



# 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



Believe, Learn, And Seek Truth!

*The countdown continues! We are now 14 days away from B.L.A.S.T. Sunday!*

*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.*

August 29, 2021

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Welcome to our Worship of God  
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-7 (pg. 558)

Prelude

"He Has Made Me Glad/I Will Enter"

†A Brief Service Exalting Our Lord, Jesus Christ

#86, "Give Him Glory"

Children's Message

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

†Hymn

#562, "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-23 (pg. 997, James 1:19-27 (pg. 1196)

Sermon

"Teaching, to the World"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"As the Deer"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#515, "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#504, refrain only, "He Touched Me"

†Postlude

## Scripture Readings

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**Psalms 45:1-2** My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer. <sup>2</sup> You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever. **Psalms 45:6-7** Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>7</sup> You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

**Mark 7:1-8** The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and <sup>2</sup> saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" <sup>6</sup> He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' <sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." **Mark 7:14-23** Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him

'unclean.'" <sup>16</sup> <sup>17</sup> After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. <sup>18</sup> "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? <sup>19</sup> For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.") <sup>20</sup> He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.'" <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

**James 1:19-27** My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. <sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it-- he will be blessed in what he does. <sup>26</sup> If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

## **Sermon Notes**

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Sermon "Teaching, to the World"  
Scripture Mark 7:1-8, 14-23, James 1:19-27

## **Congregational Prayer**

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God of Grace and God of Glory, I bow before you in supplication, seeking your forgiveness. I recognize that I have often failed to do what your Word tells me to do, so I have gossiped, been judgmental, neglected to serve, and even forsaken you. Fill me with the power of the blood of your Son, that my heart and mind will be cleansed, that I will stop polluting myself with worldly ways and be faithful to you, to you alone. In humility and repentance, I pray. Amen.

## **Next Sunday - September 5th, 2021**

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Sermon - "The Value of our Labor"  
Scriptures - Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Ephesians 4:25-28

## Announcements

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- ◆ **B.L.A.S.T. Sunday** - We are in the final countdown to BLAST Sunday! Join us on September 12th as we **Believe, Learn And Seek Truth** together!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Attention GIF Gals! Do you like to laugh? Giggle? Snicker? Chuckle? Sing? Have you ever played a musical instrument? Then get ready for a fun-filled afternoon presented by Nancy Rupp at her home on Sunday afternoon, September 12th starting at 2:00PM. One never knows what our hostess has in store! The fun will be followed with an ice cream sundae bar. Don't miss the fun. If you would like to carpool, meet in the church parking lot at 1:45PM. Otherwise, there is plenty of parking at 22396 State Route 2, Stryker. Sign up at the office bulletin board by September 5th. Hope all of you will join in on the fun!

## Mission Announcement

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The Mission Committee would like your help participating in the "Love Your Neighbor 'Back to Basics' Campaign" at Rebekah's Haven, the "safe haven" for mothers with children supported by Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission. Currently, there are two families living at Rebekah's Haven who could use some assistance with back-to-school items. One of the families residing at Rebekah's Haven has three school-aged boys and the other family has two school-aged children, boy and a girl. If you would like to help provide these families with some essential back-to-school clothing, please see the information posted on the Mission Bulletin Board located outside the office for further details.

## Today's Worship Servants

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| Accompanist       | (Both) Lynne Christman                      |
| Song Leader       | (Both) Roger Zimmerman                      |
| Children's Moment | (Both) Matt Hines                           |
| Easy Worship      | (Both) Kelly Ducey                          |
| Sound Tech        | (Both) James Grime                          |
| Live Stream Tech  | (10:30) Ryan Christman                      |
| Head Usher        | Dave Walker                                 |
| 8:00AM Usher      | Linda Heer                                  |
| 10:30AM Ushers    | Paul & Joan Lovejoy, Roger & Mary Zimmerman |



August Mission-A-Month

## **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. 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 August 29th 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                        |
|     | 10:30AM | Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live) |
| Mon | 11:00AM | Staff Meeting (Office Closed)        |
| Tue | 9:15AM  | Bible Study (Fireside Room)          |
| Wed | 8:30AM  | Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)       |
|     | 10:00AM | AAMA (Fireside Room)                 |
|     | 7:00PM  | Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)     |
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|     | 8:30AM  | Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)         |
|     | 9:15AM  | Sunday School, Faith Village         |
|     | 10:30AM | Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live) |

## Skittles Prayer

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From Leah and Raegan's Children's Message on 8/15. When you're eating your next bag of Skittles, use the candy colors to guide a moment of prayer!

- ◆ Red – Pray for someone you love
- ◆ Orange – Pray for something you're thankful for
- ◆ Yellow – Pray for something you're scared or worried about
- ◆ Green – Pray for forgiveness
- ◆ Purple – Pray for teachers or church leaders

## Daily Discovery Guide

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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:

August 29 – Trust In The Lord.....Psalm 115  
August 30 – Fix Your Thoughts.....Hebrews 3:1-6  
August 31 – Soften Your Heart.....Hebrews 3:7-19  
September 1 – Striving Not to Strive.....Hebrews 4:1-11  
September 2 – Keep Up Your Bible Reading.....Hebrews 4:12-16  
September 3 – Jesus Is Better.....Hebrews 5:1-10  
September 4 – Eternity is at Stake.....Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3

## Consistory Contact Information

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

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Bryce Winzeler, as he continues to settle in at home while dealing with some wound issues, and awaits new therapy treatments.
- ◆ John Barr, father of Mary Hall, as he recovers from heart bypass surgery this past week.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, who had surgery on 8/26 to transplant a nerve from her foot into her thigh in hopes of helping her leg work better.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as new x-rays did show new bone growth on her tibias, but also showed a complete break of the left fibula, so she is being referred to a specialist.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Iraq (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, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ 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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