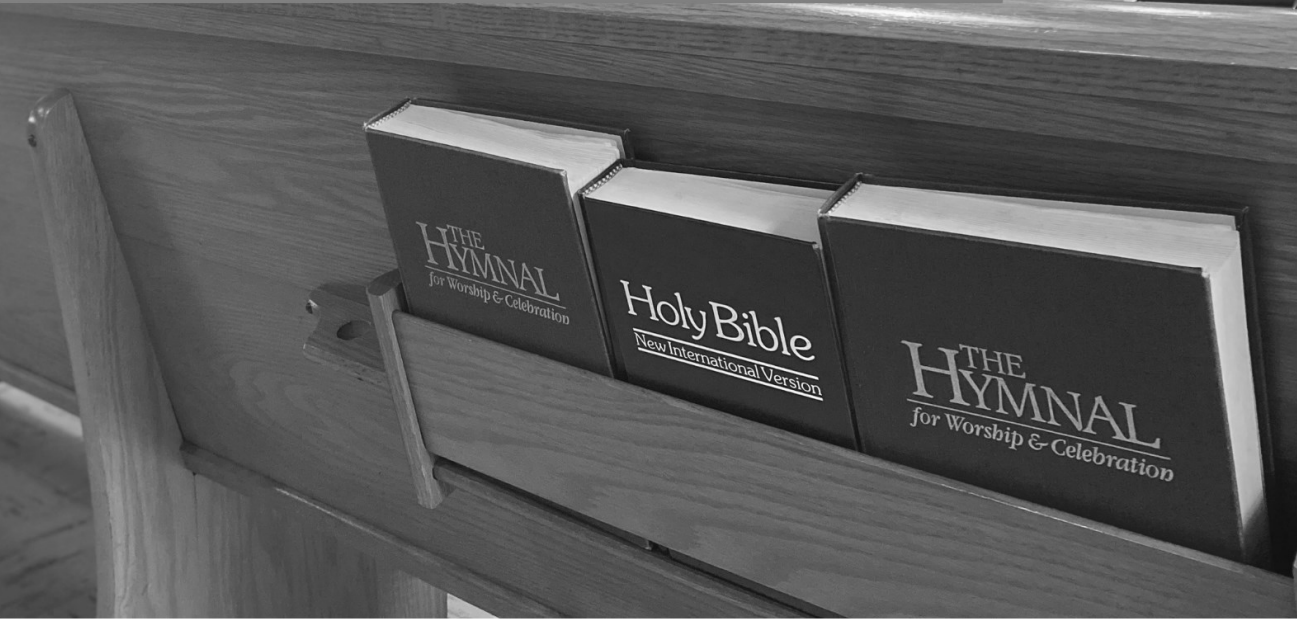




September 1, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*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

"Sing to the King"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Colossians 3:15-17 (p. 1167)

†Hymns of Praise

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" (Insert)

#61, "Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music

Todd Nafziger

"Heirlooms"

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:27-31, 2:15 (p. 2), Ecclesiastes 2:17-26 (p. 659)

†Sermon Hymn

#83, "Lord, We Praise You"

Sermon

"Created to Work"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#455, "Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#465, v. 2, "In His Time"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 3:15-17 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.

Genesis 1:27-31 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground." ²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground -- everything that has the breath of life in it -- I give every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning-- the sixth day.

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Ecclesiastes 2:17-26 So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. ¹⁸ I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. ¹⁹ And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. ²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. ²¹ For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. ²² What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? ²³ All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless. ²⁴ A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶ To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

SERMON NOTES: "CREATED TO WORK"

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Almighty God, You are the Creator of the world and all that is in it, and we thank you for giving us the responsibility of work and stewardship. Guide us so that we can do our work with great effort and integrity. For a nation founded through a mighty workforce with a strong work ethic, over this Labor Day weekend we thank you for our own work and for the workers of the nation. We pray for those who are seeking work, that they not only find it, but bring a positive mindset and willingness to their position. We pray for people who are unable to work in their own life situation, and we pray for your provision for them. We also pray for the workers of the church, for people willing to lead and teach and serve, for the sustaining work of our kingdom ministry. We pray for your glory and our good. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Wednesday Evenings for Children & Teens** - Wednesday evenings at St. John's resume on Wednesday, September 11th for LOGOS and SYF/Life Planning and on September 18th for Confirmation and JYF! Registration forms can be found online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org and must be filled out for each participating child and/or teen. If you have any questions about registration forms, contact Jocelyn in the church office at jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org or 419-575-4218. We can't wait to see you on our kickoff nights!
- ♦ **SYF/Life Planning Kickoff Event** - We will be playing a friendly game of teens vs. adults flag football on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00pm in the East Lot. All SYF and Life Planning leaders and Life Planning mentors should wear red & yellow and all teens should wear blue & gold team colors. Snacks will be provided!
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Care & Share Thrift Shops and Ten Thousand Villages** would like to invite you to join our family of volunteers. We have volunteer opportunities in many areas including clerking, receiving, pricing, and sorting, all with flexible hours. You will make a difference in our community and around the world as we support the mission of Mennonite Central Committee's relief and development efforts. For an application or additional information, please contact Kathy (x2) or Karen (x5) at 419-445-1926 (Thrift Shops), or Elizabeth (TTV) at 419-445-1310. Thank you for considering Care & Share Thrift/TTV!
- ♦ **Rally Sunday Live Stream** - There will be no live stream offered next Sunday, September 8th due to Rally Sunday. Internet connection on the East Lawn has, unfortunately, not been reliable in past years.

