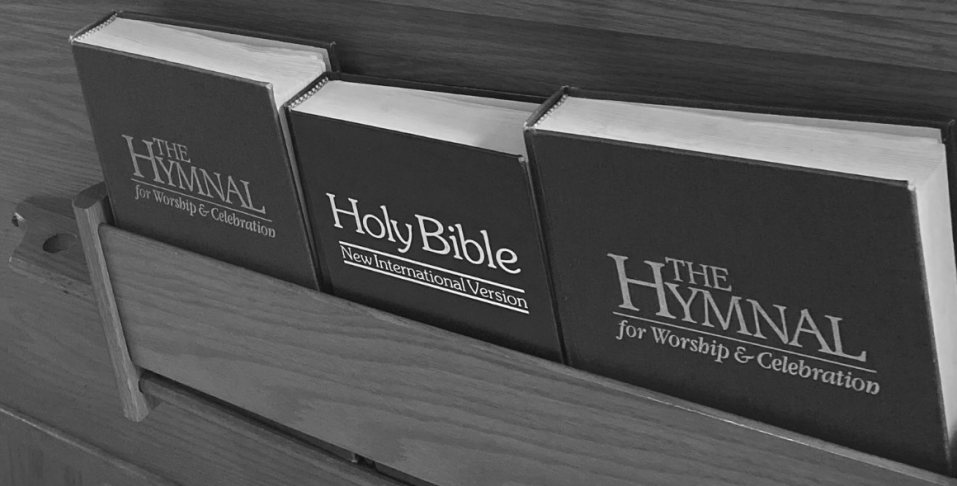




July 14, 2024 | 10:00am

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!



Nursery Care/Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations



Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through preschool across from the church office. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. 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!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

Please offer a prayer for yourself, those around you, and those leading worship.

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

The lighted candles symbolize God's presence and Christ, the Light of the World.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude - Buffy Riley & Jocelyn Walker

"Love Like This"

A time to prepare for worship, focusing on the Lord, whom we've come to worship.

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 67 (p.570)

†Hymn Sing

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Sacrament of Baptism – Millie Jean Kast, daughter of Tristan & Jessica Kast

The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover, red hymnal)

Scripture - Psalm 16:11

*"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand."*

Promises of the Parents

Congregational Pledge: *Tristan and Jessica, you are baptizing your daughter, Millie, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We celebrate with you in this sacrament of faith. We pray for the Spirit's guidance for you in 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. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Baptismal Song

#579, "Jesus Loves Me"

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (p. 1147)

†Hymn Sing

Sermon

"Bountifully, Deliberately, Cheerfully"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"We Are So Blessed"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

"Give of Your Best to the Master"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#587, v. 2, "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord"

†Postlude

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of Millie Jean Kast. Millie was born on July 11th, 2023 in Bryan, Ohio, to Tristan and Jessica Kast. Millie is the granddaughter of Jon and Jan Lindsay.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 67:1-7 For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, ² that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. ³ May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. ⁵ May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁶ Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. ⁷ God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	Linda Heer
Children's Message	Matt Hines
Easy Worship	Jenna Stuckey
Sound Tech	James Grime
Live Stream	Cayla Swisher
Nursery Assistants	Brooke Hines & Emily Hines
Head Usher	Richard Spiess
Ushers	Avery Roth, Evy Roth, Steve & Debbi Russell

SERMON NOTES: "BOUNTIFULLY, DELIBERATELY, CHEERFULLY"

Is this a "God-incidence" – preaching on giving on the day of the congregational meeting?

There is a story told from long ago about a beggar standing by the roadside asking for alms from Alexander the Great as he passed by. The man was poor and wretched and had no right even to lift a considerate hand. Yet the Emperor threw him several gold coins. A nobleman was astonished at his generosity and commented, "Sir, copper coins would adequately meet a beggar's need. Why give him gold?" Alexander responded in royal fashion, "Copper coins would suit the beggar's need, but gold coins suit Alexander's giving."

