

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

St. John's Christian Church

ADVENT SERVICES

Sermon in Music
with the St. John's Chancel Choir
Dec. 4 | 10:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program
Ages 4 - 6th Grade
Dec. 18 | 10:30 a.m.



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!

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

(8:00) Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Come to Us”

Welcome and Announcements

†Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Isaiah 2:1-5 (pg. 676)

The Nativity Scene - The Manger

Hymn Response

#157, v. 1, “Away in a Manger”

†(8:00) Hymn of Advent

#120, “The Advent of Our God”

†(10:30) Song of Praise

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

†Scripture reading for the First Sunday of Advent

Romans 13:11-14 (pg. 1124)

†(8:00)Hymn

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding” (insert)

†(10:30) Song

“Behold”

Children’s Message

The Advent Wreath - The Candle of Hope

v.1, “We Light the Advent Candle”

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

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“A Cradle in Bethlehem”

2nd Offering

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44 (pg. 982)

Sermon

“The Hour Approaches”

Advent Communion Service

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

v. 1-5, “The King Shall Come” (insert)

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Away In a Manger (Forever Amen)”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

v. 6-7, “The King Shall Come”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“Away In a Manger (Forever Amen)”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: ² In the last days the mountain of the Lord 's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. ³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. ⁵ Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Romans 13:11-14 ¹¹And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Matthew 24:36-44 ³⁶"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴²"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus! In Your almighty power, O Lord, we ask that You would come and rescue us from our sins. Save us from all that would separate us from You. We wait for Your deliverance with hope. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Acolytes	(8:00) Kennedy Hurst	(10:30) Madison Bowers
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Bruce Wooley	
10:30 Ushers	Justin & Carrie Yoder, Keith & Nici Wyse	

NOVEMBER MISSION-A-MONTH: CHRISTMAS CHEER

Today is the final day to drop off items for this year's Cheer Giveaway! Tags for most-needed items can still be picked up at the Cheer Tree located outside of the church office. You can then purchase the item on your tag(s) and drop them off in or outside of the white bin in the Chapel narthex. 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 invited about 1,300 Fulton County families to come in for a personalized shopping experience on the days of the event. We thank you for your support of this important local mission!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Alternative Gift Market** - Today will be the last day that the Alternative Gift Market will be open for your Christmas shopping. Donations can be made and honoree cards are still available. If you prefer, you can also include donations in your offering envelopes---just mark on your offering envelope-- Alternative Gift Market or AGM! All gifts will bless a youth at Crossroad Child and Family Services. Don't miss out on this opportunity to give a gift that gives twice!
- ◆ **JYF Poinsettia Sale** - Orders due today! 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. Pickup will be in mid-December. Thank you for supporting JYF!
- ◆ **Flickering for Fairlawn** - Join us as we help Fairlawn "Light Up the Night" on December 11th. Flickering for Fairlawn is a luminary event that will raise funds to assist in the purchase of a new nurse call system for the Care Center and also remember all those that need our help as they age. Each kit has 10 luminaries. Order forms can be found on the Fairlawn Facebook page or pinned to the "Community Events" section of the church office bulletin boards. This is the one and only fundraiser of the year for Fairlawn (in place of the annual spring auction). Let's show how much we care.
- ◆ **Senior Christmas Dinner** - Seniors in our congregation are invited once again to the annual Senior Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 8th at 5:30PM, hosted by the Fellowship Committee! Please RSVP today on the bulletin board under the "Ministry Events" section.



The St. John's Fellowship Committee invites all children ages four through sixth grade to a Children's Advent Celebration next Sunday, December 4th at 9:15AM in the Parish Hall! Join for fun and exciting Advent-themed games, crafts and snacks! This celebration will replace the regularly scheduled Faith Village program for the week. We hope to see you there!

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 27 Walking With the Lord ----- Psalm 23
Nov 28 Unity and Fellowship ----- Matthew 18:15-20
Nov 29 Forgiveness Is the Key ----- Matthew 18:21-35
Nov 30 Remembering ----- Malachi 1:1-14
Dec 1 Walking with God-----Malachi 2:1-9
Dec 2 Faithful to God-----Malachi 2:10-16
Dec 3 Sitting with the Silversmith-----Malachi 2:17 - 3:5

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27TH 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)
Mon	6:00PM	Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Lockport Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Children's Advent Celebration/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Sermon in Music Service of Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2022 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE

Sermon - "Preparation Time"

Scripture Readings - Matthew 3:1-12; Romans 15:4-13

Sermon in Music (10:30AM)

St. John's Chancel Choir - Cantata "Candles and Carols"

Special Music - Norm Fether, "Mary, Did You Know?"

