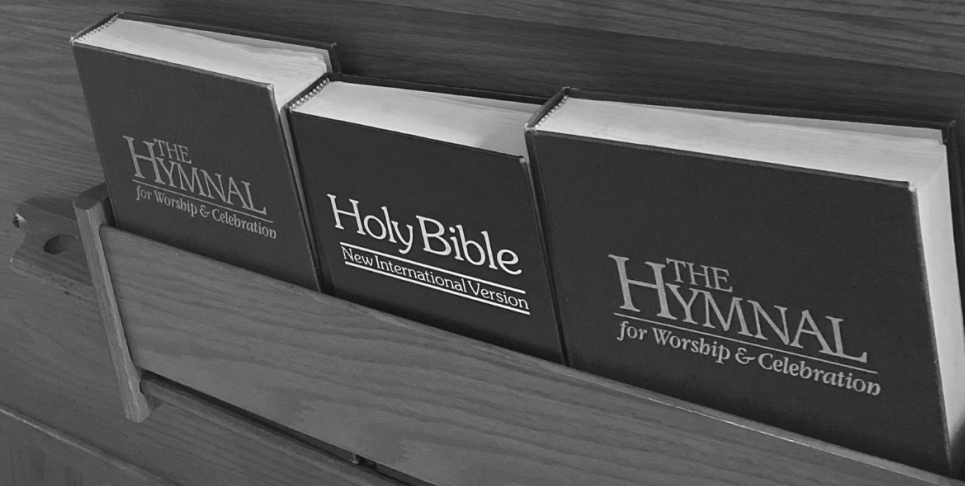




June 15, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

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/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school in the second floor room labeled "Artisan's Tent." 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. Diaper changing stations are located in the office of the Director of Youth and Young Adults and in the Artisan's Tent. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!



Children's Busy Bags are located in the gym 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 chapel 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!

FATHER’S DAY

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)

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Acts 13:32-37

Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

“A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

† Hymns of Praise

pg. 6, “O Happy Day!”

pg. 7, “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Father’s Day Tribute

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

Special Music

Andrew & Harrison Rohrs, Trumpets

“Hymn Medley”

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-11

Sermon

“The God of Miracles: Baptized in the Desert”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Jesus Loves Me Medley”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

pg. 8, “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

pg. 9, (v. 3) “Redeemed”

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 13:32-37 "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: "'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' ³⁴ The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: "'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.' ³⁵ So it is stated elsewhere: "'You will not let your Holy One see decay.' ³⁶"For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. ³⁷ But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

Mark 1:1-11 The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" -- ³ "a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" ⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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

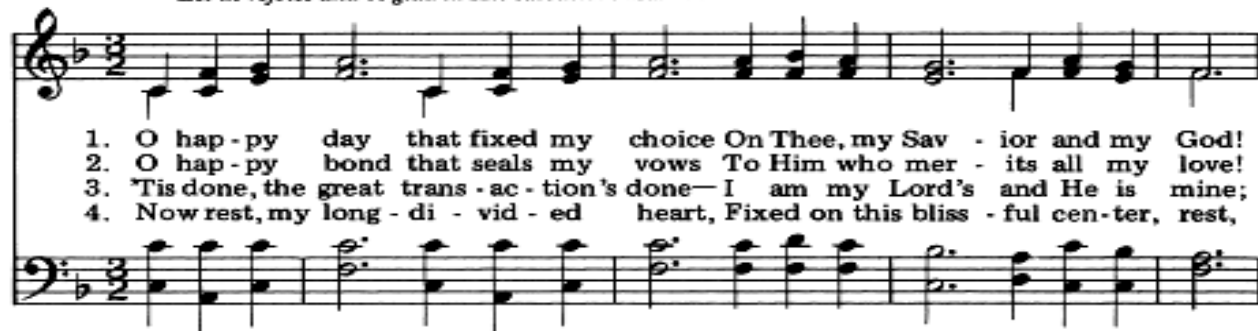
- June 15 Perfumed Prayers----- Psalm 141
- June 16 Who Do You Think You Are? ----- Genesis 12:1-9
- June 17 Instant Jeopardy----- Genesis 12:10-20
- June 18 Back and Beyond----- Genesis 13
- June 19 Involved But Not Embroiled----- Genesis 14
- June 20 Let’s Get Serious----- Genesis 15
- June 21 Tired of Waiting----- Genesis 16

