

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

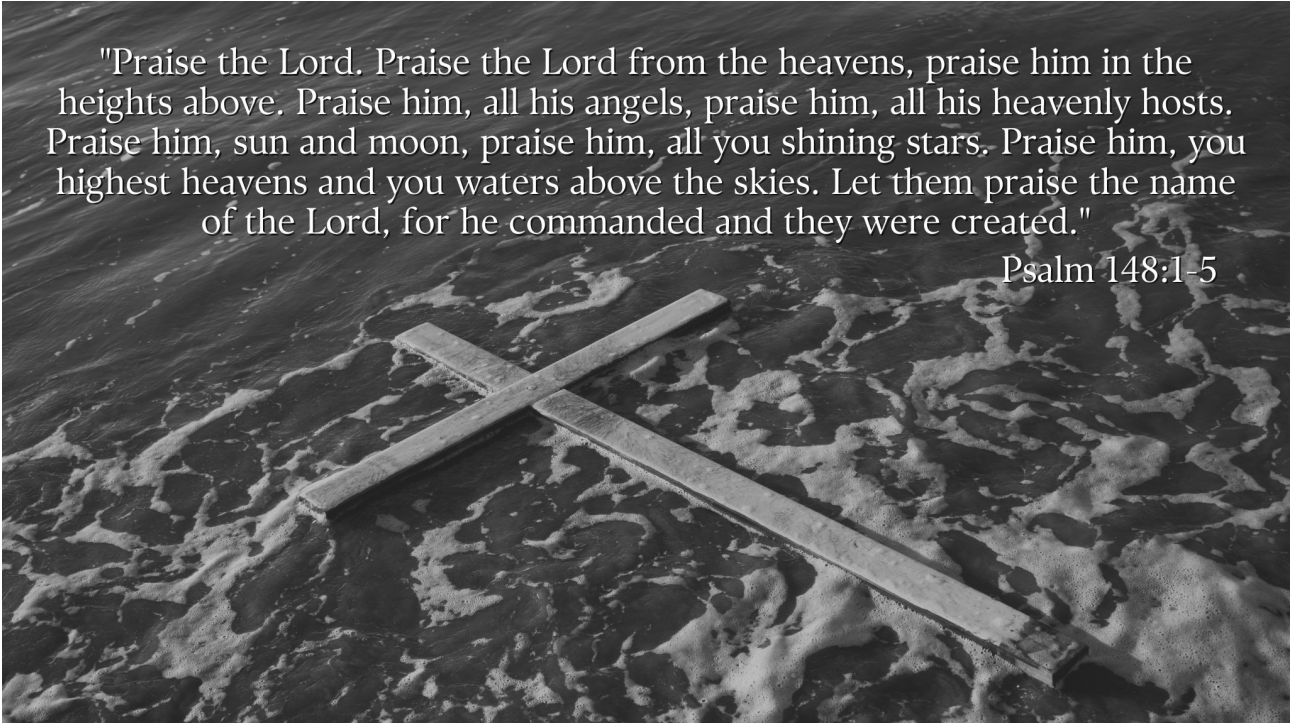


Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

"Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created."

Psalm 148:1-5



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

Welcome and Announcements

(8:00) Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Praise His Name (Psalm 148)”

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 148: 1-6 (pg. 623)

†(8:00) Opening Hymns

(John 15:5) #332, “Without You”

(John 15:9) #513, “O, How He Loves You and Me”

†(10:30) Opening Songs of Praise

“Way Maker”

“You Are Holy”

†Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism - Tuff Jay Pursel, son of Justin & Kelsey Pursel

The Apostles’ Creed (*inside back cover, red hymnal*)

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: *You are baptizing your son, Tuff, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Tuff and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ’s way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.*

Children’s Message

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

(8:00) with #502, “In Heavenly Love Abiding” (John 15:10)

Scripture Reading

John 15: 5-17 (pg. 1068)

Sermon

“Bearing Fruit in Christ”

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

(John 15:11) #501, v. 1-3, “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

†(10:30) Sermon Song

“Step by Step”

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

(John 15:13) #453, “I Gave My Life for Thee”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Christ Is Enough”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

(John 15:15) #422, v. 1, “No, Not One!”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 148:1-6 ¹ Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. ² Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. ³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars. ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. ⁶ He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.

