

# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Pictured above: Ali Genter during Faith Village on 11/7 (right); Happy Birthday to our Children's Message leader, Nancy Rupp (left)!

# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

#### **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, 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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## Welcome to our Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

2 Peter 1:2-4 (pg. 1204)

Prelude

"The Solid Rock"

# †Call to Worship

L: Almighty and Everlasting God, in your Son Jesus Christ,

P: You richly bless us with all that we need,

L: Bread from the earth and the bread of heaven,

P: Which gives life to the world.

L: Grant us one thing more:

P: Grateful hearts to sing your praise,

L: In this world and the world to come. Amen.

## †Hymn of Praise

#64, "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

God, you clothe the grass of the field and feed the birds of the air. Knowing of your care, we offer our prayers more from our need to be transformed by our awareness of what we pray than from any need of you to be reminded by our prayers.

Today we do not pray for ourselves, we pray for others. We pray for those we know well, Kathryn Graber, Mike Meyer, Leah Nafziger, Cathy Nofziger, Phyllis Swietzer and Jack Spotts. We pray for their physical health and we pray for their peace of mind. We pray for their families, too.

We pray for the many missionaries we support, for their provision, their strength of faith and their worship of you, O Lord. We pray for the Aroles, McMahans, Waanders, Chases, Pardis, Henchs, Franks, Langsdorfs, Suons, Schrocks and Doriots.

We pray with thanksgiving for our families, our communities, our schools, churches, businesses, first responders, and health care workers.

We pray for the veterans of our nation, that you would bless them with health and peace, as they've sacrificed of themselves for our nation, for us.

Free us from all fear and worry that, trusting in your goodness, we may always praise your mighty deeds and give you thanks for the bounty of your gifts. We offer our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us to pray, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn Response "Give Thanks" (insert)

Scripture Reading Douternoomy 24:10-22 (ng. 104) Proyerbs 12:11 (ng. 626)

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 24:19-22 (pg. 194), Proverbs 12:11 (pg. 636)

Children's Message

Sermon "God Provides, But How?"

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "The Heart of Worship"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn #52, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song #602, "God Be with You"

†Postlude

# **Scripture Readings**

**2 Peter 1:2-4** Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

**Deuteronomy 24:19-22** When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the alien, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. <sup>20</sup> When you beat the olives from your trees, do not go over the branches a second time. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. <sup>21</sup> When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless and the widow. <sup>22</sup> Remember that you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I command you to do this.

**Proverbs 12:11** He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.

## **Sermon Notes**

Sermon - "God Provides, But How?"

Scriptures - Deuteronomy 24:19-22, Proverbs 12:11

Some differences between Squirrels and Deer

- Watching a squirrel climb the church roof
- Noisy vs. Quiet
- Storing Up vs. Day to Day
- Represent how God cares for us

God enables us to work and save for the future

God meets our needs when resources are scarce

God gives us seasons of plenty so that we can prepare for seasons of need

- ◆ Genesis 41 Pharaoh's dreams, interpreted by Joseph "God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do." (vs. 28) 7 years of abundance, 7 years of famine
- Proverbs 12:11 "He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment."
- As Psalm 23 says, the Lord leads us through perilous places to pleasant pastures.

God instructs those with plenty to share with those in need:

- Proverbs 19:17 He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.
- Matthew 5:42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.
- Matthew 25 The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats
- ♦ Luke 3:10-11 "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. ¹¹ John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."
- Romans 12:13 Share with God's people who are in need.
- Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
- Philippians 2:4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Summary thought – "Work while you can, save what you can, share what you can, and trust God to meet your needs."

# **Special Congregational Meeting**

We will hold a special congregational meeting today at 11:40 a.m. to vote on the information presented by the Facility Committee over the past two weeks. We'll take a brief break after our 10:30 service of worship to transition over to the meeting.

## **Congregational Prayer**

\*Pray the prayer of intercession included in our Sunday worship.

