

MARCH 6, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

FIRST SUNDAY of Lent



COME HEAR THE REASON WE'RE INSPIRED TO SERVE TOGETHER

*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.*

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. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and Nursery. Please ask an usher for locations if needed. We are striving to restart our 10:30am Nursery Care ministry, which has been affected by sporadic need for care and difficulty in scheduling volunteers. People interested in helping are asked to contact the church office.

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 LENT**

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

(8:00) Prelude

“All Who Are Thirsty”

(10:30) Call to Worship - Praise Team

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 15 (p. 538)

†(8:00) Opening Hymn of Praise

#16, “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer”

†(10:30) Opening Songs of Praise

Medley of Songs/Choruses
“Ancient Words”

Mission Presentation

Kajiado Children’s Home

Scripture Reading - “The Sermon on the Mount”

Matthew 5:1-6:4 (pg. 958)

5:3-12 (Beatitudes), 13-16 (Salt & Light), 38-42 (Teachings of the Law), 43-48 (I Tell You)

Children’s Message

Morning Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtors)

†Sermon Hymn

#381, “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Sermon

“Radical Happiness”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Do You Know My Jesus?”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#398, “Fill My Cup, Lord”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#371, v. 4, “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

†Postlude

“Ancient Words”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 15:1-5 Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?

² He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart ³ and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, ⁴ who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, ⁵ who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

Matthew 5:3-12 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:13-16 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out

and trampled by men. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:38-42 "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'

³⁹ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Matthew 5:43-48 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Easter Flowers** - Flower orders can be placed until Sunday, March 13th. Selections include the usual variety of lilies, tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, and mums at \$11 each (\$11.75 if paying online). Orders can be placed on the office bulletin board or by contacting the church office at office@stjohnsarchbold.org or 419-446-2545. Online payments can be made through Breeze's online giving feature by selecting "Easter Flowers" in the "Give to" drop-down menu.
- ◆ **Fellowship Game Night** - The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to Game Night on Saturday, March 26th at 6:30PM here at the church. Bring any games you'd like to play along with a snack to share - drinks will be provided. Come and go as able: play, watch, laugh!
- ◆ **Adult Lenten Lessons** - Join us for Lenten services on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM beginning on March 16th through April 6th. Services will consist of prayer, singing, and interactive teaching lessons flowing from a resource entitled, "In View of God's Mercy." Services will be held in the Sanctuary and on YouTube Live each week.
Note: No Wednesday service this upcoming week due to the Back Bay Mission Trip.

MISSION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

LENTEN JESSE TREE

in support of Back Bay Mission
and Shobha & Ravi Arole

The St. John's Mission Committee would like to introduce the Lenten Jesse Tree this year as an alternative to the Lenten Coin Folders! The Jesse Tree is located near the literature rack and will help support the Aroles and Back Bay Mission. All are welcome to pick an offering denomination card from the tree's branches one or more times throughout the season of Lent and donations can be dropped into the Tree's offering box.

As an added bonus, the Mission Committee has flyers available with Lenten Jesse Tree Scripture references for each day of Lent, which can be used as a devotional each day during the Lenten season. If you're feeling creative and are looking for a Lenten activity for the entire family, we suggest creating your own Jesse Tree by crafting a card for each day of lent with a small image related to the verse. Image suggestions will be provided with the verses.

The Lenten Jesse Tree provides a structured way to appreciate prophecies about Christ's crucifixion while helping our mission partners.

MARCH MISSION-A-MONTH: THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two-story home located near downtown Archbold is designed to provide shelter for one or two individual or family units at a time until they are able to become self-sufficient. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board. Last year, the house underwent some maintenance and improvement work and is now housing families once again. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life.

WEEK OF MARCH 6TH AT ST. JOHN'S

Back Bay Mission Trip Week

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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - AUMC Youth and Kids (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Chapel)
Thu	6:30PM	Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
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NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2022 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sermon - "The Audience of One"

Scriptures - Matthew 6:5-7:29

Special Music - Raegan Rutledge, "Fear Is a Liar"

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:

March 6 - Heartbreakers-----Psalm 137
March 7 - Long Walk to Freedom-----Romans 7:7-25
March 8 - What (God) Did-----Romans 8:1-8
March 9 - Family Values-----Romans 8:9-17
March 10 - Great Expectations-----Romans 8:18-30
March 11 - No Matter What-----Romans 8:31-39
March 12 - Grace and Grumbling-----Exodus 15:22-16:9

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Acolytes	(8:00) Kennedy Hurst	(10:30) Ella Yoder
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Brad Roth
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Lenny & Jean Stamm	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Justin, Carrie, Cameron, & Ella Yoder	
Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Joshua Reeb, Buffy Riley, Anna Yoder	

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I am grateful for your teaching. Your sermons and parables provide inspired thought and practical guidance. From your love of the down and out to your shaking up of the accepted norms of the day, we learn what you value, and I pray that our values would flow from the love and grace you bless us each with. As a congregation, hear our prayers for the search and call process, that we would be led by the counsel of your Holy Spirit, for we so strongly desire to honor you in our ministry and worship. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Dan Martinez, who is home and awaiting heart bypass surgery in a month or so.
- ◆ Scott Light, Dan's nephew, as he is facing major surgery on March 9th to deal with a large tumor on his spine.
- ◆ Paulette and Curt Spotts, as Paulette has been diagnosed with cancer, with initial scans showing traces in spine, rib, lung and abdomen. They saw an oncologist on the 4th.
- ◆ Leah, Eric, Sarah and Emma Nafziger as they work through treatment for Leah.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who is now bearing some weight on her foot with crutches, with a boot for a few more weeks; and is healing from a recent knuckle joint replacement.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, Sodie's husband, who had heel and Achilles surgery on February 17th, and after six weeks recovery, will have the other foot operated on too.

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)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts has been deployed to Qatar (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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