

September 3, 2023 | 8:00am & 10:30am

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



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.

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. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



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 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.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

(8:00) Prelude

“Agnus Dei”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Ancient of Days”

Opening Scripture & Prayer

Isaiah 43:11-13

Labor Day Litany

Leader: Consider the word of Psalm 90:17, “May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us, yes, establish the work of our hands.”

People: May we realize that our own labor is an extension of the Lord’s handiwork.

Leader: Let us join with the Lord in lifting the heavyhearted, comforting the sorrowful, supporting the uncertain, and serving in the ministries of the church.

People: Fill us with the joy of worship and serving this morning, Lord.

Leader: Let us open ourselves to receive God’s direction and respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

†(8:00) Hymn of Praise

#59, “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

“How Great Thou Art”

†Greeting One Another in the Peace of Jesus Christ

Children’s Message

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

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#58, “This Is My Father’s World”

†(10:30) Sermon Song

“First”

Scripture

Acts 17:24-28

Sermon

“What Does God Do?”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Draw Me Close”

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#371, “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Great Are You Lord”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#4, v. 4 & chorus, “How Great Thou Art”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:11-13 I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. ¹² I have revealed and saved and proclaimed -- I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God. ¹³ Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

Acts 17:24-28 ²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. ²⁷ God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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| Accompanist | (Both) Buffy Riley | |
| Song & Worship Leader | (Both) David Stuckey | |
| Easy Worship | (Both) Brian Roth | |
| Sound Tech | (8:00) Kelly Ducey | (10:30) James Grime |
| Live Stream | (10:30) Ryan Christman | |
| 8:00 Usher | Shawn Stuckey | |
| Head Usher | Dave Walker | |
| 10:30 Ushers | Ben & Sue Buehrer, Scott & JoAnn Short | |

SEPTEMBER MISSION-A-MONTH: TOLEDO GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

TGRM Donation Collection

As in previous years, we'll be collecting items for TGRM once again! TGRM will be here on September 24th to collect donations but you're welcome to drop them off throughout the month until that date! Please coordinate with the church office if you plan to drop off donations so that we can meet you at the storage barn (text Jocelyn at 419-575-4218).

Items requested are:

- ◆ Gently used blankets and sheets, particularly twin sheets (fitted and flat)
- ◆ Bath towels and wash cloths
- ◆ Cleaning supplies, liquids and sponges
- ◆ Gently used winter coats (men's, women's, and children's needed)
- ◆ Gently used clothing for infants and toddlers

SERMON NOTES

“What Does God Do?”

From the perspective of a child: What does God do?

- ◆ From a 10 year old: God does almost everything. He watches us while we're sleeping, and he watches us in the day, too. He never sleeps, and he never gets hurt. But the most important thing is he never lets us down.
- ◆ From a 9 year old: God teaches, performs miracles, creates, keeps the devil away from us, loves, gives, saves and speaks. God and angels bow, and God rests.
- ◆ From a 9 year old: God creates us in an amazing way! He makes us from cells about the size of a typed period, and creates everything to work as we grow. He makes us from that tiny cell to a person 5 or 6 feet tall.
- ◆ From a 10 year old: God watches over us and controls everything. He protects us when he needs to protect us. He will let us die when he thinks it's time for us to die.
- ◆ From an 8 year old: God helps people with problems.

From Isaiah 43:11-13:

- ◆ Apart from me there is no savior
- ◆ Reveals
- ◆ Saves
- ◆ Proclaims
- ◆ Delivers

From Acts 17:24-28 (Past-Present):

- ◆ Made the world and everything in it
- ◆ Is the Lord of heaven and earth
- ◆ Gives all men life and breath and everything else
- ◆ Made every nation
- ◆ Determined the times
- ◆ Determined the exact places where they should live

