



October 20, 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

(8:00) Prelude

“Wonderful Words of Life”

(10:30) Call to Worship

“Holy Song”

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (p. 1137)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise #361, “My God, I Love Thee” (Reading), #362, vs. 1-2 “I Love Thee”

#363, v. 1, "More Love to Thee", #364, vs. 1,2,3, "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise #2, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

“Shout to the Lord”

†Passing the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Logos Junior Choir

“Our God is a Great Big God”

Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:1-7 (p. 1216)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#68, “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

†(10:30) Sermon Song

“Goodness of God”

Sermon

“Ephesus: Forgetfulness”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

insert, "O Say But I'm Glad"

†(10:30) Closing Song

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

chorus, "O Say But I'm Glad"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

chorus, "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Revelation 2:1-7 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: ² I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. ⁴ Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. ⁵ Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. ⁶ But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

BREEZE ANNOUNCEMENT

Those who regularly receive text notifications and alerts from the church will likely receive a text message on October 23rd stating the following: "*St Johns Christian Church is verifying you want to receive reminders & alerts from Breeze ChMS. Reply YES to opt-in, STOP to cancel. Msg&data rates may apply. Unless you reply YES to this message you will no longer receive messages from Breeze ChMS on behalf of St Johns Christian Church.*" **In order to continue receiving important text alerts and reminders from the church, please reply YES to this text** when you receive it. This is an internal compliance update for Breeze, which houses our online giving, online directory, and text/email alerting for our ministry programs, and more. If you have questions about this technical change, please contact Jocelyn Walker in the church office.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- Oct 20 Remember Then, Trust Now----- Psalm 114
- Oct 21 Remember Your Creator -----Ecclesiastes 12
- Oct 22 Heart of Darkness-----Mark 5:1-20
- Oct 23 No Hiding ----- Mark 5:21-34
- Oct 24 God’s Doorkeeper-----Mark 5:35-43
- Oct 25 Hidden in Plain Sight -----Mark 6:1-13
- Oct 26 Pulling Strings ----- Mark 6:14-29

SERMON NOTES - EPHESUS: FORGETFULNESS

Revelation 2:1-7 – Letter to the Church in Ephesus

Sermon Series – Revelation 2 & 3 – Letters to Seven Churches

- ◆ Each letter to one church was intended to be read by the other six churches, too.
- ◆ Addressee, Speaker, Knowledge of the Speaker, Verdict, Corrective Command, Exhortation, Promise

Addressee – ¹ To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

- ◆ Angel – also messenger
- ◆ Ephesus – crossroads of civilization, trade center of the area, western coast of Asia Minor, temple of Artemis (a wonder of the ancient world)
- ◆ Ephesians – cosmopolitan, transient, cultural-political change, influence on the church

Speaker – These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:

- ◆ Drawn from chapter 1 – Jesus Christ

Knowledge – ² I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

Verdict – ⁴ Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

Corrective Command – ⁵ Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Exhortation – ⁶ But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

- ◆ Nicolaitans – mentioned only here in chapter 2, a sect within the church, described as heretical, mixed faith with idolatry