SERMON NOTES “THE GOD OF MIRACLES: BAPTIZED IN THE DESERT”

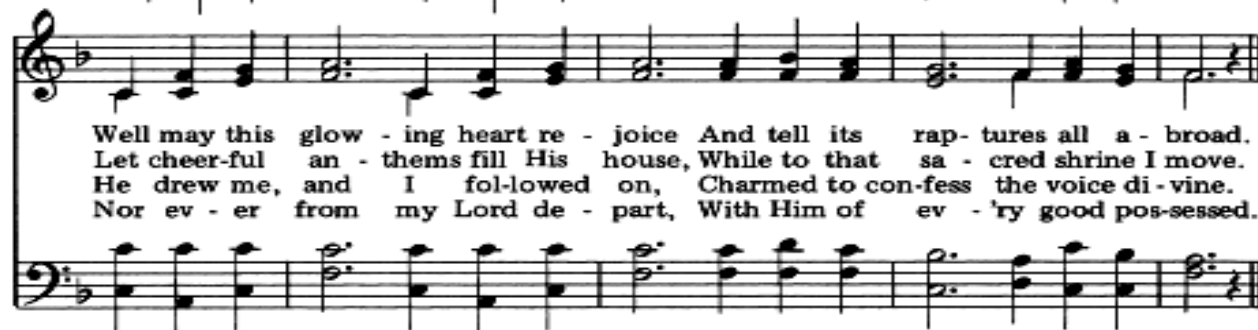
- ◆ Mark, the author
 - ◇ The gospel is anonymous, church tradition associates it with John Mark of the NT.
 - ◇ Associated with Peter, Peter’s interpreter, writing what he learned from Peter.
 - ◇ Acts 12:12 – After Peter’s escape from prison, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, also called Mark; Acts 12:25 – accompanied Barnabas and Saul when they returned to Antioch, a cousin of Barnabas; Acts 13:5 – a helper to Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey; Acts 13:13 – returned to Jerusalem; Acts 15:36...Paul refused to have Mark accompany him since he had left them
 - ◇ Gospel written between 64 and 70 A.D., after the death of Peter.
 - ◇ No genealogy, no birth narrative; a focus on the sufferings of Jesus – maybe to prepare people for suffering – with a focus on the cross, and discipleship; highlighting salvation through Jesus Christ.
 - ◇ Acts 10:37 – Peter began his speech by citing the baptism John preached.
- ◆ Beginning – A new beginning in which God reveals the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Exodus 23:20 – Mark 1:2a – A messenger, to guard the way.
- ◆ Connection with the Old Testament – Exodus 23:20, Malachi 3:1, Isaiah 40:3 – true understanding of the ministry of Jesus must be grounded in the Old Testament.
- ◆ John the Baptist
 - ◇ Desert region – West of the Dead Sea, uninhabited, open, wild, arid territory.
 - ◇ Qumran sect – An influence on his ascetic life and stern discipline.
 - ◇ A baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin, repentance was occurring – a deliberate change, deliberate turning.
 - ◇ John’s preaching aroused interest and caused a great stir.
 - ◇ 20 miles between Jerusalem and the Jordan River, and about 4,000 feet above it – not an easy hike from the city to the river, and back, to listen to John.
 - ◇ Open confession of sin, then baptism occurred.
- ◆ Vs 7-8 – A brief message, a focus on the Mighty One, bringing a purging, purifying, judging baptism through the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Vs 9-11
 - ◇ To fulfill all righteousness – referring to God’s plan and purpose for Jesus.
 - ◇ Jesus, from the beginning of his ministry, identifies with people and their sin.
 - ◇ 2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 - ◇ A cosmic event, an anointing of Jesus for ministry (Luke 4:18) – making very, very clear who Jesus is – the Son of God.

