



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



GROWING
HOPE
G L O B A L L Y

**Pictured above: Our April Mission-A-Month supports the local initiatives of Growing Hope Globally. See page 7 for additional details.*

*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.

April 11, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God!
Second Sunday of Easter**

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 133

Prelude

(8:00) "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
(10:30) Emma Nafziger, "Only Jesus"

†Call to Worship

†Opening Hymn

#499, "Sunshine in My Soul"

†The Apostles' Creed

†The Gloria Patri

Children's Message

Ministry of Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer Hymn - #409, v. 1, "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

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

†Sermon Hymn

#275, "How Firm a Foundation"

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31, 1 John 1:1-2:2

Sermon

"Not Seeing, Yet Believing"

†Hymn

#495, "Heaven Came Down"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#488, v. 1 & descant "He Keeps Me Singing"

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

Psalm 133:1-3 How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! ² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. ³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

John 20:19-31 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous

signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

1 John 1:1 - 2:2 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-- this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴ We write this to make our joy complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. **1 John 2:1** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense-- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Sermon Notes

Sermon "Not Seeing, Yet Believing"

Scripture John 20:19-31, 1 John 1:1-2:2 (Revised Common Lectionary Reading)

John 20 - Key Points

1. The disciples were together
2. The disciples were fearful of the Jews
3. Jesus came and stood among them
4. "Peace be with you"; again, "Peace be with you"
5. Receive the Holy Spirit
6. Forgive
7. "Stop doubting and believe"
8. "My Lord and my God"

1 John 1 - Key Points

1. The life appeared - we have seen it and testify to it
2. God is light; in him there is no darkness at all
3. If we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another
4. The blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin

Applications

1. Unity and fellowship
2. Receiving the Holy Spirit
3. Walking in the light

Congregational Prayer

Dear Lord, today I am mindful of my own weakness of faith, of times when I doubt. I think of the time when Peter started to sink as he walked across the water to you, Lord. You caught him and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Over time, Peter's faith was strengthened, which gives me hope for my own spiritual strengthening. Thank you, Lord, for the truth and revelation of your Word, for it is indeed a "light for my path." In Jesus' name. Amen.

Next Sunday, April 18, 2021 - Special Congregational Meeting

Scriptures – Luke 24:36-48; Acts 3:12-19

Sermon - “Jesus Stood Among Them”

The Consistory has called for a special meeting of the congregation to discuss the following agenda items: 1) Election for Elder – David Stuckey has accepted the nomination, and the Spiritual Council is seeking one more nominee; 2) Sanctuary Pipe Organ; 3) Proposed Job Description for Pastor of Music and Worship.

Sunday school will be held at 9:00AM and one service of worship will be held at 10:00AM. The meeting will take place both in the sanctuary and on Zoom as was done 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 available for pickup at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Announcements

- ◆ Mission Presentation – 9:15 AM, Sunday school hour, April 25th: Daniel & Bethany Schrock serve with Freedom International in the Dominican Republic. They will be on furlough for a few weeks in April and May and so we will welcome them at both services of worship and for a longer presentation in between services.
- ◆ Membership Orientation classes will be offered beginning on April 21st at 6:00PM. Please contact the church office if you’re interested in joining!
- ◆ The 2021 Annual Yearbook is now available for pickup at a table in the Narthex. Digital copies are available upon request by emailing office@stjohnsarchbold.org.

Church Office - Maternity Leave

During the upcoming time of maternity leave for Jocelyn Walker, our administrative assistant, please be aware that the church office may not be staffed each morning or afternoon for the next few months.

Anyone willing to help staff the office for a morning or afternoon shift is asked to contact Pastor Erich. Volunteers would welcome visitors, answer the telephone, assist with emails and tend to some general office duties such as typing, copying, and filing.

Several people of the congregation will be covering key work aspects, such as bulletins and newsletters, our website and digital sign, worship slides, live streaming, and accounting matters.

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 April 11 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)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz Home)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:30PM	Budget and Stewardship (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:45PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	Life Planning
Thu	10:30AM	Grief Support Group (Chapel)
Sun	9:00AM	Sunday School, Faith Village & Confirmation
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary, Facebook Live, and YouTube Live)
	11:00AM	Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary and Zoom)

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Nursery Staff	(10:30) Josh & Kasey Grime	(4/18) Sarah & Jeremy Kinsman
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Video Tech	(10:30) Dean Sauder	
8:00AM	Linda Heer	
Head Usher	Steve Walker	

April Mission-A-Month: Growing Hope Globally

Growing Hope Globally (GHG) was created to be able to alleviate world hunger by globally connecting local communities through agriculture. Donations given to Growing Hope Globally will provide for the ongoing blessing of the local project. Financial donations can be made through your weekly offering envelopes or by selecting "Growing Hope Globally" as your designated fund in Breeze's online giving feature at stjohnsarchbold.org/online-giving/.

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:

April 11 – Worship and Witness.....	Psalm 96
April 12 – The Lord is Mighty!.....	Joshua 4:10-24
April 13 – A Fresh Start.....	Joshua 5:1-12
April 14 – Who Are You?.....	Joshua 5:13-15
April 15 – You Want Us To Do What?!.....	Joshua 6:1-11
April 16 – What a Racket!.....	Joshua 6:12-19
April 17 – The Right Choice.....	Joshua 6:20-27

Consistory

President	Gary Frazier
Elders	Ryan Christman, Jon Lindsay, Todd Nafziger, Betsy Redd, Brad Roth
Deacons/ Deaconesses	Tim Beck, Jim Grieser, Mindy Gruenhagen, Keith Kern, Jan Lindsay, Crissi Stuckey, Karen Walker, Missy Warncke, Bruce Wooley

Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Finn Yoder, five year old son of Eric & Anna, who will be seeing a pediatric neurologist due to increasing headaches.
- ◆ 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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