Generosity – the opposite of selfishness (which has been described as the root of sin)

- ◆ Proverbs 18:1 – "An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends; he defies all sound judgment."
- ◆ Philippians 2:3 – "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 9:7 – "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

- ◆ Giving amount is not mentioned
- ◆ Giving as a heart-incentive
- ◆ Giving as sowing seeds
- ◆ Giving in thanksgiving
- ◆ Giving bountifully – sowing generously
- ◆ Giving deliberately – deciding to give
- ◆ Giving cheerfully – God loves a cheerful giver

- ◆ Giving selflessly
 - ◇ Acknowledging Paul's words of reaping generously, grace abounding, increase your store of seed, enlarge the harvest, be made rich in every way
 - ◇ No sense of giving in order to receive
 - ◇ No sense of earthly recognition
 - ◇ All glory to God, all thanksgiving to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Special Congregational Meeting** - We will take a brief 10 minute break after worship to transition to the Special Congregational Meeting, which has been called for the purpose of approving the final cost and building plans for the upcoming renovation.
- ◆ **Free Swim Day** - St. John's Christian Church is sponsoring a free swim day at the Archbold Pool this upcoming Thursday, July 18th during pool hours (1:15-5:00PM, and 6:00PM-8:00PM). Any and all are welcome to come swim for free!
- ◆ **Book Bag Bash** - The annual Book Bag Bash hosted by the Evangelism Committee is scheduled for Sunday, August 4th from 4:00-6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Students in need are invited to come pick out one book bag filled with various supplies needed by their grade list. The Evangelism Committee will be handing out invites to this event during the free swim day this Thursday. Please contact the church office if you'd like to help in any way.
- ◆ **Mocktail Mingle** - All college students and young adults (up to 30 years old) are invited to attend a mocktail workshop at King's Corner Garage on Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30PM. We will be learning how to make a smoked old fashioned and blackberry lime margarita using alcohol-free spirits! Come with a hands-on mindset as we fellowship and discuss how to find and use alcohol-free options in your own life! RSVP by registering online at <https://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/upcoming/>
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Happy July to all of the St. John's GIF Gals! Hope you are enjoying the days of our Lord, heat and all. The next get together will be on July 25th. We will be returning to the Downtown Restaurant, meeting there at 5:30PM. There's a sign up sheet posted across from the church office. We are looking forward to our time together again!
- ◆ **Kajiado Presentation** - There will be a special presentation during worship about Jim Grieser's June trip to Kajiado Children's home on Sunday, August 4th. We hope everyone will come learn about the important work being done at the children's home in Kenya!

MISSION-A-MONTH: SHEPHERD'S CIRCLE

The Shepherd Circle is a local mission project started by Cecily Rohrs in 2004. The purpose of this program is to mentor individuals or families who are good people that have made bad choices. Through this project, assistance is given and guidance is provided to help these people get back on their feet and once again become productive citizens and good stewards of their financial resources. To give to this important local mission, write "MAM" on Line 11 of your weekly offering envelope or select "Shepherd Circle" in the "Give to..." drop-down menu on Breeze. If you are feeling called to learn more about or serve as a Shepherd to those in need, please contact the church office so we can get you in touch with Cecily. Thank you for your support!

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:

- Jul 14 Jubilate, Everybody! ----- Psalm 100
- Jul 15 The Long Wait ----- Isaiah 17, 18
- Jul 16 God’s Strange Ways----- Isaiah 19
- Jul 17 Body Scare ----- Isaiah 20, 21
- Jul 18 Seated on the Throne ----- Hebrews 1:1-4
- Jul 19 Identified As God’s Son ----- Hebrews 1:5-14
- Jul 20 Made Lower than the Angels ----- Hebrews 2:1-9

WEEK OF JULY 14TH AT ST. JOHN’S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Sunday School
	10:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:15AM	Special Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Thurs	1:15PM	SJCC Free Swim Day (Archbold Swimming Pool)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Almighty God, thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, loved ones, homes, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us. Amen.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Monte Woolace, who has complete chemotherapy and is officially cancer-free!
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who had some tests at the end of last week in Angola and they await results.
- ◆ Donna Buehrer, who entered into hospice care at Fairlawn earlier last week.
- ◆ Don LaFountaine, going through further testing, hoping to have results soon.
- ◆ Marilyn Baron, as she has returned home following her time of surgery rehab.
- ◆ Gretchen Heer, back at home, still recovering from recent hip surgery.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, a resident at Fairlawn, receiving dialysis three times a week.
- ◆ Regina Beck, now at Fairlawn, waiting on further plans of treatment.
- ◆ Ben & Sue Buehrer, as Ben continues through rehab therapy.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart continues through chemo treatments.

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59pm
- ◆ Grace L – pray for healing, pray for relief from pain, swelling and stiffness, pray for complete remission, pray she is able to tolerate meds and have no bad side effects.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ 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) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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