532 O Happy Day!

Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation. Isa. 25:9

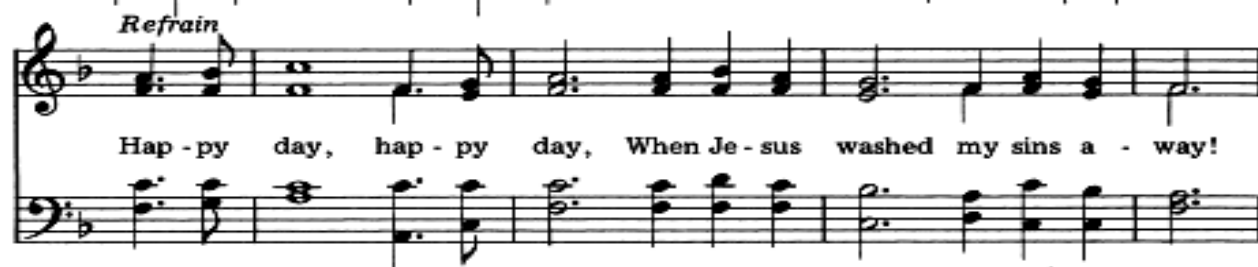


1. O hap - py day that fixed my choice On Thee, my Sav - ior and my God!
 2. O hap - py bond that seals my vows To Him who mer - its all my love!
 3. 'Tis done, the great trans - ac - tion's done—I am my Lord's and He is mine;
 4. Now rest, my long - di - vid - ed heart, Fixed on this bliss - ful cen - ter, rest,

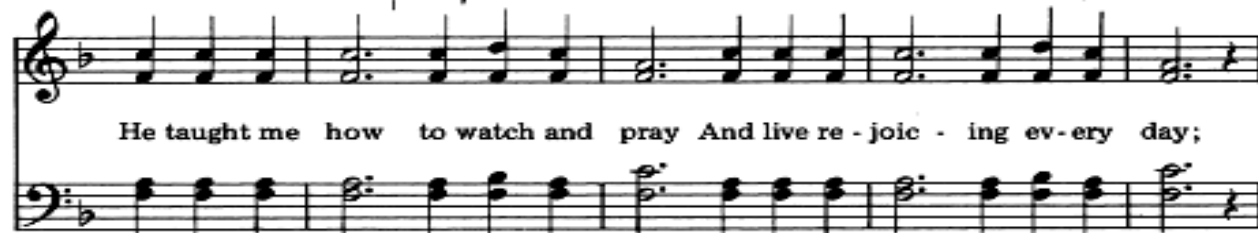


Well may this glow - ing heart re - joice And tell its rap - tures all a - broad.
 Let cheer - ful an - thems fill His house, While to that sa - cred shrine I move.
 He drew me, and I fol - lowed on, Charmed to con - fess the voice di - vine.
 Nor ev - er from my Lord de - part, With Him of ev - 'ry good pos - sessed.

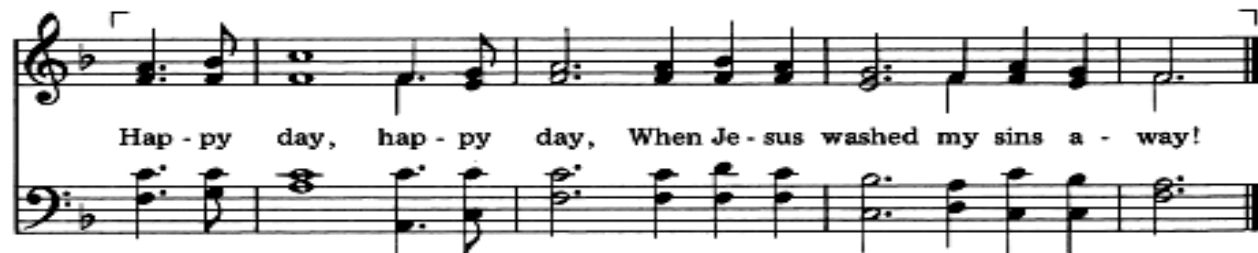
Refrain



Hap - py day, hap - py day, When Je - sus washed my sins a - way!



