Mert Kinsman, who is nearing the end of his scheduled radiation treatments for prostate cancer.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who is being treated 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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