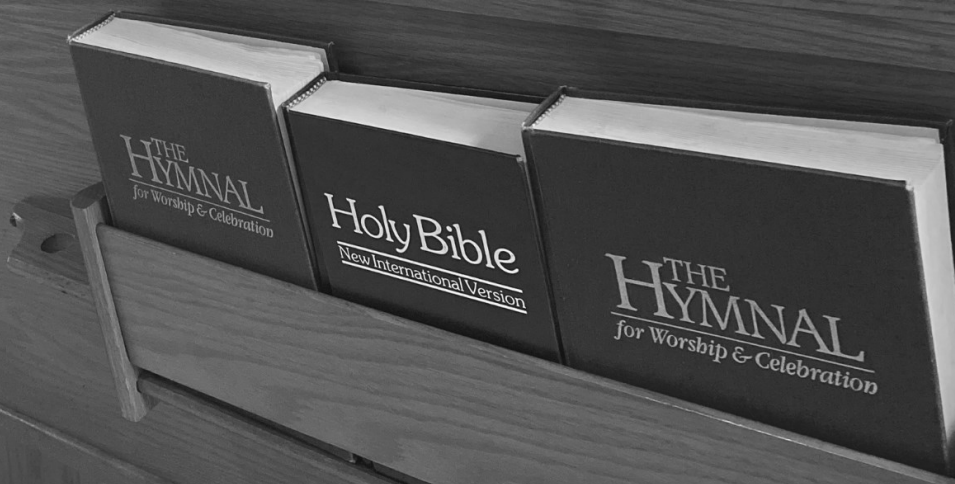




September 15, 2024 | 8:00am & 10:30am

# 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

(8:00) Prelude

"Give Us Clean Hands"

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

(10:30) Call to Worship

"Listening"

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalms 78:1-4 (p. 579)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#59, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

#97, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

"You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:1-11 (p. 1162)

†Sermon Song

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (Insert)

Sermon

"Tools of the Faith"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Ancient Words"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#390, "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"Jesus Messiah / He is Lord"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#286, vs. 1 & 3, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

"He is Lord"

†Postlude

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalms 78:1-4** O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old – <sup>3</sup> what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. <sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

**Philippians 2:1-11** If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# TOLEDO GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

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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:

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| Bedding: sheets and blankets | Men’s, women’s and children’s gently used winter coats |
| Towels and wash cloths       | Scarves, gloves and hats                               |

If you have been collecting these items, they can be brought to church next Sunday, September 22, when the van from TGRM will be here. At that time the TGRM representative will talk about the ministry and collect these items after the 10:30 service. Please be in prayer for how you can participate in this ministry to the homeless.

# SERMON NOTES: "TOOLS OF THE FAITH"

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Program Year Theme of "Building Up and Building Out"

Last Sunday – 1 Peter 2:4-10 – Jesus as the living Stone, cornerstone and capstone; the foundation of the church, the first and the last – building upon the foundation of Jesus

Building the Church – Serving as apprentices of Jesus

- ◆ Christians have many tools of the faith available for use
- ◆ Jesus shows us the proper use of the tools of faith
  
- ◆ Philippians 2:1 – The Tools
  - ◇ In the Greek, "ei" can mean both "if" and "since"
  - ◇ Since there is encouragement in Christ
    - ◆ Romans 15:4-5, Hebrews 6:17-19
  - ◇ Since there is comfort in Christ's love
    - ◆ Agape love, Psalm 94:19, Isaiah 66:12
  - ◇ Since there is fellowship with the Spirit
    - ◆ 2 Corinthians 3:3
  - ◇ Since there is tenderness and compassion – concern for others
  
- ◆ Philippians 2:2-5 – Using the Tools
  - ◇ Being like-minded – having the same mind
  - ◇ Same kind of love
  - ◇ A unified purpose
  - ◇ Have no selfishness or vain conceit
  - ◇ Humility with each other
    - ◆ Consider others better than yourself
    - ◆ Not only concern for those like you, but also concern for those unlike you (outside the church)
    - ◆ Own interests, and the interest of others
  - ◇ Do you have these tools in your faith toolbox?
  - ◇ Do have any tools not suited for works of faith?
  
- ◆ Philippians 2:6-11 – The Perfect Example of How to Use the Tools
  - ◇ Humility
  - ◇ Servant
  - ◇ Obedience

# The Servant Song

Words and Music by  
Richard Gillard

## VERSE

♩ = 74

D Em/D D G/D D A7/C# D Em/D D G/D D A

1. Broth er, let me be your ser - vant. Let me be as Christ to you.  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney. We are broth - ers on the road.  
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night time of your fear.  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing, When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such har - mo - ny;  
6. Broth er sis - ter let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.

G D/F# Em7 D/A A7 Bm G D/G Em/G G G/A A7 D

Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.  
We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will share your joy and sor - row Till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Born of all we've known to - geth - er, of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv - ant too.

## DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- Sep 15 Song of the Wounded ----- Psalm 109
- Sep 16 The Lordship of Christ ----- Mark 2:1-12
- Sep 17 Healing Sin-Sick Hearts ----- Mark 2:13-22
- Sep 18 A Foretaste of Eternity ----- Mark 2:23-28
- Sep 19 Good Over Evil ----- Mark 3:1-6
- Sep 20 Underdogs, Not Top Dogs ----- Mark 3:7-19
- Sep 21 God's Big Global Family ----- Mark 3:20-35

# WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15TH 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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Meal & Chapel
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Parish Hall)
	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym)/Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room)/SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thurs	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
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)
	6:00PM	Seekers

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) Andrew Rohrs	
Worship Leader	(Both) Kim S. Walker	
Children's Message	(Both) Jocelyn Walker	
Nursery	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ollie MacDonald	
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	
Head Usher	Dave Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Keith & Kelli Kuntz	

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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Please pray for...

- ◆ Kennedy Zagarella, who is recovering from surgery on a broken arm
- ◆ Melva & Larry Woolace, on the death of her sister, Verlene Lovejoy, who's memorial service was held yesterday in the sanctuary.
- ◆ Don & Charlene LaFontaine, as Don is in comfort care at the Defiance in-patient center.
- ◆ Larry Woolace, now recovering from the effects of a TIA.
- ◆ Shirley Wyse, who continues in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ◆ Jeff Bostelman, son of Bill & Kathy, diagnosed with a rare cancer in the spine. Prayers for effective treatment and healing are appreciated.
- ◆ 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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