

REFORMATION SUNDAY | OCTOBER 30, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Members of
JYF & SYF
attending
"Crusade" on
10/23

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 refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. Or you can scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera to learn more about who we are as a congregation.



Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30AM service and we are always looking for new volunteers to help with this ministry! People interested in helping can contact the church office. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you 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.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Prelude

“In Christ Alone”

Welcome and Announcements

†Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

John 8:31-36 (pg.1060)

†(8:00) Opening Hymn

#404, “The Solid Rock”

†(10:30) Opening Song of Praise Youth Praise Team

“Indescribable”

†Reading: Psalm 46

†(8:00) Responsive Hymn

#277, “The Church’s One Foundation”

†(10:30) Responsive Song

“Lord, Reign in Me”

†The Apostles’ Creed

†Gloria Patri (#623)

Children’s Message

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

†(8:00) Hymn

#26, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

†(10:30) Song

“Lord, I Need You”

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2: 1-13 (pg. 1156)

Sermon

“The Reformation Challenge”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Christ in Us Be Glorified”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#269, “O Word of God Incarnate”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Glorious Day”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#606, “Grace, Love, and Fellowship”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:31-36 ³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Ephesians 2:1-13 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. ¹¹Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)-- ¹²remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you for preserving your holy church throughout the ages. For the gift of the blessed Gospel we praise your name. For the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection from the dead and life eternal in Christ, we thank you, loving Father. We treasure the rich heritage handed down from our fathers in the faith. Hear our prayer which we ask in the name of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, through all eternity. Amen.

SERMON NOTES: "THE REFORMATION CHALLENGE"

Reformation Sunday – a time to remember the Protestant Reformation which began when many protested against many of the practices of the Roman Catholic Church. Martin Luther, a Catholic monk, was one of first protestors. Having studied the Bible and the writings of Augustine, he could not find peace of mind with all that was going on in the church. Luther had gradually come to understand that people are not saved by their good deeds but by God's gracious love. Ulrich Zwingli, a Catholic priest, believed that people were saved "by grace through faith." (My Confirmation; 1994)

Ephesians 2:1-13

- A. Life from Death (1-10)
 - 1. Dead in sin, alive in Christ
- B. Jews and Gentiles Reconciled (11-22)
 - 1. Brought near through the blood of Christ

Truths

- A. It is by grace you have been saved, through faith
 - 1. Grace
- B. And this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God
 - 1. Gift
- C. Not by works, so that no one can boast
 - 1. Modesty

Conclusion

- A. We are God's workmanship
- B. Created in Christ Jesus
- C. To do good works
- D. Prepared in advance for us to do

Reforming work needed in me...

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - AUMC (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	LifeWise Academy Community Kickoff Event (Sanctuary)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	JYF (Parish Hall)/LOGOS (Classrooms)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Sun	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Veterans Recognition Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Kuntz's Home)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Camryn Stuckey	(10:30) Jace Bernath
Children's Message	(Both) Matt Hines	
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Greeters	(8:00) Scott & Pam Reeb	
Head Usher	Eric Nafziger	
10:30 Ushers	Dave & Paige Miller, Keith & Kim Kern	
10:30 Jr. Praise Team	Joshua Reeb, Molly Rutledge, Raegan Rutledge & Hailey Wooley; Assisted by Buffy Riley and Pastor Ryan Volkman	

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:

Oct 30 God's Two Voices ----- Psalm 19
Oct 31 Enough Is Enough -----1 Samuel 19:1-24
Nov 1 Faithful Friends ----- 1 Samuel 20:1-23
Nov 2 The Parting of the Ways? ----- 1 Samuel 20:24-42
Nov 3 Sanctuary ----- 1 Samuel 21:1-15
Nov 4 Dangerous Religion ----- 1 Samuel 22:1-23
Nov 5 Decision Making ----- 1 Samuel 23:1-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **LifeWise Academy Kickoff Event** - November 1st, 7:00pm @ St. John's Christian Church. LifeWise Academy is a program meant to positively impact students, schools and communities by providing a Bible-based, character-focused Released Time Religious Education (RTRE) program. RTRE is a legal program by which religious education is accessible to public school students during the school day allowing them to leave school (with parental permission) to attend off-site classes which are both academic and religious in nature. The program is 1) privately funded, 2) held off of school property, and 3) includes only students with parental permission. This initial community informational meeting will address "The Why, The What & The How of LifeWise."
- ◆ **Veterans Recognition Breakfast** - This year's breakfast is open to any and all from the congregation as we recognize the men and women in our congregation who have served in the military of the United States of America. Join us next Sunday at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall for breakfast and guest presenter Michael Mosier. Please sign up by today at the bulletin board or online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org.

OCTOBER MISSION-A-MONTH: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are still collecting financial donations for this year's Operation Christmas Child, which supplies children in need across the globe with Christmas joy through toys, toiletries, and needed items like socks, hair brushes, and so much more! Financial donations will be used to cover items for the boxes as well as shipping costs for the boxes. If you feel moved to give to this important mission, please indicate "MAM" on line 11 of your offering envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Paige and Dave Miller, as Paige's father, George Copeland, entered eternal life on Thursday morning at the age of 101.
- ◆ Lynda and Brent Schnitkey, as Lynda recovers from having a tumor removed from her colon, praising the Lord that the tumor was non-cancerous!
- ◆ Lynne Christman, as she continues treatment for cancer, receiving her fourth chemo infusion tomorrow, as it was delayed one week due to results of pre-treatment testing.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who learned she has a fracture in the tibia, just below the knee, a fracture in the heel, and three potential fractures in the three bones around the heel, all on her left leg, the same one she had ankle surgery on earlier this year.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as recent scans showed the chemo treatments are working, so she will continue with the medication and await scans in January.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, as she still has some complications from her double concussion last year.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Jordan (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter 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, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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