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATION

Children's Christmas Program - Rehearsals

The Children's Christmas program returns this year on Sunday, December 18th during our 10:30AM service of worship! Any and all children are invited to participate in rehearsals and during worship on December 18th; however, please be sure to let Pastor Erich know if your child will not be here for worship on December 18th. Rehearsal information for the two age groups are below:

Preschool - Kindergarten

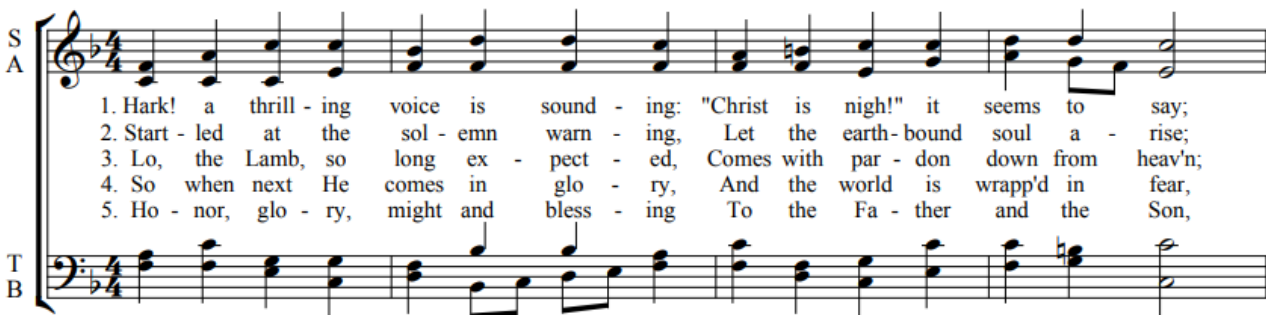
Rehearsals will be held during the Sunday school hour on December 11th & 18th at 9:15AM in the Preschool Classroom.

1st - 6th Grade

Rehearsals will be held the next three Wednesday evenings (November 30th, December 7th, December 14th) at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary; and on December 18th at 9:15AM in the Sanctuary.

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

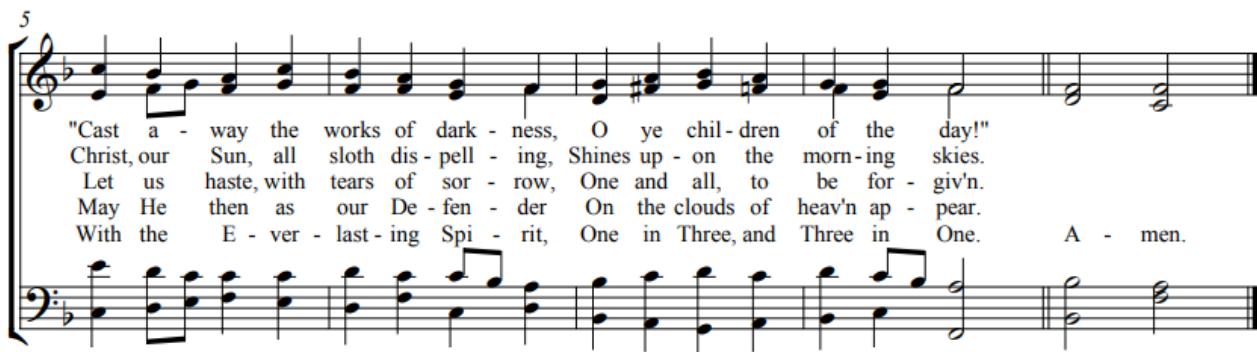
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1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh!" it seems to say;
2. Start - led at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the earth - bound soul a - rise;
3. Lo, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with par - don down from heav'n;
4. So when next He comes in glo - ry, And the world is wrapp'd in fear,
5. Ho - nor, glo - ry, might and bless - ing To the Fa - ther and the Son,

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"Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day!"
Christ, our Sun, all sloth dis - pell - ing, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n.
May He then as our De - fen - der On the clouds of heav'n ap - pear.
With the E - ver - last - ing Spi - rit, One in Three, and Three in One. A - men.

WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lisa M. Clark | Henry V. Gerlke

We light the Advent candle
And wait for Christ to come
With hope we trust the promise
That He will bring us home
Our hope is in our Savior
Who wins for us God's favor
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right

AWAY IN A MANGER

CCLI Song # 38583

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The King Shall Come

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*Words: Unknown author. Translated by John Brownlie, 1907.
Music and Setting: 'Consolation' or 'Morning Song' John Wyeth, 1813.
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$\text{♩} = 100$

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains two verses. The piano accompaniment is primarily block chords, with some melodic lines in the bass line.

1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, And light tri - um - phant breaks;
2. Not as of old a lit - tle child To bear, and fight, and die,
3. O bright - er than the ris - ing morn When He, vic - tor - ious, rose,
4. O bright - er than that glor - ious morn Shall this fair morn - ing be,
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns, And earth's dark night is past;

When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills, And life to joy a - wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
And left the lone - some place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.
When Christ, our King, in beau - ty comes, And we His face shall see.
O haste the ris - ing of that morn, The day that aye shall last.

6. And let the endless bliss begin,
By weary saints foretold,
When right shall triumph over wrong,
And truth shall be extolled.

7. The King shall come when morning dawns,
And light and beauty brings:
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,
Come quickly, King of kings.

COME TO US
CCLI Song # 6149833

Verse 1

Scattered and broken bent in our way
We are Your people gathered to praise You
A vineyard uprooted narrow in sight
Come Lord of glory come Lord of light

Chorus

Come to us O Lord of glory
and shine in our hearts
Come to us O Lord of glory
and make us anew
Lord we wait for You Lord we wait for You
Lord we wait for You come Lord of glory

Verse 2

Come Lord our dayspring
come from on high
As we Your people gather to praise You
Unworthy to taste from Your heavenly vine
But Your word will heal us
come light divine

Verse 3

Come Root of Jesse come David's son
Come Star of Morning
we come to praise You
Hope of creation of all humankind
Reign over body spirit and mind

Lord we wait for You come Lord of glory

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS
CCLI Song # 7141307

Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Verse 2

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Bridge

You're our joy
You're our hope (repeat)

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

BEHOLD

CCLI Song # 7204354

Verse 1

Behold the King has come
Divinity incarnate
Creator of the world breathing our air
Behold what light has come
And the dark cannot contain it
The Savior of the world is finally here

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
Come let us adore Him
For He alone is worthy
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

Behold the Father's love
Beyond all comprehension
He gave His only Son to die in our place
Go and see that empty tomb
He's not there for He is risen
Every heart prepare Him room
Jesus Christ the King of Heaven

Bridge

We give You all the glory
we give You all the glory
We give You all the glory Christ the Lord

We praise Your name forever
We praise Your name forever
We praise Your name forever
Christ the Lord

Christ the Lord
He is Christ the Lord

AWAY IN A MANGER (FOREVER AMEN)

CCLI Song # 7138828

Closing Song

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The baby awakes
The dawn of salvation
Beginning to break
I love thee Lord Jesus
Oh gift from above
The King of the heavens

I worship You Jesus, for all of my days
The highest of praises, be unto Your name
My God and my Savior
My King and my friend
Yours is the glory forever amen
Yours is the glory forever amen
Yours is the glory forever amen

Benediction in Song

I worship You Jesus
For all of my days
The highest of praises
Be unto Your name
My God and my Savior
My King and my friend
Yours is the glory forever amen
Yours is the glory forever amen
Yours is the glory forever amen

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Larry Miller, Dorothy's son, who sustained serious injuries in a car accident on 11/21.
- ◆ Dale Grime, who will have double hernia surgery tomorrow.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, who received 31 injections in her head, neck, and shoulders this past Tuesday to address her chronic headaches.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, as she continues to go through weekly chemo treatments.
- ◆ Barbara Chapman, who had a procedure on November 8th for a compression fracture in one of her vertebrae due to another fall.
- ◆ Jack Hurst, who had shoulder surgery on November 7th.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, who continues to be limited in movement due to fractures in her left leg, but has been improving week by week.

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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