

APRIL 3, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Congrats to Ethan Warncke on his engagement to now fiancé, Ashley!



Several men & friends from SJCC at Man Camp last weekend



Jon & Jan Lindsay with new grandson, Benjamin Charles



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!
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Mission-A-Month: Growing Hope Globally

(8:00) Prelude

“My Tribute”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 51:1-10 (pg. 562)

†(8:00) Hymn of Praise

#276, “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“Come to the Table”

“Reckless Love”

Lenten Unison Prayer - **God most compassionate and merciful, we thank you that you have come to us in Jesus the Christ, whose disciples we are. Make us strong in your strength; make us wise in your wisdom; and make us gentle in your compassion. May we be signs of the unity you seek to accomplish through the cross of Jesus Christ, that your name may be glorified in all the earth.** *(We continue in prayer...)*

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

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10 (pg. 1035)

Junior Choir

“He Is a Mighty Lord”

Children’s Message

†Sermon Hymn

#201, “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Sermon

“Sinners Welcome”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Alleluia, Praise the Lamb”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#184, “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#13, “Bless His Holy Name”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 51:1-10 When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Luke 15:1-10 Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. ⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

APRIL MISSION-A-MONTH: GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY

Growing Hope Globally (GHG) was created to alleviate world hunger by globally connecting local communities through agriculture. The 2021 Soybean Project in which St. John's participated allowed GHG to send \$12,869.57 from the year's successful growing season. 324 people were helped in finding lasting solutions to hunger. Donations given to Growing Hope Globally will provide for the ongoing blessing of the local project. Financial donations can be made through your weekly offering envelopes, or by selecting "Growing Hope Globally" as your designated fund in Breeze's online giving feature at stjohnsarchbold.org/online-giving/.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Vocal Ensemble** - We are working to gather an ensemble of singers to sing on both Palm Sunday, April 10th, and Easter Sunday, April 17th. Practices will be held on Wednesday, April 6th at 8PM, Saturday, April 9th at 9AM, and Wednesday, April 13th at 8PM. The song for Palm Sunday will be directed by Ryan Volkman, candidate for the Pastor of Music and Worship, so we hope to have a good sized group for him to work with! Music is available for pickup at a table in the Sanctuary Narthex.
- ◆ **“God Winks” Writers/Story Tellers Needed!** - Inspired by Pastor Erich’s sermon on March 12th, we are putting together a devotional booklet of God Winks – or situations where, in hindsight, we realize God was in control the entire time. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to write or share their God Wink moments for this booklet. While there’s no suggested length to tell your story, we recommend staying under 800 words. The hope is that we will have it printed professionally so that these stories aren’t lost in memory, but shared with others for many years of hope and inspiration. Those interested in contributing to the booklet should contact Carol DeVries (419-445-8311) or Jocelyn Walker in the church office. If you’d like to share a story but do not enjoy writing, please let one of us know.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The Gals will be heading to the Delta 109 Tavern & Eatery for their next outing on Wednesday, April 20th. The plan is to leave from the church’s south parking lot at 5:00PM. Please sign up on the office bulletin board by next Sunday, April 10th so the group can reserve a table.
- ◆ **Senior Citizen Luncheon Sponsored by Archbold High School** - Archbold High School is proud to announce the 10th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on Friday, April 29th at 11:00AM in the Archbold High School Gymnasium. This event is free and open to any senior citizen living in the Archbold Area Local School District. A sign-up sheet is posted under the “Community Events” section of the office bulletin boards. If you’re interested in attending, please sign-up by Easter Sunday, April 17th and Jocelyn will contact the school on April 18th to secure the group’s reservation.

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.

PASTOR OF MUSIC & WORSHIP: TRIAL SUNDAY WEEKEND

We will welcome Pastor of Music and Worship Candidate, Ryan Volkman, next weekend! Times for the weekend's events are outlined in the weekly calendar below, beginning with music rehearsals on Saturday morning and a Meet & Greet Open House that evening from 5 - 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. Those unable to attend in person are invited to join the 11:30AM session of the congregational meeting via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/join> (Meeting ID: 871 4989 1504; Passcode: Sjcc410RV).

WEEK OF APRIL 3RD 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)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Rotary (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS Meal (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	2nd Year Confirmation (Office)
	6:45PM	LOGOS/JYF
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Adult Lenten Lesson (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri	5:00PM	Wedding of Dean Buckenmeyer and Jane Gabuelo (Sanctuary)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	9:00AM	Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00AM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sun	5:00PM	Meet & Greet Open House with Pastor Ryan (Parish Hall)
	8:00AM	Palm Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Special Congregational Meeting called to order (Sanctuary)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village, Confirmation
	9:15AM	Education Hour Meet & Greet with Pastor Ryan (Parish Hall)
	10:30AM	Palm Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:40AM	Special Congregational Meeting reopened (Sanctuary and Zoom)
12:00PM	Search Committee	

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:

April 3 Guard Me, Protect Me! ----- Psalm 141
April 4 Called to Be Pure Priests ----- Zechariah 3
April 5 Not By Might ----- Zechariah 4
April 6 Judgement Is in the Air! ----- Zechariah 5
April 7 The Priest-King ----- Zechariah 6
April 8 Reality Over Ritual ----- Zechariah 7
April 9 When God Is With You ----- Zechariah 8

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

In humility and contrition, I bow before you, Lord. In this season of Lent, a time of reflection and repentance, I must acknowledge the times when I failed to be attentive, when I have wandered, when I have been too busy. Reading Psalm 51 and Luke 15 remind that as I am a sinner, Jesus came for me! He loves me, he forgives me, he renews me! So receive my worship, Lord, for I want to praise you and offer my gratitude for your love and mercy. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Worship Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Acolytes	(8:00) Zander Johnston	(10:30) Ava Genter
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	
Head Usher	Eric Nafziger	
10:30 Ushers	Leah Nafziger, Corey & Allie Walker, Bruce & Carrie Wooley	

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2022 - PALM SUNDAY

Sermon - "King Jesus," Pastor Ryan Volkman
Scripture - Mark 11:1-11
Vocal Ensemble - "Blessed Is He Who Comes"

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jenna Stuckey, who after not feeling well for weeks, has been diagnosed with C. diff.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, and Eric & Sarah, as she continues to have episodes and they continue to seek answers.
- ◆ Dan Martinez, who is home from the hospital following his successful bypass surgery.
- ◆ Paulette Spotts, who has been struggling with kidney function and has been receiving dialysis, which had delayed treatment for the bone cancer and valley fever.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who continues to recuperate from foot and finger joint surgery.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, who is scheduled for his second heel and Achilles surgery on 4/14.

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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