



November 3, 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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(10:30) Call to Worship

"Jesus Firm Foundation"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

2 Thessalonians 2:15-17 (p. 1173)

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

insert, "Wake the Song of Jubilee"

#106, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"Today is the Day"

"Praise"

†Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

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

Special Music

Jim McCurdy & Mike McRobbie

"Harvest Time"

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:12-17 (p. 1216)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#274, "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

†(10:30) Sermon Song

"Not Be Shaken"

Sermon

"Pergamum: Compromising"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

†The Doxology (#625) and Prayer of Dedication

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#493, "It is Well with My Soul"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"Only King Forever"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#295, v. 4, "Revive Us Again"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

chorus, "Only King Forever"

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 2:15-17 - So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. ¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Revelation 2:12-17 - "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. ¹³ I know where you live – where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city – where Satan lives. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. ¹⁵ Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. ¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

MISSION-A-MONTH - FULTON COUNTY CHRISTMAS CHEER

Once again, Christmas cheer is inviting just over 1,200 households in the county to participate in our annual Christmas give-away. This allows the families to have the dignity and enjoyment of choosing their items. We will be at the Junior Fair Building at the Fulton County Fairground for set up beginning late afternoon on Sunday, December 8th and working through clean-up on Thursday, Dec. 12th.

Your financial donations help us buy in bulk to fill the store with groceries, personal hygiene items, towels, blankets and brand-new toys. Volunteer help is also needed at the store starting 9AM Mon., Dec 9th through Thurs. Dec 12th. Call 419-551-6573 to sign up.

St. John's will once again participate in the Cheer Tree Tags for this local mission project. The Cheer Tree will be in the sanctuary narthex through the month of November, decorated with tags of some specific items needed for the Cheer giveaway. Purchased items can be dropped off in the Donation Center's bin in the chapel narthex **on or before Sunday, November 24th**. You can also make financial donations to Fulton County Christmas Cheer by writing "MAM" on line 11 of your weekly offering envelope. Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping local families this Christmas season!

SERMON NOTES - "PERGAMUM: COMPROMISING"

Revelation 2:12-17 – Letter to the Church in Pergamum – “Compromising”

Addressee – “¹²To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:”

- ◆ An inland city, 65 miles north of Smyrna, 105 miles north of Ephesus
- ◆ Library of 200,000 volumes, four temples to Greek gods, three temples to the emperor

Speaker – “These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.”

- ◆ Revelation 1:16 – “...out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword.”
- ◆ Christ will use this sword against the Balaamites and Nicolaitans.

Knowledge – “¹³I know where you live -- where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city -- where Satan lives.”

- ◆ The Christians in P. live in a hostile and difficult place
- ◆ Where Satan lives – reference to P. as a center of worship of pagan gods, of idolatry
- ◆ To profess faith in Christ in such a city would provoke hostility
- ◆ Antipas, only mentioned in this verse, must have been martyred for his faith in Christ
- ◆ Satan works to undermine loyalty to Christ by persecution

Verdict – “¹⁴Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. ¹⁵ Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.”

- ◆ There is division in the church
- ◆ Balaam, a symbol of corruption, immorality and idolatry
- ◆ Too tolerant and accepting of false doctrines and immoral living (1 Corinthians 5:1-9)

Corrective Command – ¹⁶ Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

- ◆ 5 of the 7 churches are told to repent
- ◆ The church faces judgment (1 Peter 4:1), Jesus will confront with his Word

Exhortation and Promise – ¹⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

- ◆ Hidden manna, reference to the true bread from heaven (John 6:41)
- ◆ White stone, a symbol for the assurance of blessing
- ◆ New name, another assurance of a Christian’s heavenly home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Church Potluck** - The Fellowship Committee is hosting an all church potluck **TODAY**, Sunday, November 3rd after the late service. Come 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.
- ◆ **Provide a Meal** - If you would like to provide a meal for Bud, Tootie, Kevin and Dee Beck as they recover from recent injuries, please use the following link: <https://takethemameal.com/IRWX5563>
- ◆ **God Winks Devotional: Christmas Collection** - Is your God Winks booklet sitting at home collecting dust? If so, we ask that you bring it back to the church between now and Christmas so that we can distribute them to local medical waiting rooms, rehab facilities, dialysis centers, and cancer treatment centers. There is a collection basket in the sanctuary narthex where you can drop these off. We pray these booklets filled with our personal stories provide peace and comfort to others in need of a God Wink.
- ◆ **JYF Poinsettia Sale** - The JYF Poinsettia Fundraiser will begin this upcoming Thursday, November 7th! Flowers will be \$17 each in red, white, pink, or jingle bell (speckled). Reach out to one of our middle schoolers, JYF advisors, or call the church office to place your order. Flowers will be delivered in mid-December. Thank you for supporting our youth ministries!

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Nov 3 Make the Ask-----	Psalm 116, 117
Nov 4 Believing is Seeing -----	Mark 8:22-30
Nov 5 Public Shame, Public Glory-----	Mark 8:31-9:1
Nov 6 A Break in the Clouds-----	Mark 9:2-13
Nov 7 Learning the Hard Way-----	Mark 9:14-29
Nov 8 Ego Havoc -----	Mark 9:30-50
Nov 9 Hard-Hearted -----	Mark 10:1-12

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3RD 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)
	11:30AM	Church Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
Mon	2:30 PM	Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Archbold Area Schools (Parish Hall)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room) / SYF (Youth Room)
	7:45PM	Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thur	5:30PM	Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	7:00AM	Rest & Restoration Bible Study (Rest & Restore)
Sat	7:40AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Veteran’s Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00 PM	Seekers

TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) David Stuckey	(10:30) Praise Team
Lay Readers	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30)Avery Roth
Children’s Message	(Both) JoAnn Short	
Acolytes	(8:00) Dawson Martz	(10:30) Eyan Krukowski
Easy Worship	(Both) Brian Roth	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Kelly Ducey	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Nursery	(10:30) Brooke Lerma & Emily Hines	
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
Ushers	(10:30) Dave & Paige Miller, Toby Walker & Adam Swisher	

Praise Team: Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley and Bruce Wooley

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Kennedy Zagarella, six-year-old daughter of Andrew and Jamie, who had her pins removed from her elbow this past Tuesday and continues to make excellent progress on healing.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Jeff & Laura Bostelman, as Jeff goes through 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, treatment has been effective, awaiting a PET scan.

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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