



# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



## *St. John's Christian Preschool 2021 Graduates*

*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.*

May 16, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God!**  
Ascension Sunday

Ringling of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 47

Prelude

“How Great is Our God”

†Gathering Hymn

(Insert) “Awesome God”

†The Apostles’ Creed

†Hymn of Praise and Adoration

#234, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Children’s Message

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

†Sermon Hymn

#271, “Standing on the Promises”

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-53, Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon

“Is Your Mind Open?”

†Closing Hymn

#529, “O, How I Love Jesus”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

(Insert) “May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior”

†Postlude

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## Scripture Readings

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**Psalm 47:1-9** Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

<sup>2</sup>How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth! <sup>3</sup>He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

<sup>4</sup>He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. <sup>5</sup>God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets. <sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. <sup>7</sup>For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

<sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. <sup>9</sup>The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

**Luke 24:44-53** He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands

and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**Ephesians 1:15-23** For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup>which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

## **EVERYETHNE Week of Prayer for North American Church Planting – May 23-29**

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EveryEthne is a ministry of ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism) who SJCC has partnered with in the past in missionary efforts. EveryEthne develops teams to work in partnership with national leaders and churches in order to ignite movements that engage EveryEthne in God’s global mission. As a result, hundreds of churches have been planted, thousands of leaders have been trained, and several nations are already engaged in sending missionaries to plant churches around the world. Their vision is to be on mission with the Church to reach EveryEthne in North America through a disciple-making movement that multiplies leaders and churches. They desire to partner with churches to identify and own the lostness of their culturally, socially and religiously diverse communities, so that every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to hear, see and respond to the Gospel. Every one of the SJCC congregation is invited to pray during this Week of Prayer.

**The Daily Prayer Guide will be as follows, and information will be available on Sunday, May 23.**

- Sunday, May 23.....Jesus and the Church
  - Monday, May 24.....Jesus and Disciple Making
  - Tuesday, May 25.....Jesus and North America
  - Wednesday, May 26..Jesus and Influential Cities
  - Thursday, May 27.....Jesus and Gospel Conversations
  - Friday, May 28.....Jesus and My Local Church
  - Saturday, May 29.....Jesus and Me
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Dear Church Family,

I am grateful to God to share with you the good news that I have received a call to serve as the pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Woodbridge, Virginia. Jenny and I are both excited to join the Crossroads church family, and to serve the congregation and partner with them in gospel ministry, serving the broader community. Lord willing, we will move to Virginia mid-June, and then I will begin my pastoral responsibilities early July. We have sold our house in Archbold, and are looking for a place to call home in Virginia. We will share our address when we know where we’ll be living next. We appreciate your continued prayers through the remainder of our transition: as we look for a home, as we move and settle in, and as I have a number of exams to complete (as part of the process of transferring my ordination into a new denomination). I am grateful for the St. John’s church family, and for the years in which I had the opportunity to serve as one of your pastors. “May the LORD bless you and keep you; may he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may he turn his face toward you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:23-26).

Grace and Peace,  
Alex and Jenny

## **May Mission-A-Month: Cherry Street Mission ([cherrystreetmission.org](http://cherrystreetmission.org))**

Cherry Street was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically based, Christ centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services.

Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation.

Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer 3 meals a day, 7 days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them.

People may donate monetarily to these ministries by marking their envelope or check with "May M-A-M" (Mission-A-Month).

## **Right Now Media**

Right Now Media is an on-line Christian resource and video library, often described as a Christian version of Netflix. St. John's pays for the service and everyone of the congregation can have access to make use of the resources. There are resources for Bible study, small group studies, leader and volunteer training, and entertainment, for use as individuals, groups and families. We are launching this new resource today. If you do not receive an email from Right Now Media in the next 24 hours and want to access this service, email Pastor Erich.

## **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:

- May 16 – On Earth as in Heaven.....Psalm 101
- May 17 – Submitting Together.....Ephesians 5:21-33
- May 18 – Domestic Bliss?.....Ephesians 6:1-9
- May 19 – Strength, God's Way.....Ephesians 6:10-18
- May 20 – Grace From Afar.....Ephesians 6:19-24
- May 21 – The Certainty of Jesus.....Acts 1:1-11
- May 22 – Faith Walk.....Acts 1:12-26

## 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 May 9 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
	9:15AM	JYF/SYF Youth Breakfast
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz Home)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
Tue	7:30PM	Consistory (Gym)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
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)

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### Next Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Sacrament of Communion

Scriptures - Psalm 104:24-34, 33b, John 15:26-27, John 16: 4b-15

Sermon - "The Guidance of the Spirit"

## **Congregational Prayer**

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Lord, I think of those two disciples on the road to Emmaus, who should have recognized Jesus, but didn't; and I think of the disciples whose minds Jesus opened for their understanding, and I wonder how. How could they have not known? As I wonder about what kept their eyes and minds closed, I then wonder about my own vision and openness. Lord, open my eyes and mind, speak to me, help me hear, that you may make use of me in the service of the church and the kingdom. Thank you for sending the promised Holy Spirit as I worship you and praise you continually. Amen.

## **Today's Worship Servants**

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Usher	(8:00) Nancy Rupp	(10:30) Greg Walker
Nursery	Carrie Wooley	(5/23)

## **Consistory Contact Information**

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## Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

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### Please pray for...

- ◆ Bryce Winzeler is at St. Charles Hospital recovering from five laminectomies in his lower back to relieve pressure on his spinal cord.
- ◆ Phyllis Miller had a heart cath done on Monday.
- ◆ Kajiado Children's Home staff, Ruth and Nelson, recovering from injuries sustained in an auto accident.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the Evangelical Association, scheduled for surgery to remove one kidney due to cancer, and a possible second surgery to remove a nodule on one of his lungs.
- ◆ Jon Lindsay is recovering from surgery that was done on April 29th.
- ◆ Wayne Spiess is recovering from hip surgery and is back in his room at Fairlawn.
- ◆ Mary Jane Silcox returned home on May 6th and continues to recover from hip surgery.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, will have an MRI tomorrow due to the recurring headaches.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, as radiation treatments are to start soon for the 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, 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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