TOLEDO GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

The Mission-A-Month for September is the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission (TGRM). We as a church have been challenged to consider giving funds or giving items to support their ministry. TGRM is suggesting that we as a church may donate the following items:

Bedding: sheets and blankets
Towels and wash cloths

Men's, women's and children's gently used winter coats
Scarves, gloves and hats

Items can be brought to the church and set by the donation center area outside the chapel, or items can be brought Sunday, September 22nd, when a representative from TGRM will be here to talk about their ministry and to collect items to take to the mission Sunday after the 10:30AM service. Please be in prayer for how you can participate in this ministry to the homeless.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- Sept 1 God’s Megaphone ----- Psalm 107
- Sept 2 Israel’s Influencers ----- 1 Kings 18:20-46
- Sept 3 God’s Gentle Word ----- 1 Kings 19
- Sept 4 An Antidote for Arrogance ----- 1 Kings 20:1-21
- Sept 5 Misconceptions ----- 1 Kings 20:22-43
- Sept 6 Integrity ----- 1 Kings 21
- Sept 7 Speaking Truth to Power ----- 1 Kings 22:1-28

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1ST AT ST. JOHN’S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

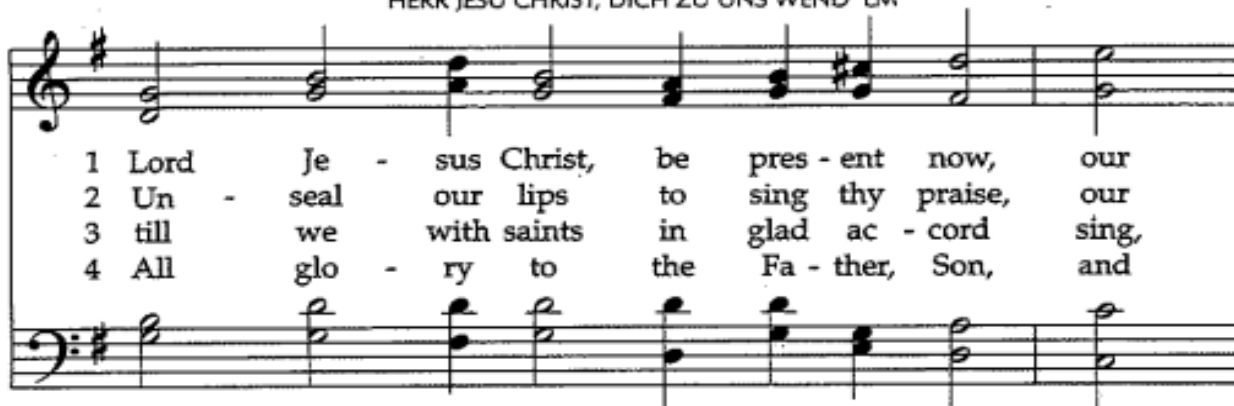
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	8:00AM	Office Closed for Labor Day
Tue	6:45PM	Mission Committee
Wed	7:30PM	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thurs	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School Pep Rally (Sanctuary)
	10:30AM	Outdoor Praise & Worship (East Lawn)
	11:30AM	Rally Sunday Lunch, Ice Cream Bar & Slip ’n Slide Kickball

TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVANTS

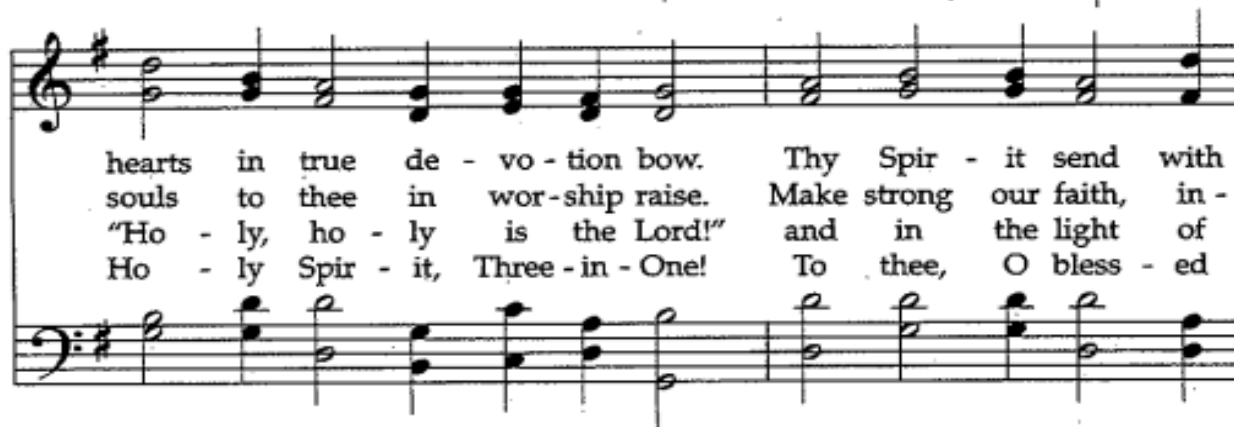
Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Worship Leader	(Both) Jocelyn Walker	
Lay Reader	(10:30) Avery Roth	
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Keith & Kelli Kuntz	

22 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now

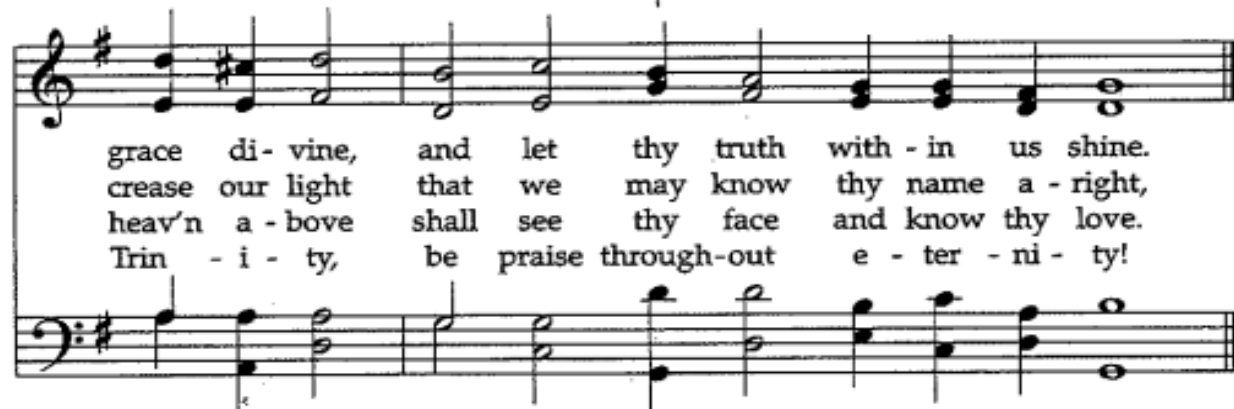
HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND LM



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now, our
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing thy praise, our
 3 till we with saints in glad ac - cord sing,
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and



hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Thy Spir - it send with
 souls to thee in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith, in -
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord!" and in the light of
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three - in - One! To thee, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, and let thy truth with - in us shine.
 crease our light that we may know thy name a - right,
 heav'n a - bove shall see thy face and know thy love.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, Pensum Sacrum* (Sts. 1-3), 1648, *Cantionale Sacrum* (St. 4), 1651; tr. Catherine Winkworth, *Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt.

Music: *Cantionale Germanicum*, 1628

2024

Rally Sunday

September 8th

St. John's Christian Church

**9:15
am**

Sunday School Pep Rally

Sanctuary | Get excited for another Sunday School program year! Meet all of our classes & enjoy some donuts and coffee with the Christian Ed. Committee

Outdoor Praise & Worship

East Lawn | Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us on the East Lawn for our annual outdoor worship! Sermon Title: "Brick by Brick" (1 Peter 2:4-10)

**10:30
am**

**11:30
am**

Rally Sunday Lunch

Parish Hall | A delicious lunch will be provided after worship on behalf of the Fellowship Committee. Don't forget to save room for the ice cream bar!

Slip 'n Slide Kickball

East Lawn | Teams will face off in the first ever Slip 'n Slide Kickball Game! Come cheer on the teams or join the Rookie League. Face painting & Photobooth will be available during the game!

**12:30
pm**

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Ben Buehrer, recovering from neck surgery that relieved pressure on a nerve.
- ◆ Don LaFontaine, who had surgery on 8/9, and then on 8/13, and is now at Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, who continues in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, a resident at Fairlawn, receiving dialysis three times a week, with plans to return home, hopefully in this next week.
- ◆ Jeff Bostelman, son of Bill & Kathy, diagnosed with a rare cancer in the spine. Prayers for effective treatment and healing are appreciated.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, who had some tests and they are praying for positive results.
- ◆ Regina Beck, now at Fairlawn, waiting on further plans of treatment.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Kajiado Children's Home Child Sponsorships

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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