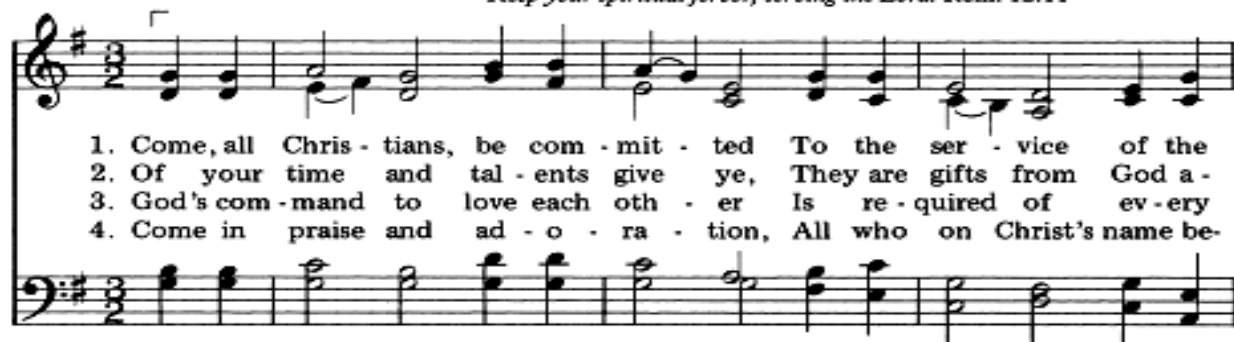
He taught me how to watch and pray And live re - joic - ing ev - ery day;



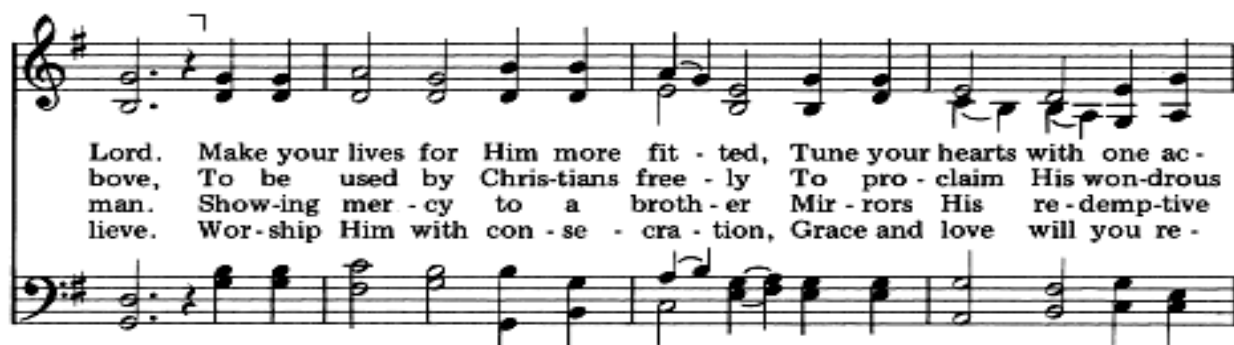
Hap - py day, hap - py day, When Je - sus washed my sins a - way!

Come, All Christians, Be Committed 455

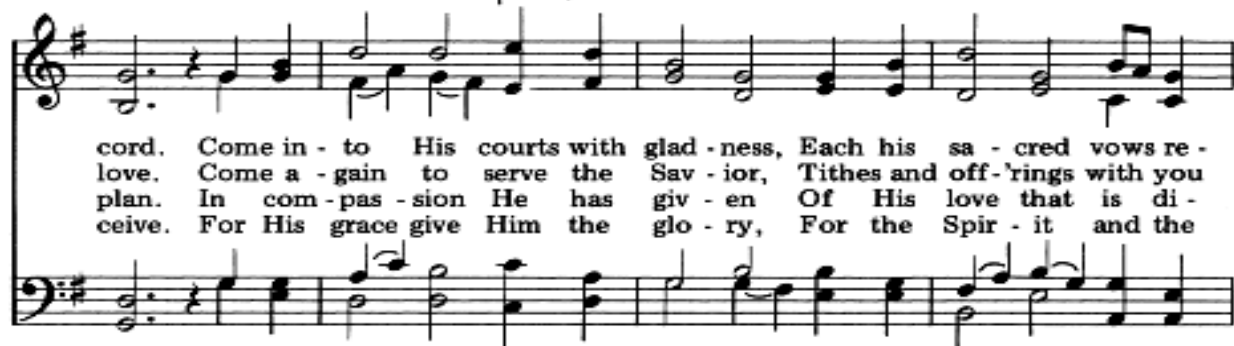
Keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Rom. 12:11



