



# 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: Corey & Allie Walker, celebrating recent birthdays (left); Logos Hand Bell Choir (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!  
Thanksgiving Service**

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer

Psalm 66:1-7

Prelude

Emma Nafziger

"Who You Say I Am"

†Liturgy of Thanksgiving (L - Leader; P - People)

L: The word from Isaiah 12:4, "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted."

**P: (Singing) "Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way, with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today."**

L: The word from Ezra 3:11, "With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord..."

**P: (Singing) "For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies; Lord of all, to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise."**

L: The word from Psalm 107:8, "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things."

**P: (Singing) "O, how He loves you and me, O, how He loves you and me, He gave His life, what more could He give? O, how He loves you; O, how He loves me; O, how He loves you and me!"**

L: The word from Ephesians 1:3, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

**P: (Singing) "Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing. Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!"**

†Hymn of Praise

“He Has Made Me Glad”

†Unison Prayer of Confession - **Lord, we’ve offered the words of the litany of thanksgiving, offering up to you our praise and recognizing your love and blessings. We desire to be pure in heart as we rejoice, give thanks and sing, but our sin forms a barrier to our purity. In confession, with repentant hearts, we recognize our need of the grace of Christ to wipe away this barrier. Cleanse us, Lord, restoring us, that our hearts would be humble, thankful and pure. We are thirsty and hungry for mercy and forgiveness, trusting in every spiritual blessing in Christ. In his glory and love we pray. Amen.**

†Responsive Song

“Still”

Logos Hand Chime Choir

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Children’s Message

“Rejoicing in Thanksgiving”

Logos Hand Bell Choir

“Give Thanks”

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

Special Music

Raegan Rutledge

“Be Not Afraid”

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 7:7-13, 8:10-20

Sermon

“Thanks Be to God!”

†Closing Hymn

#563, verses 1 & 4, “Count Your Blessings”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#601, verse 1, “Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessings”

†Postlude

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

## Sermon Notes

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Sermon "Thanks Be to God!"

Scripture Deuteronomy 7:7-13, 8:10-20

Moses

- ◆ Speaking to an Israel that is richly blessed and in danger of forgetting
- ◆ Reminding Israel of God's goodness to them through the forty years
- ◆ Calling Israel to follow God with a strong desire and grateful obedience

Me, You, We, Us

- ◆ Do I count my blessings, recognizing God's goodness?
- ◆ Am I, have I been, tempted to forget God?
- ◆ Do I grumble about God and grow complacent in my faith?

Warnings/Exhortations

- ◆ 8:11
- ◆ 8:12-14
- ◆ 8:15-17
- ◆ 8:18

What might God be saying to us today?

## November Mission-A-Month: Christmas Cheer

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Financial donations to Fulton County Christmas Cheer can be dropped off to the church office or in your weekly offering envelopes. The Christmas Cheer Tree will be up starting today. Tag items can be placed under the tree or at the south end of the building. Please refer to the November Visitor for more information from the organization.

## Distance Worship

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We 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).

## 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 22 – A Forgotten Past.....	Psalm 78:40-72
November 23 – A Trap Over Tax.....	Luke 20:20-26
November 24 – Closest Intimacy.....	Luke 20:27-40
November 25 – Greater than David.....	Luke 20:41-47
November 26 – Sheer Extravagance!.....	Luke 21:1-4
November 27 – Safer than Houses.....	Luke 21:5-28
November 28 – The Clock is Ticking.....	Luke 21:29-38

## 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. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" resource page on our website at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc).

### 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 22 at St. John's Christian Church

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Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	1:00PM	Advent and Christmas Decorating
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Thu	8:00AM	Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

## Next Sunday, November 29, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

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Sermon	"Christmas with No Christ?" - Pastor Erich
Scriptures	Luke 1:26-33, Matthew 2:1-12

## **Announcements**

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- ◆ Pastor Erich will return to the office on Tuesday, November 24th.
- ◆ Consistory voted to suspend all Wednesday evening youth ministries (Logos, JYF, SYF, and Life Planning), and Sunday morning Christian education youth classes (Faith Village, Confirmation, and Senior High Sunday School) until January 1st, 2021, at which time they will reassess the situation. A full announcement will be released in the December Visitor.
- ◆ Connections Sunday School has opted to suspend classes until January 1st, 2021.
- ◆ Advent and Christmas decorating will take place today at 1:00PM! If you're able to volunteer, please remember to wear a mask and abide by recommended social distancing guidelines.
- ◆ JYF's poinsettia sale will continue through next week. Orders are due to the church office by next Sunday, November 29th.

## **Congregational Prayer**

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Lord, as Moses sought to stir up the people, seeking to create a desire within them to follow you in grateful obedience, I pray that the power of your Word and the guidance of your Spirit would so stir me. Forgive me, Lord, for forgetting your goodness to me. In the difficulties caused by the pandemic, I desire to remain steadfast in faith, praising you in grateful obedience. Hear my thanksgivings, poured out from a grateful heart, for your mighty grace, your strong love, your guiding hand, your promise of salvation. Unto you be all glory and praise. Amen.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

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Accompanist - Buffy Riley

Worship Leader - Kim S. Walker

Song Leader - Roger Zimmerman

Bell Choir Director - Lynne Stuckey

Chimes Choir Director - Crissi Stuckey

Easy Worship Tech - Kelly Ducey

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

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

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Bill and Judy Barnhart, as Bill continues to recover from Covid-19.
- ◆ Bob and Barbara Vos, as they continue to recover from Covid-19.
- ◆ Brayden Hall, who remains in quarantine with numerous others in his barracks.
- ◆ Pastor Erich and Lynne Christman, who remain in quarantine until tomorrow, 11/23.
- ◆ Margaret Beck, whose surgery went well and is recovering at Fairlawn's rehab unit.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who continues to receive monthly treatments for his prostate cancer.
- ◆ Mert Kinsman, who completed radiation treatments and continues to await results.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ 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 Nat. 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 Short)
- ◆ 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 Ruffer)



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