Promise – ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

MISSION-A-MONTH - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Throughout the month of October, St. John's will once again collect financial contributions for Operation Christmas Child in cooperation with Samaritan's Purse. Donations can be indicated by noting "MAM" on line 11 of your offering envelope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Archbold Parks and Recreation Pumpkin Path** - from 1:00PM to 3:00PM this afternoon at Ruihley Park. Members of the SJCC Evangelism Committee will be at a table passing out glow bracelets with church info attached. Swing by and say hello and check out their carved pumpkin!
- ♦ **Hurricane Relief Efforts** – Items needed are: Hygiene Products like soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, female products, diapers (baby and adult), Household Goods like paper towels and toilet paper, bleach, wash cloths, towels, insect repellent, bottled water, Gatorade, Boost, Ensure, new blankets/sheets, baby formula, peanut butter, granola bars, canned foods with pull off lids, pet foods, generators, flash lights, trash bags, rope, zip ties, duct tape, and cleaning products. **Donations can be dropped off at the Storage Building between 8:00AM - 7:00PM.** Bins will be inside the building, labeled by items. Monetary donations are welcome in order to cover fuel costs and can be dropped off at the St. John's church office or mailed to the church. Checks may be made out to St. John's Christian Church, with memo line to read "Hurricane Relief." We could also use any truck drivers interested in helping drive a load down. The hope is to fill 26 of the bins by **October 21st.**
- ♦ **The St. John's Talent Show** is taking place on Sunday, October 27th at 5:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza, dessert, pop, and water will be served. A variety of acts are performing and promise to provide a fun night of entertainment. Please join us!
- ♦ **GIF Gals:** October 31st is the date for our next get together. This time let's do lunch! We will be meeting at the Sweet Dream Cafe in Napoleon at 11:45AM. Their menu includes soups, sandwiches, and ice cream. Directions: Take 108 south to Napoleon, cross the river and continue south for 3-4 miles. Sweet Dreams Cafe will be on the west side, second gray house with red shutters. Any questions call Carol Devries at 419-445-8311. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board.
- ♦ **Church Potluck** - The Fellowship Committee is hosting an all church potluck on Sunday, November 3rd after the late service. Drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy some fellowship with your church family!
- ♦ **Veterans lunch NWSCC:** To honor and thank you for your service, Northwest State Community College invites Veterans to a free complimentary lunch on Thursday, Nov. 7th from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 5th to kgrime@northweststate.edu or call 419-267-1418.
- ♦ **Veterans Breakfast** - The Fellowship Committee is hosting the annual Veterans Breakfast on Sunday, November 10th at 9:00AM. Breakfast will be served, followed by a short program. **All those currently serving or who have served**, along with spouses, are invited. We ask that those planning to attend sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside of the church office by November 3rd.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 20TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School / Faith Village
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:10PM	Budget & Stewardship (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - PEACE Fellowship Church (Parish Hall)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF vs. SYF Karaoke Competition (Gym)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thurs	6:00PM	Girl Scouts (Gym)
Fri	7:00AM	Rest & Restore Bible Study (Rest & Restore Spa)
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)
	5:00 PM	Talent Show (Parish Hall)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs	(10:30) Praise Team
Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30)Aimee Roth
Children’s Message	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Nursery	(10:30) Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge	
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
8:00 Usher	Tim Beck	
Head Usher	Matt Hines	
10:30 Ushers	Braden & Brittany Martinez and Madison & Claire Bowers	
Acolytes	(8:00) Jude Rutledge	(10:30) Eyan Krukowski
10:30 Praise Team – Keira Christman, Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Jim McCurdy, Mike McRobbie, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley		

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ♦ Kim and Steve Walker, and family, upon the death of Kim's father, Bill Wiles, who entered eternal life on October 14th at the age of 88. Services were held on Saturday.
- ♦ Bud & Tootie Beck, recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident, with Tootie at Ayden Healthcare at 303 W. Leggett St. in Wauseon and Bud is at his son's home.
- ♦ Bryce Winzeler, recuperating at home from recent surgery, while waiting for a second procedure to take place in a week or two.
- ♦ Jeff & Laura Bostelman, as Jeff starts treatment of the cancer in his spine.
- ♦ Larry Woolace, dealing with health effects from a recent TIA.
- ♦ Shirley Wyse, who continues in hospice care at Genacross in Napoleon.
- ♦ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as Stuart had a really good report this week, with things looking improved and stable

Care Center Residents

- ♦ Josephine Short, Fairlawn Haven, Room #405
- ♦ Linda Hayes, Fairlawn Independent Living, Apartment #104
- ♦ Shirley Wyse, Genacross, 1036 S. Perry St., Napoleon, 43545
- ♦ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Bryan, 43506
- ♦ Louise Short, Hillside Country Living, 09876 County Road 16, Bryan, 43506

Missions/Missionaries...

- ♦ Defiance Area Youth for Christ – asking for prayer each evening at 7:59pm

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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