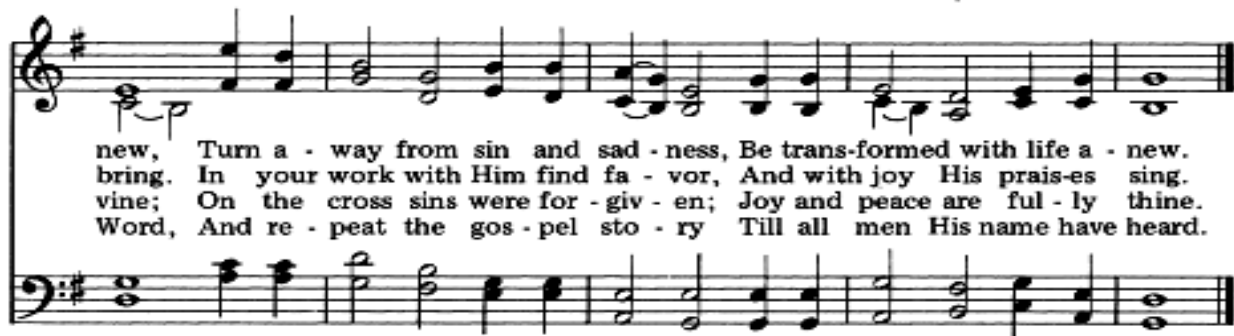
1. Come, all Chris - tians, be com - mit - ted To the ser - vice of the
2. Of your time and tal - ents give ye, They are gifts from God a -
3. God's com - mand to love each oth - er Is re - quired of ev - ery
4. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, All who on Christ's name be -



Lord. Make your lives for Him more fit - ted, Tune your hearts with one ac -
bove, To be used by Chris - tians free - ly, To pro - claim His won - drous
man. Show - ing mer - cy to a broth - er Mir - rors His re - demp - tive
lieve. Wor - ship Him with con - se - cra - tion, Grace and love will you re -



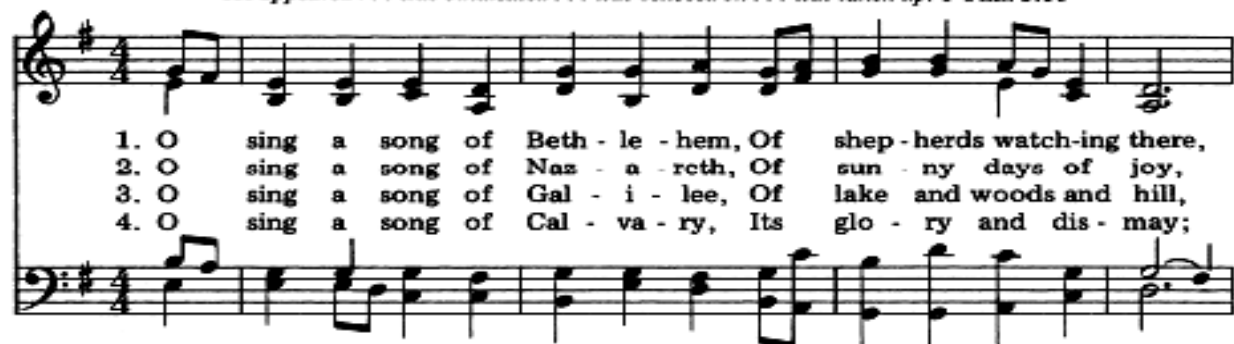
cord. Come in - to His courts with glad - ness, Each his sa - cred vows re -
love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, Tithes and off - 'rings with you
plan. In com - pas - sion He has giv - en Of His love that is di -
ceive. For His grace give Him the glo - ry, For the Spir - it and the



