



# 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: Roger and Kay Merillat, who celebrate their 55th anniversary on 3/5 (left); Evy Roth enjoying the winter weather on snow skis this past weekend (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!  
Second Sunday of Lent**

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

“Jesus stood and said... ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink’” (Jn. 7:37).

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger’” (Jn. 6:35).

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28).

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:23-31

†Hymns of Praise

#336 (v. 1, 2, 4), “Jesus, I Come”

#8 (v. 1, 2, 4), “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

#1 (v. 1, 3), “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Offertory Sentence and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology (remain seated)

#625, “Doxology”

New Testament Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Children’s Message

Special Music

Klaire Kern

“Yes, I Will”

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

“The Suffering Son of Man”

†Hymn of Response

#377, “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#217 (v.4), “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

†Postlude

## Scripture Readings

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**Psalms 22:23-31** <sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel! <sup>24</sup> For he has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. <sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you will I fulfill my vows. <sup>26</sup> The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the LORD will praise him-- may your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, <sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him-- those who cannot keep themselves alive. <sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. <sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn-- for he has done it.

**Romans 4:13-25** <sup>13</sup> It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring--not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed--the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. <sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of

many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead-- since he was about a hundred years old--and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness-- for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

**Mark 8:31-38** <sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

## **Christian Education Resumption Plan**

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Children's and youth CE ministries resume today and this upcoming Wednesday, March 3rd. A full list of ministries to be resumed as well as the following health and safety guidelines can be found by going to [www.stjohnsarchbold.org](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org).

In resuming these ministries, we will observe the following protocols:

1. Masks or face shields must be worn by all while in the building.
  - a. Preschool children are asked to wear a mask until they are in the classroom.
  - b. Preschool teachers will wear a mask at all times.
2. Distancing will be observed
  - a. As area schools are practicing at least 3' distancing between chairs/desks and people, we will follow that same distance guideline, and will strive to provide up to 6' distance as our spaces allow.
  - b. Chairs will be set at that distance from each other in our classrooms and children will be asked to be seated in those chairs upon entering into the classrooms.
  - c. For worship skills, children will be at least 3' to 6' from other children singing, ringing a bell or chiming a chime.
  - d. It is recognized that there will be times of close interaction between children, such as in two children working on a project together. During such close interaction, masks will continue to be worn and those times will be limited to less than 15 minutes.
  - e. It is recognized that children in the Preschool classes will have close interactions with each other. It will be important that parents monitor their children's health and keep a child home that is showing any symptoms.
3. Cohorts/Groups - children will stay in the same small group (9 or less per group) throughout their time on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings.
4. Hand Washing - everyone will be asked to wash/sanitize their hands upon arrival and upon departure, with hand sanitizer available in each area of ministry for frequent use.
5. Sanitizing - each area of ministry will be sanitized after each use by our custodial staff. There will be sanitizing supplies available in each area for use by adults during our ministries.
6. Preschool Sunday school - for children who are 3, 4 and 5 years of age, with a maximum of 8 children in the class at one time. If we have more than 8, we will work to offer a second class.
7. Honest Communication - we will make it known to the congregation when an exposure to the virus has occurred.

## **Congregational Prayer**

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Jesus, we confess that like Peter, we are prone to fixate on “merely human concerns” instead of having in mind “the concerns of God” (Mark 8:33). We focus on saving ourselves (v. 35), instead of trusting you and resting in your gift to us: the blood-bought gift of our salvation. We focus on gaining the world for ourselves (v. 36), instead of focusing on giving ourselves in love for the world, even as you did, when you took up your cross and died at Calvary for us. Forgive us our sins, submerge us in your grace, fill us with your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting, we pray in Jesus’ mighty and matchless name, Amen.

## **Announcements:**

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- ◆ **Final Call for Easter Flowers!** Flower orders can be placed until next Sunday, March 7th. A hard copy order form is located on the bulletin board outside of the church office and an online order form can be found by going to [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation).
- ◆ The College Scholarship Application form is now open on the church website under the Resources tab. The Scholarship Application can be filled out online and emailed to [office@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:office@stjohnsarchbold.org) or printed and scanned/mailed to the church. Please contact Jocelyn if you need help submitting the form.
- ◆ The PATH Center is in need of grocery bags for their commodities program. Bags can be dropped off to the church office through next week.

## **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:

February 28 – No Darkness in Him.....	Psalm 92
March 1 – The Call to Serve.....	Mark 9:30-41
March 2 – Salty Servants.....	Mark 9:42-50
March 3 – A Thorny Question.....	Mark 10:1-16
March 4 – Riches and the Kingdom.....	Mark 10:17-31
March 5 – Ambition and the Kingdom.....	Mark 10:32-45
March 6 – A Blind Man Sees.....	Mark 10:46-52

## Welcome!

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### 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](http://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 outside of the sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. 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. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

**Large Print and Children's 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 February 28 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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	LOGOS
	6:50PM	JYF (Gym)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary and YouTube Live) SYF (Youth Room); Men's Ministry (Chapel)
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 Home)

## **February Mission-A-Month: Archbold FISH Food Pantry**

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Items currently in greater need at the pantry include mandarin oranges, canola oil, sugar, multi-purpose cleaner, dish soap, 2-in-1 shampoo, and deodorant. Food and personal care items can be dropped off to the large white box outside of the Chapel and monetary donations can be made using your weekly offering envelopes or by going to [www.stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com/give/online](http://www.stjohnschristianchurch.breezechms.com/give/online). Please note, FISH is no longer collecting plastic bags.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman
Worship/Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander (10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Cayla Swisher
8:00AM Usher	Linda Heer
Head Usher	Dave Walker
Video	Dean Sauder

## **Consistory Contact Information**

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

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, as he is now deployed on the USS Iwo Jima.

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, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (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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