John 15:5-17 ¹ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. ⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

NOVEMBER MISSION-A-MONTH: CHRISTMAS CHEER

St. John's will once again collect items for Fulton County Christmas Cheer, which will be held on December 7th & 8th at the Junior Fair building in Wauseon. Tags for most-needed items can be picked up at the Cheer Tree starting today in the Sanctuary Narthex. You can then purchase the item on your tag(s) and drop them off under the tree throughout the month of November. You also have the option to make financial contributions by indicating "MAM" on line 11 of your offering envelope, which will be used to purchase additional items and gift cards for the event. This year's Cheer giveaway is expected to serve about 1,200 Fulton County families with a personalized shopping experience on the days of the event.

SERMON NOTES: "THE REFORMATION CHALLENGE"

Setting

- A. Chapters 13-17 - Farewell Discourses - The Imminent Departure of Jesus
 1. Discourse at the Last Supper (chs. 13-14)
 2. Discourse on the way to Gethsemane (chs. 15-16)
 3. Jesus' prayer of intercession (ch. 17)

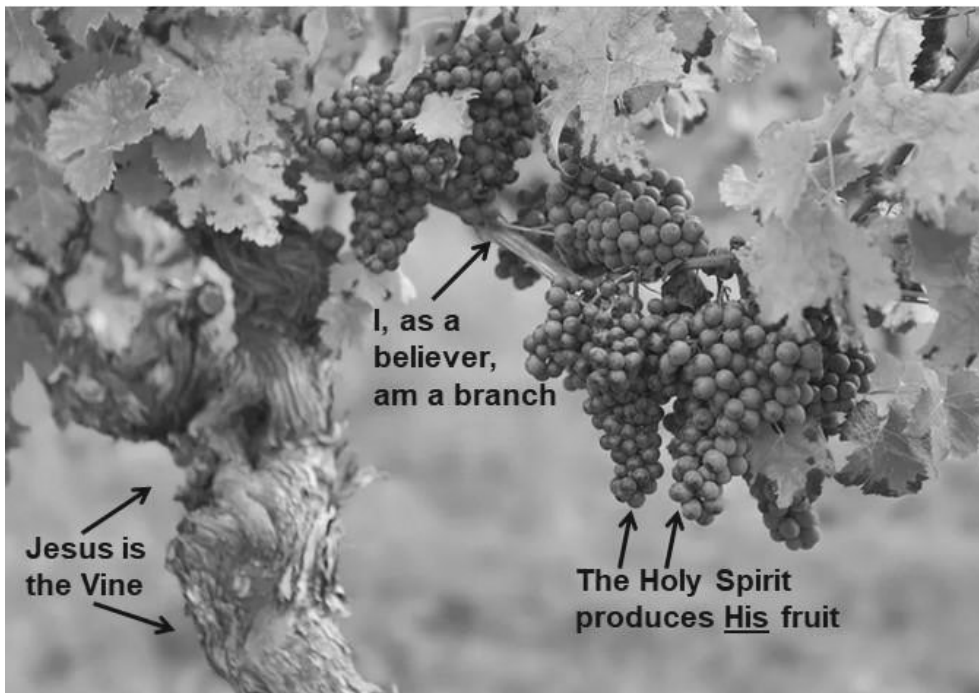
- B. Chapter 13:1-2: "It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father."

