

MARCH 13, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Kim M. Walker &
Betsy Ducey (left);
Gloria Lauber
(right)



Warren Sauder
(top); Jim Grieser
(bottom)



Praise God for a
week of service
with Back Bay
Mission!



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!
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Mission-A-Month: Friendship House

Cecily Rohrs

Prelude

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 49:8-13 (p. 726)

†Opening Hymns of Praise

#65, "The Wonder of It All"

#66, "To God Be the Glory"

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

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5 - 7:29 (pg. 960)

Matthew 6:19-21, 28-34; 7:1-5, 13-14

Children's Message

Special Music

Raegan Rutledge

"Fear Is A Liar"

†Sermon Hymn

#357, "Jesus Loves Even Me"

Sermon

"The Audience of One"

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Jesus Lover of My Soul"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#359, "Jesus Is Lord of All"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#371, v. 4, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 49:8-13 This is what the Lord says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, ⁹ to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!' "They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill. ¹⁰ They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water. ¹¹ I will turn all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up. ¹² See, they will come from afar-- some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Aswan." ¹³ Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:28-34 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that

is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 7:1-5 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Easter Flowers** - Today is the final day to place orders for Easter flowers! Flowers are \$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.
- ♦ **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 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.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - APRIL 10TH

It was through discernment and the leading of the Holy Spirit that the Search Committee for the Pastor of Music and Worship recommended a candidate to the Consistory on Wednesday, March 2nd. The Consistory received and acted upon the committee's recommendation, and has extended a call to Ryan Volkman to be the Pastor of Music and Worship. Ryan excitedly accepted the call; therefore, we are calling a special congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 10th.

Ryan grew up in Archbold, served in missionary work for several years in Slovakia and the Czech Republic (SJCC supported him in those years), and has been serving as the Family and Youth Pastor at Wall Brethren Church in Wall, Texas, since 2014. For the last four months, he has been the interim senior pastor at Wall Brethren. Ryan and his wife, Stanka, have two boys, Daniel (8) and Filip (4).

A detailed letter was mailed and emailed to all SJCC households on Thursday. All are invited to a meet and greet reception on Saturday, April 9th at 5:00PM in the Parish Hall. Pastor Ryan will then preach at both services of worship on Sunday the 10th and a congregational meeting to vote on the call will take place after each service. Those unable to attend in person will have the ability to access a live stream of the 10:30AM service of worship. Online votes can be cast by accessing the Zoom version of the congregational meeting, details of which are included in the letter and at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/congregation.

Please continue to be in prayer for our congregation, for Pastor Ryan, and for his wife and sons during this next step of the search and call process.

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.

LENTEN JESSE TREE

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.

WEEK OF MARCH 13TH 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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Parish Hall)
Wed	7:00PM	Adult Lenten Lesson (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Gym)
Sat	10:00AM	Chapel Reserved
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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal and Chapel (Seekers)

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 13 Praise 'N' Problems----- Psalm 138
March 14 Can God Really...? ----- Exodus 16:10-36
March 15 Can't Thwart God -----Exodus 17:1-16
March 16 Spread the Load -----Exodus 18:1-27
March 17 Getting to Know You -----Exodus 19:1-25
March 18 First Things First -----Exodus 20:1-26
March 19 Worship that Works -----Exodus 21:1-27

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Linda Heer	
Song Leader	(Both) Elaine Winzeler	
Acolytes	(8:00) Zander Johnston	(10:30) Evy Roth
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Matt & Kim Hines, Adam Walker, Emily Walker	

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

I remain in awe of your wonder and wisdom, Lord God. Your amazing and awesome works of creation and salvation are indeed worthy of my praise! In my Lenten journey, cause me to spend further time and energy keeping you at the center of my focus, that my heart and life will be a testimony of faithfulness to you. Through the power and presence of your Spirit, rid my mind of worry, that my trust in you would be both strong and evident. In devotion and commitment, Lord. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sermon - "D-Day for Sin"

Scriptures - Matthew 13

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Beverly Beaverson, who was moved from her suite and into a new room this past week. Pray for a peaceful and easy transition as she settles into her new space.
- ◆ Dan Martinez, who is home and awaits heart bypass surgery in a month or so.
- ◆ Scott Light, Dan's nephew, who had surgery this past Wednesday to deal with a large tumor on his spine.
- ◆ Paulette Spotts, as her biopsy on 3/4 revealed she does not have cancer. Praise God!!
- ◆ 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 2/17 and will have the other foot operated on in a few weeks.

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 Quatar (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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