

St. John's Christian Church

Easter Sunday Worship
Sunday, April 20th | 10:30 AM

700 South Defiance Street
Archbold, Ohio 43502



† Alleluia! He is Risen! †

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Risen 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



As we celebrate together this morning as one faith community, we welcome and rejoice in the blessed sound of children in our time of worship! Therefore, there is no staffed nursery care during the 10:30AM service today; however, parents are more than welcome to take any children who might get the jitters up to the pre-school room on the second-floor room labeled "Artisan's Tent." 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!



EASTER MORNING! CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." (Psalm 100:4)

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

"To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship." (Inscribed on the Bells)

Chancel Choir

"He Arose"

Easter Greeting

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Luke 24:1-12 (p. 1047)

† Easter Hymns

bulletin pages #6-7, "Every Morning is Easter Morning"
#216, "Christ Arose"***

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

Children's Message

Special Music

Adult Bell Choir

"Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Worship of God with Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Adult Bell Choir

"O How He Loves You and Me"

† The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn

#217, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"***

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (p. 1139)

Easter Message

"By the Grace of God"

† Easter Hymn

#220, "He Lives"***

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

#215, v. 1, "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

† Postlude

***With it being Easter, one member of the congregation had a hard time picking just one of their favorite Easter hymns! These three songs proclaim our Risen Savior and Lord! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 24:1-12 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them-- yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

MISSION-A-MONTH - FAIRLAWN

Fairlawn offers a full continuum of care on an active senior campus. As a faith-based, not-for-profit organization, Fairlawn depends on the generosity and support of friends and community. To learn more visit their website at <https://www.fairlawnarchbold.com/>. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry. You can give to Fairlawn by marking Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting "Fairlawn" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

EASTER FLOWERS

GIVEN BY:

Ken & Cathy Laub St. John's Giving Spirit

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:

Allie Walker	Ali Held Herman
Corey & Jocelyn Walker	Loved Ones
Richard Spiess	Cathy Spiess
Richard Spiess	Parents
Caitie Martinez	Janet Crowe
Gloria Lauber	Loved One
Rutledge Kids	Grandma Terry
Linda Rutledge	Loved Ones
Erich & Lynne Christman	Parents
Kent & Shiela Short	Parents
Dale & Ann Grime	Loved Ones
Branden & Lynne Ries	Grandparents Past
Todd & Jill Nafziger	Father, James Schmucker
Connie Bostelman	Husband
Suzette Nafziger	Daughter
Buffy Riley	Parents
James Grime	Loved Ones
Audrey Burkholder	Scott Burkholder
Rod & Joyce Kinsman	Loved Ones
Shawn & Jenna Stuckey	Loved Ones
Doug & Nancy Rupp	Loved Ones
Marilyn Baron	Mom, Dad, Husband, Son
Mary Ellen Johnson	Husband and Parents
Sue Steiner	Loved Ones
Betsy Redd	Jim Redd
Jon & Jan Lindsay	Parents and Brothers
Brad & Susie Enderle	Parents
Curt & Kay Stamm	Tara
Ben & Sue Buehrer	Loved Ones
Lenny & Jean Stamm	Loved Ones



Flowers are labeled and may be picked up from the base of the cross following 10:30 a.m. service.

126 Every Morning Is Easter Morning

Unison

Ev-'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing from now on!

Ev-'ry day's re-sur - rec-tion day, the past is o - ver and gone!

1 Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good rid-dance! Hel - lo, Lord, hel - lo, sun!
2 Dai - ly news is so bad it seems the Good News sel-dom gets heard.
3 Yes - ter-day I was bored and lone - ly; but to - day look and see!

D.C.
I am one of the Eas-ter Peo-ple! My new life has be-gun!
Get it straight from the Eas-ter Peo-ple! God's in charge spread the word!
I be-long to the Eas-ter Peo-ple! Life's ex-cit - ing to me!(to Coda)

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WORDS and MUSIC: Richard Avery (b. 1934) and Donald Marsh (b. 1923)

