

JANUARY 2, 2022 | 8:00 & 10:30AM



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: Children performing "The Christmas Nativity" during Christmas Eve service and Children's Message on 12/12 (top right).

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!

Second Sunday of Christmas

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Presentation - Church World Service Emergency Cleanup Buckets

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Matthew 9:16-17

Prelude

"A Celebration of Carols"

†Call to Worship (Drawn from Lamentations 3:19-24)

Leader: The afflictions and wanderings of the past year can weigh us down and our souls can be downcast as we remember them.

Pastor: We must call the Lord's faithfulness to mind and have hope:

People: *Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.*

Leader: His compassions are new every morning, for great is the Lord's faithfulness to us.

Pastor: God has come to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have love and grace.

People: *So I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him."*

†Hymn

#43, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

†The Apostles' Creed

†The Gloria Patri

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:5-7, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Children's Message

Prayer of Dedication, Sharing our Offerings, and Offertory

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Sermon Hymn

#349, v. 1, 3, 5, "Trust and Obey"

Sermon

"He Is the One"

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Invitation

Call to Confession and Unison Prayer of Confession - God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father, hear our prayers as this New Year begins. Lord, we confess the sins that we've thought or done, seeking Your heavenly forgiveness, seeking to be cleansed, to be washed anew through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ. Through this sacrament, may Your Spirit transform our souls and our lives and strengthen our relationship with You. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Words of Institution and Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Blessing

†Hymn

#166, "We Three Kings"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#166, Refrain, "We Three Kings"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 9:16-17 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. ¹⁷ Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Matthew 28:5-7 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord God, it is in reverence and wonder that I bow before you for this time of prayer. As we find ourselves in the annual time shift from the old year to a new year, and even as we read the Bible's words of new creation, I remain so aware that life remains difficult, either for myself or for others. I pray for stronger, richer faith, Lord, that my trust in you truly sustains me and guides me through each day. Knowing you fulfilled the promise of the Messiah's birth, I pray for the consummation of your promise that Christ will come again. Enable me to embrace change, newness and freshness as I open myself to your will for this year, for my life, for the church. In Christ I pray. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon - "He Is the One"

Scriptures - Matthew 28:5-7, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Our relationship with Jesus Christ

1. Christ desires a vibrant and challenging relationship with us
2. Christ desires to be in every aspect of our life
3. Christ makes us a new creation, continually

Change

1. With a change of year, prior things pass away as new things appear on the horizon
2. When we cling to old ways and sameness, we resist change
3. Routine and boundaries can provide a sense of security, and though each day contains twenty-four hours, every single one presents a unique set of circumstances
4. It's not appropriate to force-fit today into yesterday's mold

Embracing change

1. In the birth of Jesus, change began, for he is the Messiah, the Savior, Christ the Lord
2. From his birth to his death, many resisted the change Jesus brought and taught
3. In the resurrection of Jesus, change continued, and we worship a living Deity
4. We are to find security in Christ alone
5. Ask Jesus to open your eyes so you can find all he has prepared for you in this precious day of life

WE PRACTICE OPEN COMMUNION

- ◆ All adults and older youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune
- ◆ Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup
- ◆ At 8:00 worship, communicants will be invited to come forward in groups
- ◆ At 10:30 worship, communicants will be served in the pews, partaking at one time

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Christmas “Undecorating”:** We will be taking down Christmas decorations in the church this afternoon at 1:00pm. Volunteers are needed and should note some lifting and carrying will be involved to return decorations to the attic and storage shed.
- ◆ **Offering Envelopes:** We kindly ask you to discard or recycle any remaining 2020 or 2021 envelopes. Using the current week/year within your boxed set keeps the Monday morning count process running smoothly and the count team thanks you greatly for your help!

WEEK OF JANUARY 2ND AT ST. JOHN'S

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)
	1:00PM	Christmas “Undecorating”
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz’s Home)
Mon		Church Office Closed
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
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DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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:

January 2 – Happiness Is----- Psalm 128
January 3 – The Obedient King -----Matthew 3:13-17
January 4 – Passing the Test----- Matthew 4:1-11
January 5 – Location, Location, Location -----Matthew 4:12-17
January 6 – The Walkabout King -----Matthew 4:18-25
January 7 – Kingdom Characteristics ----- Matthew 5:1-12
January 8 – Delightfully Different-----Matthew 5:13-16

JANUARY MISSION-A-MONTH: CWS EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKETS



A series of devastating tornadoes ripped through Kentucky and other states in the U.S. Midwest and south in early December. Church World Service has been responding to requests for supplies in affected areas and so far have shipped out 252 Emergency Cleanup Buckets. For every \$75 donated to CWS in January, we will be able to provide a cleanup bucket to families and communities affected by other unexpected disasters such as flooding, tornados, or earthquakes. Monetary donations can be made throughout the month by indicating "MAM" on Line 11 of your offering envelopes or by selecting "Give to Church World Service" on Breeze's online giving feature.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Acolytes	(8:00) Kennedy Hurst	(10:30) Avery Roth
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Techs	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Corey Walker, Adam Walker, Jessica Lindsay, Tristan Kast	

CONSISTORY CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ From the Ruffer family: "It is with heavy hearts that we share Callie peacefully passed away in her mommy's arms Tuesday afternoon. We are praising God that her heart is whole and she can run and jump and eat all the treats she could ever want!"
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who is going through therapy and awaits further medical follow up.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who now has a full cast on her left ankle for at least three more weeks.
- ◆ Ann Grime, as she continues to recover at home from the virus.
- ◆ Gretchen Heer, as she continues in therapy Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Matt Pardi, who has been transferred to an extended care facility. The Mission Committee has sent the Pardi family a love gift of \$2,000 for support and encouragement.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, 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, 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 Quatar (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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