# Week of November 14th at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Veterans Breakfast
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village, Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:40AM	Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary and Zoom)
	6:00PM	Couples Small Group (Youth Room)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:30PM	Consistory (Chapel)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Rotary (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Stephen Ministry (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
		LOGOS/JYF (Parish Hall)
		JYF (Fireside Room)
		Life Planning (Parish Hall)
Thu		Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
		Girl Scouts (Chapel)
Sat		Music Teachers Association Music Festival (Sanctuary & Chapel)
Sun		Worship (Sanctuary)
		Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
		Sunday School, Faith Village, Confirmation
		Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
		Advent & Christmas Decorating
		TGRM Meal and Chapel - B.A.S.I.C. (Depart on Church Bus)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

#### **November Mission-A-Month: Christmas Cheer**

Fulton County Christmas Cheer is back in its original format this year! The Cheer Tree is up and filled with tags for pickup. Purchased items may be dropped off under the tree or at the drop box in the Chapel Narthex throughout the month and a volunteer will take the items to the Fulton County Jr. Fair Building on December 6th ahead of the Christmas Cheer event. Financial donations are also helpful, as they are used to purchase case items to stock the shelves at the fairgrounds. Thank you for rallying together with our faith community to support this important ministry!

# **Daily Discovery Guide**

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:

November 14 – Walking in Blessing	Psalm 121
November 15 – The Unavoidable Truth	Genesis 42:25-38
November 16 – The Bigger Story	Genesis 43
November 17 – Invisible Patterns	Genesis 44
November 18 — Apocalypse	Genesis 45
November 19 – Culture Shock	Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34
November 20 — Meet the Parent	Genesis 47:1-12

## **Today's Worship Servants**

Accompanist

worsnip Leader	(Both) Linda Fleer	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Children's Message	(Both) Nancy Rupp	
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Acolytes	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Brie Grime
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
8:00 Ushers	Gary & Judy Sears	

(Both) Lynne Christman

(Dath) Linda Llaam

10:30 Ushers Brad & Aimee Roth, Ben & Sue Buehrer



Today begins a new SJCC Christmas tradition! The Alternative Gift Market (AGM) is now open for your Christmas shopping. Let's celebrate the spirit of Christmas and bless the youth at Crossroad Child and Family Services! Here's how it works:

- 1) Fill out a donation form and place it in an envelope with your financial donation
- 2) Drop off your donation in the AGM mailbox outside of the church offices
- 3) Pick up and fill out your Honoree Card
- 4) Give your Honoree his or her card on Christmas!

#### **Announcements**

- ◆ Thanksgiving Sunday Next Sunday, 11/21, we are celebrating Thanksgiving Sunday. As part of our service of worship, each person and/or family are encouraged to bring an item representing something in life they are thankful to God for. Examples would be a picture of your family to show thankfulness for family, a toy tractor to show thankfulness for the harvest and food, car keys to show thankfulness for God's blessings, or maybe a cell phone to show thankfulness for communication. You can also write down something on paper and bring to the table. Be creative! These items will be placed on a table by the chancel steps during the service. Items can be picked up at the end of the service. Let's be thankful together!
- ◆ JYF Poinsettia Sale Brighten your home with a beautiful poinsettia while supporting St. John's JYF! Flowers are \$12 each and come in red, white, pink, and jingle bell (speckled). Hard copy order forms are located on the office bulletin board or you can order through one of our youth members. Orders are due by 12/1, with payment due at the time of sale.
- **2022 Offering Envelopes** 2022 Offering Envelopes are now available for pick-up at a table in the sanctuary narthex. If you have not had envelopes in the past and would like a set for the upcoming year, please contact the church office.
- Advent Devotional If you are interested in writing a piece for this year's edition, please let Pastor Erich or the church office know. Devotional writings can be artwork, scripture, song lyrics, poetry, and/or other mediums. Each page will be  $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " x  $8 \frac{1}{2}$ ", with  $\frac{1}{2}$ " margins.

# Give Thanks

Words and Music by Henry Smith



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

## Please pray for...

- Phyllis Swietzer, who is dealing with several health related issues, which are lengthy to explain, and is in need of our prayers for many unspoken requests.
- Kathryn Graber, who is receiving therapy at Northcrest in Napoleon.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who will see a neurologist on 11/18 to address the affects from her concussion. Pray for answers and healing, and for her parents, Sarah and Eric.
- Mike Meyer, who is in rehab at Fulton Manor following a hospitalization in Bryan.
- Cathy Nofziger, who continues to work through knee replacement rehab.
- Jack Spotts, who was transferred to St. Vincent hospital on Monday due to respiratory distress. He has responded well to the treatments he is receiving.

#### 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)



#### ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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.