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Rally Sunday & “BBFF” Next Sunday!** - We’ll kick off the new ministry year of discipleship and fellowship on September 10th! The morning will begin with worship in the chapel at 8:00AM followed by a Rally Sunday celebration in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour at 9:15AM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us in the East lawn at 10:30AM for our annual outdoor worship! We’ll end our Sunday worship schedule with “BBFF” - **B**urgers, **B**rats, **F**ellowship & **F**un - inflatables and BINGO included in the fun!! Can’t wait to see you there!
- ◆ **Parent Meeting** - LOGOS, JYF, and SYF parents are encouraged to attend a parent meeting ahead of the new ministry year on September 13th at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. If you cannot attend, please contact Kim M. Walker or the church office.
- ◆ **Special Congregational Meeting** - A Special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, September 17th to address the next phase of the building project. A congregational vote will be needed to approve the Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC) and a three page informational document is available on a narthex table. Additional information about the meeting and worship schedule that morning can be found in the September issue of The Visitor.

MUSIC & WORSHIP MINISTRY

In this time of leadership transition in our music and worship ministries, church leadership is tending to the following aspects of ministry:

- ◆ Greeters – we are looking for four people each Sunday to serve as greeters, two to be at the south entrance and two to be at the accessible entrance, from 10:00am to 10:30am. The hope is that the four people could serve all Sundays of a month, just as our ushers serve a month at a time.
- ◆ Song Leaders – we are looking for a person to join in the monthly rotation of leading singing during our Sunday morning services of worship. Each song leader serves one Sunday a month, leading singing at both services of worship. If there is someone willing to sub in as a song leader on an as needed basis, that would be a blessing!
- ◆ Worship Leaders – we are seeking two people to join in the rotation, serving one Sunday morning every two months, leading at both services of worship. Worship leaders share in leading prayers, reading scripture, offering and special readings.
- ◆ Lay Readers – we have a few slots open for people of the congregation to read the morning sermon scripture – serving once a month, at either the 8am or 10:30am service.
- ◆ Children’s Moment Leaders – in the joy of sharing and teaching with children, we hope to add several volunteers to this special rotation so that a person would share once every two months. If you’ve listened to children’s moments, you know what it is about!
- ◆ Chancel Choir – singers are invited to put the following dates on their calendars:
 - o Wednesday, October 4th, 7:30PM – Chancel Choir Practice
 - o Wednesday, October 18th, 7:30PM – Chancel Choir Practice
 - o Sunday, October 22nd – Chancel Choir will sing during the 10:30AM service of worship

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:

Sep 3 Getting God's Perspective-----Psalm 61
Sep 4 Qualities of a Leader ----- 1 Timothy 3:1-7
Sep 5 Serving Well ----- 1 Timothy 3:8-13
Sep 6 Truth Versus Falsehood ----- 1 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5
Sep 7 Being Godly ----- 1 Timothy 4:6-16
Sep 8 Dealing with Need ----- 1 Timothy 5:1-16
Sep 9 Practical Advice ----- 1 Timothy 5:17-25

WEEK OF SEP. 3RD AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun 8:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
9:15AM Faith Village/Sunday School
10:30AM Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

Mon ***Church Office Closed - Labor Day***

Tue ***Church Office Closed***

7:00PM Mission Committee (Fireside Room)

Fri 8:30AM Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)

Sat 7:40AM Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)

Sun 8:00AM Worship (Chapel & YouTube Live)
8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
9:15AM Rally Sunday Celebration (Sanctuary)
10:30AM Outdoor Worship (East Lawn)
12:00AM BBFF - Burgers, Brats, Fellowship & Fun!
3:00PM TGRM Meal & Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, as I pray this prayer, let me be mindful of Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him..." It is true that I cannot conceive what you have prepared for the future of your followers, but what your Word shares with us is enough for my peace. Your works of creation, your work through the cross and the empty tomb, all give me the certainty of hope for the future. Thank you, God, for all that you do indeed do on my behalf, and the behalf of people. Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jack Stover, who returned home on Thursday after a short time at Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as the scan results show improvement in both spots of cancer, one in one leg and one in her back, so she will stay on the same medication.
- ◆ Monte Woolace, who is doing okay day to day, and will have further tests on September 12th with possible surgery after that.
- ◆ Allie Walker, who had her tonsils and adenoids removed on Tuesday.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (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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