



# 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: Jessica Lindsay and Tristan Kast (left);  
Jeremy Mann and his new wife, Angela (right)*

# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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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 scanning the QR code, 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 one of the literature racks.



## Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young children. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 a.m. worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and Nursery. Please ask an usher for locations if needed.

**Children's Busy Bags** are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

## Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need - you just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

**Large Print and Children's Bulletins** are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

**Hearing Assistance** is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.



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Instagram at @stjohnsarchbold and YouTube ("St. John's Christian Church").

October 31, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

**Welcome to our Worship of God  
Reformation Sunday**

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 24 (pg. 544)

Prelude

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

†Hymn of Praise

#560, “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Remembering the Reformation

†Hymn of Reformation

#8, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:9-15 (pg. 906)

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Why Forgive Others?”

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Open The Eyes of My Heart”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#455, “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#461, v. 1 “He Leadeth Me”

†Postlude

## Hymn Story

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### “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

This hymn was written by Joachim Neander, born in 1650, whose father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather – all Joachim Neanders – had been preachers of the gospel. But as a student, Joachim was wild and rebellious. At 20, he joined a group of students who descended on St. Martin’s Church in Bremen to ridicule and scoff at the worshippers. But the sermon that day by Rev. Theodore Under-Eyck arrested him and led to his conversion. A few years later, he was the assistant preacher at that very church.

Joachim often took long walks near his home in Hochdal, Germany. They were worship walks, and he frequently composed hymns as he strolled, singing them to the Lord. He was the first hymn writer from the Calvinist branch of Protestantism. When he was 30 – the year he died – he wrote this while battling tuberculosis:

*Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty, the King of Creation.  
O my soul praise Him, for He is Thy health and Salvation*

One of Joachim’s favorite walking spots was a beautiful gorge a few miles from Dusseldorf. The Dussel River flowed through the valley, and Joachim so loved this spot that it eventually was named for him – Neander Valley. The Old German word for “valley” was “tal” or “thal” with a silent “h.”

Two hundred years later, Herr von Beckersdorf owned the valley, which was a source for limestone, used to manufacture cement. In 1856, miners discovered caves which contained human bones. Beckersdorf took the bones to a local science teacher who speculated they belonged to one who died in the Flood.

But when William King, an Irish professor of anatomy, saw the bones, he claimed they were proof of evolution’s famous “missing link.” Other Neanderthal fossils were found, and for many years they were used to “prove” Darwin’s theory of evolution. Today we know the Neanderthal was fully human, an extinct people group of great strength.

But, as one expert put it, “when Joachim Neander walked in his beautiful valley so many years ago, he could not know that hundreds of years later his name would become world famous, not for his hymns celebrating creation, but for a concept that he would have totally rejected: human evolution.”

## Scripture Readings

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**Psalm 24:1-10** The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; <sup>2</sup> for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. <sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. <sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior. <sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. <sup>10</sup> Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty -- he is the King of glory.

**Matthew 6:9-15** "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

## Mission Committee Announcement: Alternative Gift Market 2021

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**Coming Soon!** Start your Christmas shopping early! Beginning Sunday, November 14, you will have an opportunity to participate in St. John's newest Christmas mission, *The Alternative Gift Market*, which is detailed on page 8 of the November issue of *The Visitor*. When you make a monetary donation, you will receive an "Honor Card" to give to a loved one. This card will let your honoree know their gift blessed a youth at Crossroad with a Christmas gift of their own. We will have lists of gifts that Crossroad's children would love to receive and you will be able to share in the giving. Please consider giving a gift that gives twice!



## Facility Info Gathering - Today

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In preparation for the special congregational meeting on November 14th, Facility Committee info meetings are scheduled for today after our 10:30 a.m. service of worship and Thursday, November 4th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary and via YouTube Live stream. We will take a 10-minute break following today's 10:30 worship to shift and prepare for the informational meeting.

## Announcements

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- ♦ **Veterans Breakfast** - The annual Veterans Breakfast honoring our military veterans will be held on 11/14 at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. To reserve a seat for the breakfast and program, please RSVP to the church office.
- ♦ **Advent & Christmas Decorating** - We are still in need of individuals to help with pulling decorations out of storage and setting them up. It takes about 12 people to complete the job efficiently. Please consider helping by signing up on the office bulletin board. It will be a fun day of work and fellowship as we prepare for the season!

## Week of October 31st 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, Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:45AM	Facility Committee Info Meeting (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold United Methodist Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	LOGOS/JYF (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	SYF (Parking Lot - Bus to Fall Fest)
	8:00PM	Men's Ensemble Practice (Sanctuary)
Thu	7:00PM	Facility Committee Info Meeting (Sanctuary)
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's Home)

## Next Sunday - November 7th, 2021

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Sermon - "Perseverance"

Scriptures - Hebrews 10:35-39, Matthew 10:22, James 1:3-4

Mission Presentation - Christmas Cheer, Lilli Radabaugh

Special Music - Men's Ensemble, "Rise Up, O Men of God"

## 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:

October 31 – Seeking God’s Love.....Psalm 119:153-176  
November 1 – Pacifying His Brother.....Genesis 32:1-21  
November 2 – Wrestling with God.....Genesis 32:22-32  
November 3 – Forgiving Jacob.....Genesis 33  
November 4 – Returning to Bethel.....Genesis 35:1-15  
November 5 – Ups and Downs of Life.....Genesis 35:16-29  
November 6 – A Different Destiny.....Genesis 37:1-11

## Congregational Prayer

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O God, for life lessons learned, I give you thanks. For the possibilities of each day, I express my gratitude. How grateful I am for the growth in faith that I have experienced, though I realize that such growth has come at a cost, of deep insight and humble submission. Thank you, God, for the people who have taught me and guided me in faith. I thank you for the abundance of your grace in my own life, which makes me aware of my need to offer forgiveness as you have forgiven me. Empower me to be even more loving and forgiving in faithful awareness of your love for me. And may it be so with my church family, that we would each be bright lights of love and grace in the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

## Today's Worship Servants

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Children’s Message	(Both) Matt Hines	
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
Acolytes	(8:00) Zander Johnston	(10:30) Emma Krukowski
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
10:30 Ushers	Matt & Kim Hines	
	Todd & Jill Nafziger	

## Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Pam Reeb and family upon the death of her mother, Beverly Comden, on 10/23.
- ◆ Cathy Nofziger, who had outpatient knee replacement surgery on 10/18.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger continues to recover from recent concussion affects. Pray for her full healing and for her parents, Eric & Sarah.
- ◆ Jack Spotts, who is in rehab at Rupp Rehab following hip surgery.
- ◆ Bryce Winzeler as he continues to receive treatment for leg nerve regeneration.

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, Suffolk, VA (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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Sunday Worship at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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*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.*