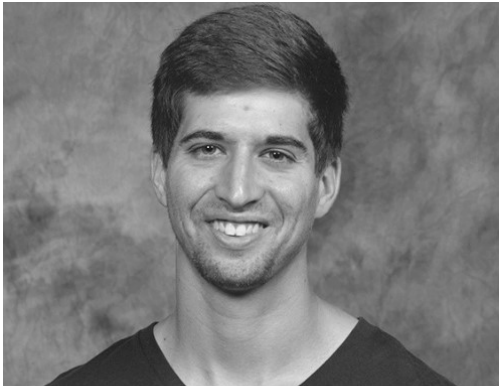




Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

Pictured above: Michael Walker who celebrated a birthday yesterday (top left); Kassi Link (bottom center) and Liam Yoder (top right) learning about refraction during Faith Village on 11/21.

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.



Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnschurcharchbold,
Instagram at @stjohnsarchbold and YouTube ("St. John's Christian Church").

**Welcome to our Worship of God
First Sunday of Advent**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

A time to center our thoughts, centering on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and our worship of him.

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (pg. 786)

The Nativity Scene - The Manger

Hymn Response

#157, v.1, “Away in a Manger”

†Call to Worship (L - Leader; P - People)

L: People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

P: As we gather to pray and sing and listen, a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.

L: The days are surely coming, says Our God, when justice and righteousness will prevail.

P: May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds, freeing us to respond joyfully to God’s call in the days to come.

†Advent Hymn

#125, “Joy to the World!”

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

Children’s Message: The Advent Wreath - The Candle of Hope

Cong: We give thanks for the light of Christ, shining in the lives of all God’s people.

Message

Cong: With the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah, we watch and wait for the coming of Christ, who will bring light and peace to all the world.

Hymn Response

#123, v. 1, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Prayer of Dedication

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Immanuel”

Second Offering

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

Scripture Reading

Revelation 5:6-14 (pg. 1219)

Sermon

“Worth It, or Worthy?”

Advent Communion Service

†Advent Hymn

#119, “O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#127, v. 1, “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

†Postlude

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16 "'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. ¹⁵ "'In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.'

Revelation 5:6-14 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." ¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" ¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Sermon Notes

Sermon - "Worth It, or Worthy?"

Scriptures - Revelation 5:6-14



Today is the last day that the Alternative Gift Market will be open for your Christmas shopping. Donations can be made and honoree cards are still available. If you prefer, you can also include donations in your offering envelopes---just mark on your offering envelope, with checks made out to St. John's as usual-- Alternative Gift Market or AGM! All gifts will bless a youth at Crossroad Child and Family Services. Don't miss out on this opportunity to give a gift that gives twice!

November Mission-A-Month: Christmas Cheer

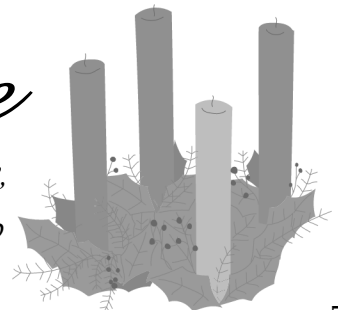
There are still some tags available with items needed for the 2021 Christmas Cheer event. Purchased items may be dropped off under the tree or at the drop box in the Chapel Narthex by the end of next week. Financial donations are also helpful, as they are used to purchase case items to stock the shelves at the fairgrounds. Thank you for rallying together with our faith community to support this important ministry!

Congregational Prayer

Father, we love to celebrate the gift of your Son at Christmas. This Advent season, help us remember that we have even more to look forward to in Jesus' second coming. Jesus, as we contemplate your promises, fill our hearts with your hope, peace, joy, and love. Enable us to be faithful, that we might be ready for your return and greet you on that day with unbridled joy. Amen.

Hope

*"So the baby to be born will be holy,
and he will be called the 'Son of God'"*
Luke 1:35b



Announcements

- ◆ **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 under the "Ministry Events" section, or you can order through one of our youth members. Orders are due by this Wednesday, 12/1, with payment due at the time of sale.
- ◆ **2022 Offering Envelopes** - 2022 Offering Envelopes are 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.
- ◆ **2021 Advent Devotional** - The 2021 Advent Devotional is now available for pickup in the sanctuary narthex. A digital copy can be found on the homepage of the church website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

Week of November 28th 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)
Mon	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Area Schools (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth 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)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

Next Sunday, December 5th, 2021: Second Sunday of Advent

The Candle of Peace

Sermon - "People of Peace"

Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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 28 – He Reigns!.....	Psalm 123
November 29 – Ready for the Challenge.....	Mark 1:9-13
November 30 – All Change!.....	Mark 1:14-20
December 1 – A Man of Authority.....	Mark 1:21-28
December 2 – Jesus the Healer.....	Mark 1:29-34
December 3 – Setting Priorities.....	Mark 1:35-39
December 4 – Infection Control.....	Mark 1:40-45

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Acolytes	(8:00) Zander Johnston	(10:30) Ella Yoder
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
8:00 Ushers	Gary & Judy Sears	
10:30 Ushers	Aimee & Evy Roth, Ben & Sue Buehrer	

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Ann Grime, who remains hospitalized at FCHC due to Covid.
- ◆ Matt Pardi, who is hospitalized in serious condition due to Covid.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who continues to struggle with ill effects of her concussion, working through appointments and tests.
- ◆ Kathryn Graber, who is receiving therapy at Northcrest in Napoleon.
- ◆ Mike Meyer, who is in rehab at Fulton Manor following a hospitalization in Bryan.

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)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts has been deployed to Qatar (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ 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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*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.