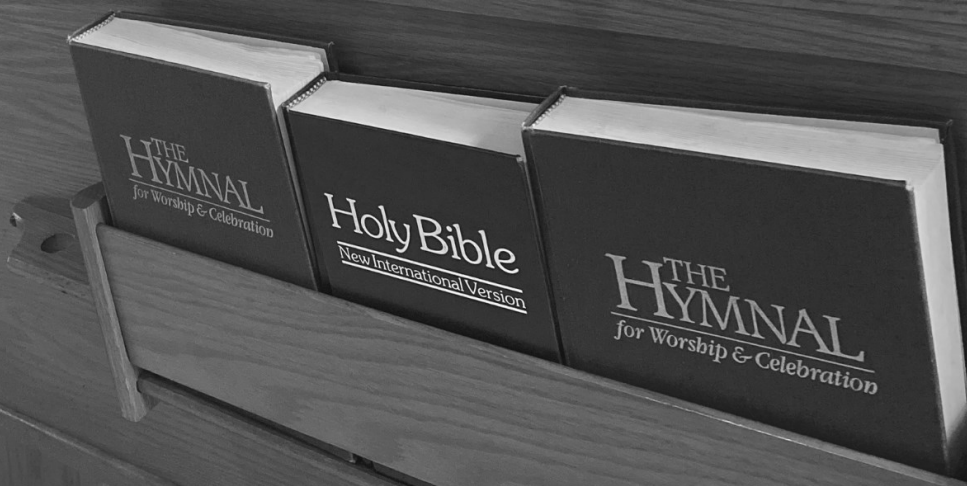


July 21, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am

# ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



**Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together**

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*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.*

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# Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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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](http://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

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

John 15:9-17 (p. 1069)

†Hymns of Praise

#67, "The Love of God"

#473, "Victory in Jesus"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music

David & Crissi Stuckey

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"The Power of Your Love"

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:5-17 (p. 1167)

†Sermon Hymn

#526, "All That Thrills My Soul"

Sermon

"Restored by the Master"

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Opening Sentences – Pastor

Unison Prayer of Confession: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Through Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us; may we know Your will and follow in Your ways, to Your glory. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon – Pastor

Words of Institution:

Pastor: On the night of his betrayal, Jesus gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

People: **While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:**

Pastor: "Take and eat, this is my body."

People: **He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying:**

Pastor: "Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Unison Prayer of Blessing: **Eternal and Merciful God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ’s suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ’s resurrection and awaiting Christ’s return in victory. May Your Spirit bless this bread and cup, that we might be strengthened in our faith and in our devotion to You. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Sharing of the Elements – Pastor and Servers

Communion Blessing – Pastor

- †Closing Hymn
- #116, “Take the Name of Jesus with You”
- †Spoken Benediction
- †Benediction in Song
- #281, “The Bond of Love”
- †Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**John 15:9-17** "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

**Colossians 3:5-17** Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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- ◆ Older youth and adults professing Jesus as Savior may commune
- ◆ Grape juice is served in the trays of the cup
- ◆ At 8:00 worship, communicants will come forward in groups
- ◆ At 10:30 worship, communicants will be served in the pews

## **SERMON NOTES : "RESTORED BY THE MASTER"**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Mocktail Mingle** - We are three days away from the Mocktail Mingle at King’s Corner Garage on Wednesday, July 24th at 6:30PM! This faith-based workshop will teach attendees how to make two different mocktails using non-alcoholic spirits and fresh mixers, all while having sobriety-positive conversations as we fellowship together! RSVP today by registering online at <https://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/upcoming/>
- ◆ **St. John’s Talent/Gong Show!** - The St. John’s Talent/Gong Show is returning on October 27th after a seven-year break! Think about what fun song/dance/skit or more you want to share in October and sign up on the office bulletin board. At this time, Pastor Erich is the only one signed up - let’s make sure he’s not a one-man show!
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - The next GIF Gals 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 and we ask that you sign up by today so we can reserve a table.
- ◆ **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!

# TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Worship Leader	(Both) Brad Roth	
Acolytes	(8:00) Camryn Stuckey	(10:30) Tucker Johnston
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Nursery Assistants	(10:30) Molly Rutledge & Karen Walker	(7/28) Eric & Anna Yoder
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Richard Spiess	
10:30 Ushers	Avery Roth, Evy Roth, Steve & Debbi Russell	

# DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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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 21 I'll Do It My Way -----Psalm 101
- Jul 22 Victorious Pioneer -----Hebrews 2:10-18
- Jul 23 Greater Than Moses -----Hebrews 3
- Jul 24 Promises a Place of Rest-----Hebrews 4:1-13
- Jul 25 Fully Human Like Us----- Hebrews 4:14-5:10
- Jul 26 What We Know About Jesus----- Hebrews 5:11-6:12
- Jul 27 Provides a Place of Safety -----Hebrews 6:13-20

## WEEK OF JULY 21ST AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
Wed	4:00PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Mocktail Mingle (King's Corner Garage)
Thu	5:30PM	GIF Gals (Downtown Restaurant)
Sat	3:30PM	Church & Sanctuary Reserved - Hines/Lerma Wedding
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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Jesus, I want to have faithful communion with you this week. Help me to sit down and be aware of your presence, your love, your grace, your words and your will for me, and for the church. Thank you for what communion means – freedom, forgiveness, grace and new life. Help me to live and walk in these truths. May I continue to grow ever closer to you. Amen.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ The family of Donna Buehrer, who entered eternal life on July 13th at the age of 95. Services will be held on August 31st, with visitation at 10:30AM and service at 11:30AM.
- ◆ Susie Enderle, who will be having surgery in Cleveland this upcoming Wednesday.
- ◆ Louise Short, as she is now a resident at Hillside Country Living near Bryan.
- ◆ Don LaFountaine, going through treatment for cancer, and awaits a date for surgery for another health issue.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, a resident at Fairlawn, receiving dialysis three times a week, with plans to return home soon.
- ◆ Arlene Grime was hospitalized for a couple of days and returned home on July 15th.
- ◆ Monte Woolace, who has complete chemotherapy and is officially cancer-free!
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who had some tests in Angola and they await results.
- ◆ 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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