



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Come **H**ear the **R**eason we're **I**nspired to **S**erve **T**ogether



*"AND DON'T FORGET TO DO GOOD AND
TO SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED."*

— HEBREWS 13:16

*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!
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Annual Meeting Sunday**

Ringling of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 139:1-6

Prelude

“As We Worship You”

†Songs of Worship

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”
“Come As You Are”

Children’s Message

Prayer Hymn

#433, “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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

Scripture Reading

John 1:43-51

Sermon

“Good Coming Forth”

†Hymn

#294, “Set My Soul Afire”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#286, verse 1, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

We will take a brief ten-minute break after worship to set up and connect with our virtual members for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Scripture Readings

Psalm 139:1-6

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. ²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. ⁵You hem me in-- behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote, -- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." ⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." ⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." ⁵¹ He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Congregational Prayer

Holy and Mighty God, I am concerned about society and the division across many fronts. I read the descriptive words of Paul in Romans 1:18-32. I wonder about "all the godlessness and wickedness" of society, acknowledging my own waywardness at times. As a believer, as a Christian church, guide me, lead us, in shining the light, the light of the world, that others would be moved to come and see Jesus. I pray for good to come forth from our faithful efforts to love you and love people. Shine your light, Lord, shine your light, that all may see. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sermon Notes

Sermon "Good Coming Forth"

Scripture John 1:43-51 (Revised Common Lectionary Reading)

The gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke include an account of the baptism of Jesus. John's gospel includes an account of John describing the baptism of Jesus (John 1:32-34).

Following Jesus' baptism, Matthew's gospel says that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days and forty nights, then the tempter came to him. In Mark and Luke, Jesus was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. John's gospel does not mention the temptation.

In all four gospels, either right after the baptism and temptation, or sometime after those two events, Jesus begins to call his disciples and begins his public ministry.

John 1:35-42 ("The next day...")

- ◆ The calling of Andrew, who went and found his brother, Simon (Peter)
- ◆ Andrew came to Jesus through John the Baptist's message
- ◆ Simon Peter came to Jesus because of the witness of his brother

John 1:43-51 ("The next day...")

- ◆ The calling of Philip - "follow me" (a simple statement)
- ◆ Philip found Nathanael - "come and see" (another simple statement)
 - "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" - Nathanael asks
- ◆ John 1:50-51 - "Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that.' ⁵¹ He then added, 'I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'"
- ◆ Nathanael reveals his prejudice
- ◆ Philip does not argue with Nathanael, but invites him to meet Jesus
- ◆ Jesus offers a "sign" to Nathanael, and Nathanael responds with praise
- ◆ Then Jesus promises greater signs will be seen
- ◆ Philip came to Jesus through a direct call of Jesus
- ◆ Nathaniel came to Jesus at the invitation of a friend, Philip, and encountered Jesus

Sermon Notes (cont.)

- ◆ How did you come to Jesus?

- ◆ Have you ever invited someone to “Come and see (Jesus)?”

- ◆ Let’s see “good coming forth” from people, welcoming and inviting people to Jesus.

Announcements:

- ◆ The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in the Sanctuary immediately following today’s service. Meeting packets are available at a table in the Narthex or online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation. For those joining us from home via Zoom, please text Jocelyn at 419-575-4218 if you have any trouble connecting.
- ◆ Pastor Erich will be touching base with leaders and teachers of our youth Christian Education programs this week to discuss the resumption of Wednesday evening and Sunday morning youth ministries. Resumption plans will be communicated through phone, email, Facebook, and in the Visitor, once established.

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:

January 17 – A Prayer for Help.....Psalm 86
January 18 – One Heart to Another.....Jonah 3
January 19 – Questions of the Heart.....Jonah 4
January 20 – It’s All Good.....Genesis 1:1-2:3
January 21 – Being Together.....Genesis 2:4-25
January 22 – Did God Really Say...?.....Genesis 3:1-13
January 23 – The End of the Beginning.....Genesis 3:14-24

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.

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 January 17 at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	B.A.S.I.C./Forerunners, Women's Class
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:00AM	Annual Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary and Zoom)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz Home)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	7:00PM	Consistory Orientation (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Men's Ministry (Fireside Room)
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January Mission-A-Month: Emergency Cleanup Kits

Our January Mission-A-Month works in cooperation with Church World Service to provide Emergency Cleanup Buckets and Kits for families and communities affected by natural disasters such as tornadoes and flooding. Kits are filled with items like cleaning towels, heavy-duty gloves, sponges, laundry detergent, dish soap, and more. Donations can be made through the church office or through your weekly offering envelope.

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' 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	Buffy Riley
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	Brad Roth
Easy Worship	Tom Hines
Sound Tech	James Grime
Live Stream Tech	Jocelyn Walker
Usher	Dave Walker

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Norma Fish, who is recovering from a fractured kneecap.
- ◆ John Grieser, related to several in church, suffering from a severe case of Covid-19.
- ◆ Carol DeVries and family, as they grieve the loss of Bob, whose memorial service was held at the church yesterday.
- ◆ Kenny Walker IV and his family, as Kenny is scheduled for an extensive surgery on January 28th in Cincinnati.
- ◆ 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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