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WRIGHTSONG
Irregular

CODA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Volunteers Needed in Conjunction with the Building Project**
 - ◇ **April 21st - 8:00AM** - to be ready for the pew removal to begin mid-morning, we are looking for 5 people to arrive at 8:00AM to remove all of the pew Bibles, pew hymnals and pens/pads/envelopes from the pews and place them on carts for storage.
 - ◇ **April 24th - 4:00PM** (or possibly April 25th at 8:00AM) - to be ready for a funeral on the 26th and for worship on the 27th, we are in need of volunteers to sweep and vacuum the sanctuary and then move in chairs from storage.
 - ◇ **April 28th - 8:00AM** - to be ready for the work of the asbestos abatement company, we are in need of volunteers to remove all of the chairs, the piano, sound/projection system components and miscellaneous items.
- ♦ **Visitation/Service for Dianne Wyrick** - Visitation will be held in the St. John's Chapel Friday, **April 25th from 4:00PM-7:00PM**. The Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, **April 26th, at 11:00AM** in St. John's Sanctuary.
- ♦ **Salad donations** are needed for the Dianne Wyrick funeral luncheon on Sat. April 26th. We are asking for vegetable, fruit, pasta or lettuce salads. Please let the church office know by Thurs., April 24th at the latest and **have them to the church by 9:30AM on Sat. morning**.
- ♦ **Becoming a Member of SJCC** - Introduction and Orientation Sessions - SJCC invites people interested in becoming a member of the congregation to gather with Pastor Erich to explore the faith beliefs, history and ministries of the church, as well as the expectations of membership at SJCC. Sessions include three group gatherings and an individual gathering with each person, couple or family. Anyone interested in attending a gathering is asked to email Pastor Erich (pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org) and he will work to schedule future sessions.
- ♦ **Senior Citizen Luncheon at AHS-** Appreciation luncheon for area senior citizens in the Archbold High School Gymnasium on **Friday, April 25th, at 11:00AM**. Reservations were required.
- ♦ **Archbold FISH Pantry Community Open House** - Join us **Sunday, April 27th, 1:00PM-3:00PM** at 1309 S. Defiance Street. SEE - What your support does and can do. LEARN - More about what we do and how you can help. SHARE - Hotdogs, chips and cookies.
- ♦ **GIF Gals of St. John's Christian Church** - Ladies, go to your closets, find those poodle skirts and your penny loafers. You might need them for our next outing. On **April 30th** we are going back to school. We have lunch plans at the Four County Career Center "Four Star" restaurant. We will meet as a group in front of the school at 11:30AM. *You will need a photo ID to be admitted into the building.* **Please sign up early**, as all names need to be submitted to them by **Tomorrow, April 21st**. It sounds like an exciting time awaits us! (Our day needed to be changed to Wednesday instead of our usual Thursday because of scheduling at the school.)
- ♦ **Youth Breakfast:** On **Sunday, May 4th** at 9:15AM, the Christian Education and Fellowship Committees invite all 6th - 12th graders to a breakfast in the gym to wrap up the program year together! Please **RSVP by today** to the church office or by texting Jocelyn at 419-575-4218 .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Graduate Recognition:** On **Sunday, May 4th**, we will be recognizing all high school and college graduates during the 2024-2025 academic year during our 10:30AM service of worship. We invite you to be in prayer for these young people in our congregation as they prepare to start the next chapter of their lives!
- ◆ **Christian Education Recognition:** The Christian Education Committee invites all volunteers in our infant through adult Christian Education programs to attend either service of worship on **Sunday, May 4th**. The Committee and congregation would like to present you with a gift as thank you for your time and dedication to our St. John's family.
- ◆ **It's Upon Us! Burger Bash 2025, Sunday, May 4th** at Ruihley Park Pavilion. From **11:00AM-1:00PM**, serving Brookview burgers and sides for a free-will donation. The International umbrella is Growing Hope Globally, an ecumenical mission outreach our local cattle feeders have supported for decades to fund hands-on help to people around the world with limited resources. Hope you'll bring a friend and join us!
- ◆ **St. Martin's Concert Series** is proud to present the **Bowling Green State University Collegiate Chorale on Sunday, May 4th @ 3:00PM**. One of 5 curricular choirs from the Bowling Green State University College of Musical Arts, the Collegiate Chorale is the university's flagship choral ensemble. Members study and perform a wide range of repertoire that spans the Renaissance period to the modern era. The ensemble's mission is to engage audiences with authentic and conscientious performances with this varied repertoire. Members of the ensemble seek to connect with listeners and each other intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. The Collegiate Chorale has produced a variety of CDs and has made numerous appearances at ACDA and OMEA conferences. The group also tours annually, taking them to locations throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Recent domestic tours have included visits to New York City, Chicago, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, and Boston.
- ◆ **Sunday Lunch with the Pastor** - Want to know more about the theology and current ministries of St. John's Christian Church? Then this time of lunch and conversation is for you! Pastor Erich and Lynne will host the lunch in the Fireside Room following the 10:30AM service on **Sunday, May 11th**. It will be an informal time of getting acquainted with each other and with the church. People interested in attending are asked to: 1) speak with Pastor Erich, 2) text him (419-551-0401), 3) email (pastorerich@stjohnsarchbold.org).
- ◆ **Attention Golfers of all ages and levels.** Join us on **May 17th, 2025** for the **Shalom Golf Scramble** benefit at Ironwood Golf Course, Wauseon, OH at 8:00AM, shotgun start. REGISTRATION is OPEN! Look for a fun day of golfing with friends and/or family for a good cause. Four person team: \$300; Individual golfers: \$75. No worries if you don't golf, additional sponsorships available at various levels. Registration Deadline: May 10th - 26 team limit - register now! For details, contact Lora at Shalom 419-445-1552 or email LRipke@shalomworks.org.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist: Buffy Riley Song Leader: Andrew Rohrs
Lay Reader: Aimee Roth Acolyte: Eyan Krukowski
Sound Tech: James Grime Easy Worship: Tom Hines
Live Stream: Cayla Swisher Head Usher: Greg Walker
Ushers: Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Steve & Debbie Russell
Trumpets – Matt Hines, Andrew Rohrs, Anna Yoder
Hand Bells – Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, Lynne Christman, Ryan Christman, Matt Hines,
Gloria Lauber, Lynne Ries, Aimee Roth, Darlene Steiner, David Stuckey, Cayla Swisher;
Buffy Riley, Director
Bulletin Cover: Emma Krukowski



DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- Apr 20 Seeing What’s Not There-----John 20:1-10
Apr 21 Starting Over-----John 20:11-18
Apr 22 New Peace, New Purpose-----John 20:19-23
Apr 23 Seeing Through Scars----- John 20:24-31
Apr 24 Anyone for Breakfast?-----John 21:1-14
Apr 25 Going Back To Go On----- John 21:15-19
Apr 26 Living for Legacy----- John 21:20-25

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

Sun	Easter Sunday	
	6:30AM	Life Planning prepares Easter Breakfast
	7:00AM	Easter Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary (SYF leading)
	8:00AM	Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall (Life Planning hosting)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	8:45AM	Kids Easter Egg Hunt in the Chapel (JYF hosting)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Easter Morning Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	4:15PM	Budget & Stewardship Committee (Chapel)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (PEACE Mennonite)
	7:00PM	4-H Country Side Clovers (Gym)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / 6 th & 7 th Grade Confirmation (Gym)
	6:00PM	8 th Grade Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	7:00PM	JYF (Fireside Room) / SYF (Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
Fri	4:00PM	Wyrick Visitation (Chapel)
Sat	11:00AM	Wyrick Celebration of Life Service (Sanctuary)
	12:00PM	Wyrick Lucheon (Parish Hall)
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)
	12:00PM	Parish Hall and Kitchen Reserved
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's)

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, will start a new medicine at the end of the school year with hopes that it begins to shrink the cancer in her back.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, daughter of Craig, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day. She goes to Cleveland Clinic every 6 months for scans & infusion treatment.
- ◆ Todd & Ruthann Buehrer, brother of Ben, the stem cell transplant went well. Todd is home, and his health is very good.
- ◆ Stuart & Rhonda Short, as he continues through treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Linda Hayes, 500 Haven Drive., Apt. 104, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ M. – Praise God for 3 months here! Pray that I may be able to understand and communicate clearly with a friend. Pray for my long term visa, that I would receive it in a timely manner and without complications. Pray for an upcoming trip in to a village outside the city. Pray that it would be a restful time. Pray for a teachers training that I am helping to put on along with another colleague. Pray the teachers would feel encouraged and equipped.
- ◆ Eliot Nofziger (YFC) – pray for 7th & 8th grade students forming small groups in Archbold, students mental health, for the Holy Spirit's wisdom in guiding leaders in loving difficult youth, for Eliot as he steps into an added role – development director.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ 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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