



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: What a difference a year makes! Our children worshiped from home with their palm branches last year. We are so blessed have the ability to gather together this year!*

*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!
Palm Sunday**

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence and Christ, the Light of the World.

Inscribed on the Tower Bells – "To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship."

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Prelude

"Behold the Lamb"

A time to center our thoughts, centering on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and our worship of him.

Children's Message

Palm Processional

1) "Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye little children; God is love, God is love"

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2) "Love Him..." 3) "Serve Him..." 4) "Thank Him..."

Ministry of Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession - Lord, as we enter into Holy Week, may we each deeply consider the walk that Jesus walked. We can marvel at the fickle nature of the people – from cheers of triumph to jeers of condemnation! We can wonder why Jesus wept over the city – for they knew not your way to peace. May our marveling and our wondering cause us to pause, to reflect and to confess our own fickleness and our own lack of knowing your way. (Pause) Forgive me, Lord. Hear my humble cry. Teach me anew this week, restoring me through the cross of salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn of Assurance

#201, v. 1 & 4, "Grace Greater Than Our Sin"

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

Special Music

Logos Hand Bells

"Two Meditations on the Cross"

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon

"Approaching Jerusalem"

†Closing Hymn

#529, "O, How I Love Jesus"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#244, "The Trees of the Field"

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

Psalm 118:1-2 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.
² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Psalm 118:19-29 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. ²² The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; ²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Mark 11:1-11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" ⁴ They went and

found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!" ¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Philippians 2:5-11 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon Notes

Sermon "Approaching Jerusalem"

Scripture Mark 11:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11 (Revised Common Lectionary Reading)

Setting of the City of Jerusalem

- ◆ The city sits on hills at an elevation of 2,575 feet, with the Mount of Olives 100 feet higher
- ◆ To the east, the city looks down on the Dead Sea and across the Jordan River, 18 miles away, to the arid mountains of the mountains of Moab. To the west, the city faces the coastal plain and the Mediterranean Sea, about 32 miles distant



As Jesus Approached Jerusalem...

- ◆ Luke 19 – passing through Jericho, Jesus meets Zacchaeus and goes to his house to eat
- ◆ Mark 10:46 – passing through Jericho, Jesus meets and heals Bartimaeus, a blind man
- ◆ Jesus and his disciples climbed up along the road from Jericho to Jerusalem, passing by the Mount of Olives, then from there they walked down the hillside to Jerusalem
- ◆ Luke 19:41 – as Jesus approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it
- ◆ Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19:23, John 12:12 – Jesus sat astride a colt, or donkey
- ◆ Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19:23, John 12:12 – Jesus was greeted by the crowds

As We Approach Holy Week...

- ◆ Remember that Jesus met and ate with sinners
- ◆ Remember that Jesus healed people
- ◆ Remember that Jesus traveled a difficult route
- ◆ Remember that Jesus wept as the city did not recognize his peace
- ◆ Remember that Jesus came as a humble servant
- ◆ Remember that Jesus was greeted by a raucous crowd, who jeered him a few days later

Announcements

- ◆ **Easter Sunday Update:** The Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to a light continental Easter breakfast next Sunday. Serving will begin after Sunrise Service and will continue until Sunday School begins. Freewill offerings will be taken to defray the cost of the meal. Social distancing and other appropriate health and safety protocols will be encouraged. The updated Easter schedule is below:
 - 7:00AM - Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
 - 8:00AM - Light Breakfast (Gym)
 - 9:00AM - Easter Egg Hunt
 - 9:15AM - Sunday School, Faith Village, Confirmation
 - 10:30AM - Worship Service (Sanctuary, Facebook and YouTube Live)
- ◆ A special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 18th at 11:00AM, following Sunday School at 9:00AM and a single service of worship at 10:00AM (no 8:00AM service). The meeting will take place both in the Sanctuary and on Zoom as we did for the Annual Meeting in January. Zoom information is included in the April issue of the Visitor and posted on www.stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation. Meeting packets are now available for pickup at a table in the Sanctuary Narthex.
- ◆ St. John's Stephen Ministers/Leaders are offering a four-week grief support group based on Kenneth C. Haugk's "Journeying through Grief" booklets. The group will meet in the Chapel on Thursdays at 10:30AM beginning on April 8th. If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board and pick up the booklets in the church office. It is recommended to read the first booklet prior to the first session.

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:

March 28 – Help!.....Psalm 118
March 29 – Careless Whisper.....Mark 14:66-72
March 30 – Your Love is King.....Mark 15:1-15
March 31 – Clean Up.....Mark 15:16-20
April 1 – Show Me the Way.....Mark 15:21-32
April 2 – Don't Leave Me This Way.....Mark 15:33-41
April 3 – Roll Away the Stone.....Mark 15:42-16:8

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 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 March 28 at St. John's Christian Church

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)
Thu	7:00PM	Maundy Thursday Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Fri	7:00PM	Good Friday Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Sun	7:00AM	Sunrise Easter Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Light Easter Breakfast (Gym)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Easter Egg Hunt
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village & Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary, Facebook Live, and YouTube Live)

Congregational Prayer

Living God, you give us this day, full of hope and promise. As our ancestors waved palms in praise of Christ, we bring our praises, too, that in joy you may take our lives and transform us as your ministers, alive and serving you in today's world. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Brandon & Amy Cover (4/4) Keith & Kelli Kuntz
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder
8:00AM Usher	Jim Grieser
Head Usher	Greg Walker

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Shirley Fowler, whose son, Rick, entered into eternal life on 3/22.
- ◆ Anthony Hoy, who requested the church's prayers for his mother, who had heart surgery Monday after a heart attack last weekend.
- ◆ Tracey & Sodie Warren, as Tracey is scheduled to begin radiation treatment for prostate cancer in May.

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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