- C. Chapter 13 - Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, predicts the betrayal and the denial

- D. Chapter 14 - Jesus promises the Counselor, the Spirit of truth

- E. Chapter 15 - Relationships - disciples relationship with Jesus, with one another, with the world around them; the disciples of Jesus were a distinct community with a definite function; preparing for the development of the church

Imagery



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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| Sun | 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) |
| Mon | 11:00AM | Staff Meeting (Church Office Closed) |
| Tue | 9:15AM | Bible Study (Fireside Room) |
| | 5:00PM | Community Meal - Archbold Rotary (Parish Hall) |
| | 7:00PM | Property Committee (Fireside Room) |
| Wed | 8:30AM | Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room) |
| | 5:50PM | LOGOS (Parish Hall) |
| | 6:45PM | JYF (Parish Hall)/LOGOS (Classrooms) |
| | 7:00PM | Life Planning (Chapel) |
| Thu | 6:30PM | Evangelism Committee (Fireside Room) |
| Sat | 7:40AM | Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room) |
| 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) |
| | 12:00PM | GIF Gals (Fireside Room) |

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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| Accompanist | (Both) Buffy Riley | |
| Song Leader | (Both) David Stuckey | |
| Acolytes | (8:00) Maci Martz | (10:30) Madison Bowers |
| Lay Readers | (8:00) Joshua Reeb | (10:30) Avery Roth |
| Easy Worship | (Both) Brian Roth | |
| Sound Tech | (8:00) Kelly Ducey | (10:30) James Grime |
| Live Stream | (10:30) Ryan Christman | |
| 8:00 Usher | Judy Sears | |
| Head Usher | Bruce Wooley | |
| 10:30 Ushers | Keith & Nici Wyse, Justin & Carrie Yoder | |
| 10:30 Praise Team | Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Todd Nafziger, Sarah Nafziger, Buffy Riley, Ryan Volkman, Hailey Wooley | |

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:

Nov 6 Armed for the Fight ----- Psalm 20
Nov 7 What Really Matters ----- 1 Samuel 23:14-29
Nov 8 Attuned to God ----- 1 Samuel 24:1-22
Nov 9 Mirror or Window? ----- 1 Samuel 25:1-22
Nov 10 Crossroads ----- 1 Samuel 25:23-44
Nov 11 Choose Your Battles ----- 1 Samuel 26:1-25
Nov 12 God in Gath ----- 1 Samuel 27:1-12;28:1-2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Alternative Gift Market** - Open Today! The Alternative Gift Market (AGM) is now open for your Christmas shopping. Here's how it works: 1) Pick up a donation card 2) Drop off your financial donation in the AGM mailbox outside of the church offices 3) Fill out your Honoree Card 4) Give your Honoree his or her card on Christmas! Let's celebrate the spirit of Christmas and bless the youth at Crossroad Child and Family Services.
- ◆ **JYF Poinsettia Sale** - Brighten your home this Christmas season with a beautiful poinsettia while supporting St. John's JYF program! Flowers are \$13 and come in red, white, pink, and jingle bell (speckled). Order forms are located on the office bulletin board and can be turned into the designated container in the church office by Sunday, November 27th. Pickup will be in mid-December. Thank you for supporting JYF!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The GIF Gals will be attending Archbold Community Theater's production of "Lie, Cheat, and Genuflect" on December 4th. Group leaders will need to know how many are planning on attending by November 20th so they can reserve seats. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Exact time and cost of tickets are forthcoming (*Please note:* There are steps that may have to be climbed in the theater). Finally, the Gals will meet next Sunday for BINGO and lunch after 10:30AM worship.
- ◆ **2023 Offering Envelopes** - Offering envelopes for 2023 giving will be available for pickup beginning next Sunday, November 13th in the Sanctuary Narthex. If you are an active giver (excluding online givers), you will have an assigned box of envelopes on the table. We kindly ask that you refrain from using 2023 envelopes until January, as it helps our offering assistants stay organized. Thank you!

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Paige and Dave Miller, as they await private services on November 12 in memory of Paige's father, George Copeland.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, as she has completed her first eight week round of chemo treatment, and will begin twelve weeks of weekly chemo infusions on November 14th.
- ◆ Barbara Chapman, who is dealing with a compression fracture in one of her vertebrae due to another fall two weeks ago.
- ◆ Arda Raatz, Eric Yoder's step-mother, and family, as she is in hospice care.
- ◆ 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)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Dear Lord, I pray today to ask for help. Help me to have the actions, words, and wisdom necessary to bear good fruit. May the things I think, the things I say, and the deeds I do show other people the love of Christ. Help me to be a force for good, and an influence on others. Amen.

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