



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



*** Pictured above Evelyn Leann Walker (Daughter of Jocelyn & Corey Walker)*

*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 25, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God!
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 23

Prelude

“Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down”

†Hymns of Praise and Adoration

#101, “His Name Is Wonderful”

#102, “There’s Something About That Name”

#76, “O for a Thousand Tongues”

Children’s Message

“Shepherding”

Mission Sharing

Daniel & Bethany Schrock, Freedom International

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

Junior Choir

“Lead Me In Your Truth”

†Sermon Hymn

#515, “Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18, Acts 4:5-12

Sermon

“The Good Shepherd”

†Closing Hymn

#462, “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#602, v. 1, “God Be with You”

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23:1-6 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father-- and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Fa-

ther loves me is that I lay down my life -- only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Acts 4:5-12 The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ He is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'" ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Sermon Notes

Sermon "The Good Shepherd"

Scripture John 10:11-18, Acts 4:5-12 (Revised Common Lectionary Reading)

Ezekiel 34 – A Prophecy Regarding Shepherds and Sheep

- V. 2 – “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel...”
 - ◆ Their focus was on self, not the flock
 - ◆ They ate the curds, clothed themselves with wool, and ate the choice animals
 - ◆ Shepherds are to take care of the flock
- Vs. 7-10 – The Lord held the unfit shepherds to account, and removed them as shepherds
- Vs. 11-16 – The Lord will look after the sheep, “after my sheep”
 - ◆ Search for, look after, rescue them, bring them out, gather them, bring them in, pasture them, tend them, bind up the injured, strengthen the weak.
- Vs. 30-31 – “Then they will know that I, the Lord their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign Lord. ³¹ You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

Jesus – “I am the good shepherd” – claiming to be the Messiah – speaking to the Pharisees, Israel’s shepherds of the day – who were shepherding Israel as described in Ezekiel 34

John 10 – Attributes

- Shepherd
 - ◆ Lays down his life for the sheep
 - ◆ Owns the sheep
 - ◆ Knows his sheep, sheep know him
 - ◆ Brings in other sheep
- Hired Hand
 - ◆ When the wolf comes, he abandons the sheep and runs away
 - ◆ Cares nothing for the sheep
- Wolf – persecutors

Jesus – “I am the good shepherd.” – “Salvation is found in no one else...”

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/.

Messages and Announcements

JYF/SYF Youth Breakfast

The Fellowship Committee invites our sixth through twelfth grade youth to a breakfast on May 16 during the Sunday school hour. Please RSVP to the church office by May 7th if you plan to attend, so we make sure we have food and proper table set up for everyone!

2021 National Day of Prayer – May 6

Local churches are planning for a National Day of Prayer event for Thursday, May 6th, to be held at the pavilion in Ruihley Park. The theme of this year’s event is “Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty,” stemming from 2 Corinthians 3:17. Pastor Erich is helping to coordinate and lead the event, and he invites and encourages everyone to gather for this time. The short service will consist of scripture readings and prayers.

Fairlawn Retirement Community Newsletter

Fairlawn has provided SJCC with several printed copies of their April 2021 community newsletter, available in the literature rack outside the church office. *A digital link for the newsletter is located on the St. John’s home page – www.stjohnnarchbold.org under the Media tab.

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 25—The Sound of Worship.....Psalm 98
- April 16—A Senior Moment.....Joshua 14:6-15
- April 27—Justice For All.....Joshua 20
- April 28—.Passing on the Baton.....Joshua 23:1-11
- April 29—Distinctively Different.....Joshua 23:12-16
- April 30—Decision Time.....Joshua 24:1-15
- May 1—Costly Discipleship.....Joshua 24:16-33

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 25 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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Membership Orientation (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	JYF & SYF (Gym)
	6:45PM	LOGOS (Chapel)
Thu	10:30AM	Stephen 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)

Next Sunday, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures – Psalm 22:25-31, John 15:1-8, 1John 4:7-21

Sermon - "Bearing Much Fruit"

Congregational Prayer

Caring and Loving Father, thank you for the peace, comfort and joy that I can gain from the words of Psalm 23. You promise provision in my life. Your guiding direction in and for my life is such a blessing, and I praise you for the restoration Jesus Christ opens up within me. It is a true comfort to know that I do not need to fear evil or death because you are with me, comforting me. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for the table of life, of provision, of direction, you set before me. Through the Spirit's counsel, I seek to be filled and refreshed, praising you, mighty God, for the goodness and love that comes through living as a sheep of Jesus, the good shepherd. In His name, Amen.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Lynn Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Lay Reader	(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	Steve Walker	
Nursery	Eric & Anna Yoder	(5/2) Josh & Kasey Grime

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Wayne Spiess fell and fractured a hip and had surgery on 4/20.
- ◆ Dan Light, a bone infection from an elbow surgery, with a second surgery on 4/21.
- ◆ Mary Jane Silcox, in rehab at Fairlawn's Rupp Rehab for recovery from hip surgery.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, five year old son of Eric & Anna, who will be seeing a Pediatric Neurologist due to increasing headaches.
- ◆ Lenny & Jean Stamm, as Lenny has been hospitalized due to covid, and Jean is in Quarantine at home.
- ◆ Nancy Rupp as her brother Bob Springer entered into eternal life on 4/16.

Praises for answered prayers and joys for...

- ◆ Congratulations to Jocelyn & Corey Walker and big sister Allie! They welcomed Evelyn Leann Walker into the world on 4/21/21. She weighed 7lb 15oz and was 18.5 inches long. Praises to God for a happy and healthy momma and baby!

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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