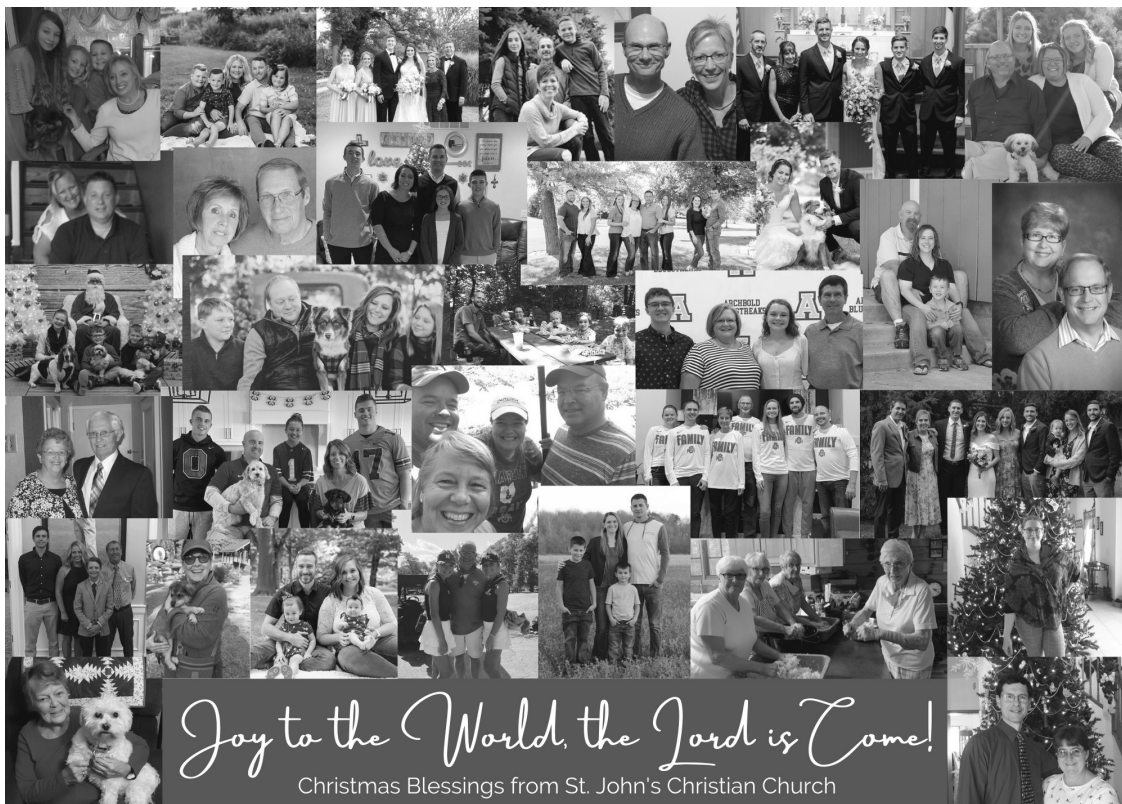




Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

“The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ”



*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.

December 27, 2020

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God!
First Sunday after Christmas
Memorial Sunday**

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 John 5:1-5

Prelude

“Christmastime”

†Opening Hymns

#125, “Joy to the World!”
#132, “Angels We Have Heard on High”

†The Apostles’ Creed

†The Gloria Patri

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

Children’s Message

Service of Remembrance for Memorial Sunday

Words of Introduction and Lighting of Memorial Candles

Words of Remembrance

Hymn of Faith #405, verses 1 & 2, “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

Memorial Prayer

†Hymn

#168, “Who Is He in Yonder Stall?”

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:12-19, Revelation 3:10

Sermon

“Enduring the Trial”

†Closing Hymn

#135, “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#138, refrain, “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

1 John 5:1-5

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 Peter 4:12-19

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"¹⁹ So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

Revelation 3:10

¹⁰Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

Next Sunday, January 3, 2021

First Sunday of the New Year

Sacrament of Communion

Sermon - Revelation Without Boundaries

Scriptures - Matthew 2:1-12, Ephesians 3:1-13

Sermon Notes

Sermon "Enduring the Trial"

Scriptures 1 Peter 4:12-19, Revelation 3:10

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Be prepared

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See the positive

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Be blessed

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Suffering, rightly

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Comparative

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Commitment and Continuance

Congregational Prayer

Heavenly Father, is it wrong to desire a nice, easy, trouble-free existence in life? Is it too much to ask? I mean, life is just so difficult and problematic in this time of pandemic, and I just wonder when it will end, Lord. As I seek to cope and overcome, I praise you, God, for the Bible, for its strength and guidance, such as in Hebrews 12:11, "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." Whether this is a time of your discipline, or simply another trial of life, I offer myself into your hands, to be reborn and trained through the counsel and power of the Holy Spirit. Guide me, Lord, keep me steadfast in my devotion to you, that I will honor you in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. In his name, Amen.

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:

- December 27 – Cry Out to God.....Psalm 83
- December 28 – He Loves Us Not.....Malachi 1:1-5, 10-16
- December 29 – Clean Up.....Malachi 2:17 - 3:5
- December 30 – Faithless or Faithful?.....Malachi 3:6-18
- December 31 – Hope Rising.....Malachi 4:1-6
- January 1 – Jesus, God and Us.....1 John 1
- January 2 – I Am Writing to Say.....1 John 2:1-14



Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

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" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

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 December 27 at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	B.A.S.I.C./Forerunners, Women's Class
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tue	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Chapel)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Fri	8:00AM	New Year's Day - Church Office Closed
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Announcements

- ◆ 2021 Offering Envelops are available for pickup at a table in the narthex sorted in alphabetical order by last name.
- ◆ The Tuesday morning Bible Study group will not be meeting this upcoming Tuesday, December 29th. Class will resume on January 5th at 9:15AM.

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.

Distance Worship

We continue to offer distance worship options. Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30AM on 96.1 WMTR to listen to last week's worship service. Our 10:30AM worship service is streamed via YouTube Live, which can be accessed on the St. John's Christian Church website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist - Lynne Christman
Song Leader - Roger Zimmerman
Easy Worship Tech - Kelly Ducey
Sound Tech - James Grime
Video Tech (10:30AM) - Dean Sauder
Live Stream Tech (10:30AM) - Cayla Walker
Head Usher - Steve Walker
8:00AM Usher - Nancy Rupp

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Norma Fish and family, upon Marvin's entrance into eternal life on 12/24 at 86 years of age.
- ◆ St. John's Staff (Dean Buckenmeyer, Sue MacDonald, and Joan Wyse) as they continue to recover from COVID-19 and other illnesses and begin to return from quarantine.
- ◆ Kevin and Angie Neuenschwander, who are continuing to deal with illness due to COVID-19.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who continues to receive monthly treatments for his prostate cancer.

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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