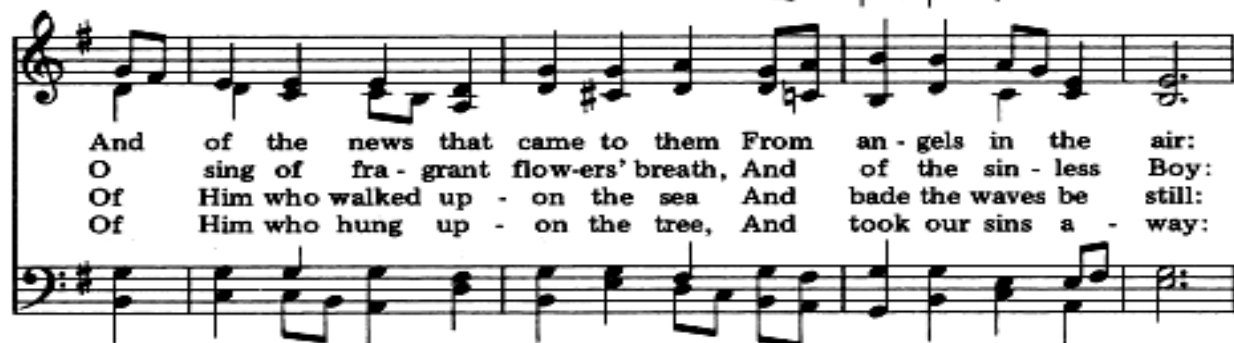
new, Turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, Be trans - formed with life a - new.
bring. In your work with Him find fa - vor, And with joy His prais - es sing.
vine; On the cross sins were for - giv - en; Joy and peace are ful - ly thine.
Word, And re - peat the gos - pel sto - ry Till all men His name have heard.

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem 167

He appeared . . . was vindicated . . . was believed on . . . was taken up. 1 Tim. 3:16



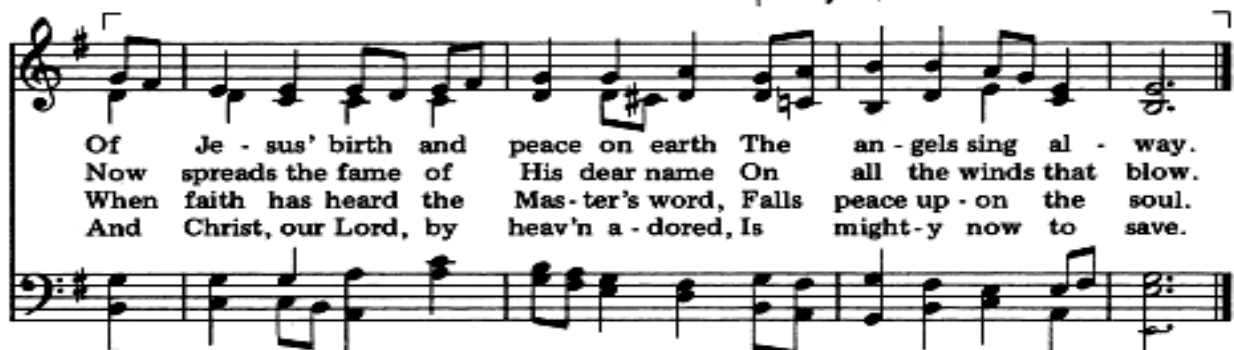
1. O sing a song of Beth - le - hem, Of shep - herds watch - ing there,
 2. O sing a song of Naz - a - reth, Of sun - ny days of joy,
 3. O sing a song of Gal - i - lee, Of lake and woods and hill,
 4. O sing a song of Cal - va - ry, Its glo - ry and dis - may;



And of the news that came to them From an - gels in the air:
 O sing of fra - grant flow - ers' breath, And of the sin - less Boy:
 Of Him who walked up - on the sea And bade the waves be still:
 Of Him who hung up - on the tree, And took our sins a - way:



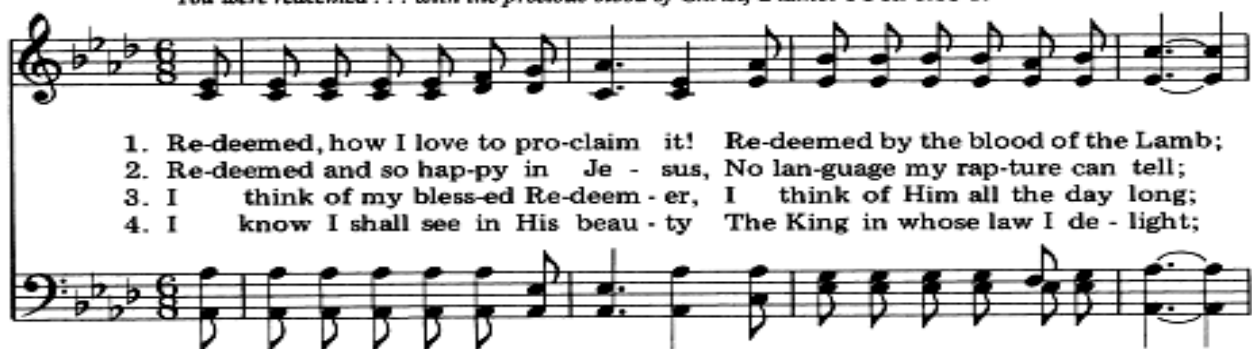
The light that shone on Beth - le - hem Fills all the world to - day;
 For now the flowers on Naz - a - reth In ev - ery heart may grow;
 For though like waves on Gal - i - lee, Dark seas of trou - ble roll,
 For He who died on Cal - va - ry Is ris - en from the grave,



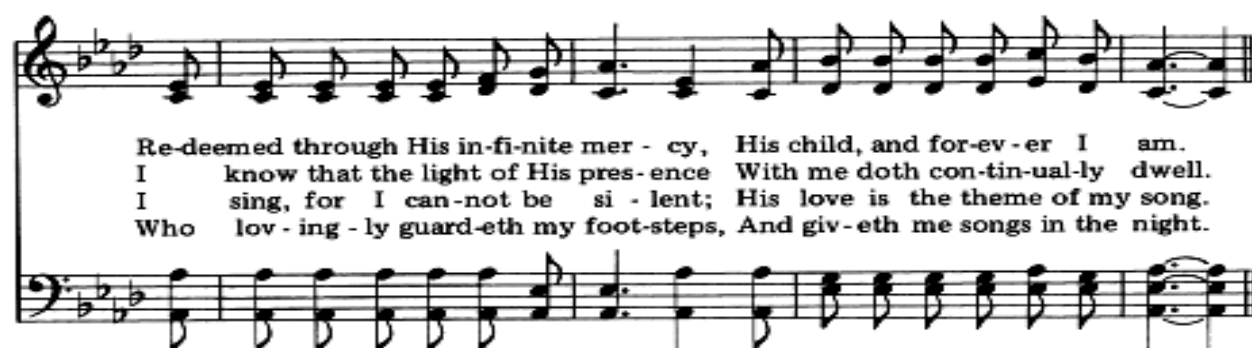
Of Je - sus' birth and peace on earth The an - gels sing al - way.
 Now spreads the fame of His dear name On all the winds that blow.
 When faith has heard the Mas - ter's word, Falls peace up - on the soul.
 And Christ, our Lord, by heav'n a - dored, Is might - y now to save.

521 Redeemed

You were redeemed . . . with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb. 1 Pet. 1:18-19



1. Re-deemed, how I love to pro-claim it! Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 2. Re-deemed and so hap-py in Je - sus, No lan-guage my rap-ture can tell;
 3. I think of my bless-ed Re-deem - er, I think of Him all the day long;
 4. I know I shall see in His beau - ty The King in whose law I de - light;



Re-deemed through His in-fi-nite mer - cy, His child, and for-ev - er I am.
 I know that the light of His pres-ence With me doth con-tin-ual-ly dwell.
 I sing, for I can-not be si - lent; His love is the theme of my song.
 Who lov - ing - ly guard-eth my foot-steps, And giv-eth me songs in the night.

Refrain



Re - deemed, re - deemed, Re - deemed by the blood of the Lamb;
 re-deemed, re-deemed,



Re - deemed, re - deemed, His child, and for-ev - er, I am.
 re-deemed, re-deemed,

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JUNE 12, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	175,427.58
Total Expenses	\$	173,295.29
Net Operating Balance	\$	2,132.29

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	75,999.40
Total Disbursements	\$	62,108.19
Net Mission Balance	\$	13,891.21

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	1,731,059.81	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	2,417.46	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	(10,488.91)	
Expenses to Date	\$	934,093.85	
Total	\$	2,657,082.21	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	99,917.79
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 6/12/2025		\$	96,845.21

MISSION-A-MONTH - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - FULTON COUNTY

Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio (HFHFCO) builds and repairs homes in Fulton County, Ohio for people who need affordable housing and have little or no means to better their circumstances through conventional avenues. We partner with people who are willing to work for what they need, giving a hand up, never a hand out. Each project requires pay back of the project price (determined through set standards). These payments are affordable because no interest is charged. Project costs are kept low through donations and volunteer labor from those in our communities. Principal payments from partner-homeowners are used to fund the mission, but isn't enough so we rely on donations, fundraisers and grants. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry. You can give to HFHFCO by marking Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting "HFHFCO" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **ATTENTION! If you are under the age of 150, this is for you!** LIFT (Living In Faith Together) This is a unique Summer Sunday School experience! It is an INTERGENERATIONAL Class. If you are not already committed to a Sunday School Class, come be a part of this one. Each session encourages a time to break bread, study God's Word, pray, and even play! Sessions run until July 20th (with a week off on July 6th), beginning at 9:15 in the gym. This cannot work without you! We need all generations involved!
- ◆ **Volunteers Needed!** Clearing/Organizing the Storage Building - Throughout the five months of the building project many items have been moved to the storage building and it is time to clear some things out! We are looking to set up for a silent auction as well as organize items that will be kept and returned to the building after the project is complete. If you could help on **Saturday, June 21st**, starting at 8AM or 9AM, please let the church office know! Thanks.
- ◆ **The annual summer mission trip** to LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity in northern Indiana leaves tomorrow morning at 7AM from the church and, after four and a half days of home construction work, will return to Archbold late Friday afternoon.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Welcome to summer at last! Hope everyone has enjoyed the adventures and Fellowship the GIF Gals have had so far in 2025. Well, hang onto your hat (make that your cowboy hat) because the GIF Gals are moving on to Winchester's Restaurant on **Thursday, June 26th**. For directions, take St. Rt. 20A through Wauseon to St. Rt. 109. Turn north (left) and continue on 109 until you see a gas station on your right. The restaurant will be in the back. Be sure to dodge the prairie dog holes (potholes) in the driveway. Wander over anytime between 11AM and 11:30AM. We look forward to seeing you at the bunkhouse. There is a sign up sheet for your scrawl on the wandering bulletin board.
- ◆ **CPC Women's Health Resource** - Project Respect's 15th Annual Golf Outing is quickly approaching. The event will include 18 Holes of golf, cart, lunch, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, and more! All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Project Respect, a non-profit character education program of CPC Women's Health Resource. We envision a community of young people who STAND UP against social pressures and STAND OUT as people of character. We serve students in 6 counties including Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, and Williams. For more information, visit www.projectrespectnwo.org.

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF JUNE 12, 2025

Phase One

- ◆ New Restrooms – Final work details continue to be accomplished – all toilets, urinals, countertops, sinks, mirrors, and lights have been installed, door frames were installed on Thursday, and stall partitions should be in this next week.
- ◆ Elevator – Interior shaft drywall has been installed up into the attic, with some stub walls to be added on the interior hallway side of both floors is next on the list.
- ◆ Walls for the custodial rooms on both the first and second floors, walls for the pre-school restroom, and walls for the second floor restroom are being laid out.
- ◆ Plumbing/HVAC – Water connections have been made to the restrooms and holes in the exterior walls will soon be cut in order to run air vent lines to the outside; some of the exterior A/C units have been set on the concrete pads, and the two large air handlers have been set into place.
- ◆ New Electric Service – Awaiting the installation of the transformer from Toledo Edison.

Phase Two – Sanctuary

- ◆ The electricians continue with running electric and tech system wiring. The new overhead pendent lines are due to arrive this next week.
- ◆ The pew company believes they could start installing the refinished pews the week of July 14.
- ◆ Installation of the vinyl flooring under the pews is being scheduled, then pews will be set, and carpet installation to follow

Additional Work

- ◆ Replacement of the concrete at the west entrance of the church was started on Thursday.
- ◆ The staining and finishing of oak doors and trim has been started.
- ◆ Final quotes are being received for the coffee bar, which will be located in the parlor.
- ◆ The storage building is being organized and cleared out, preparing for an upcoming silent auction, or two, in which people of the congregation may bid on items no longer needed. Such items include: sanctuary pews, sanctuary lights, cabinets, various items of furniture, etc.

WEEK OF JUNE 15TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

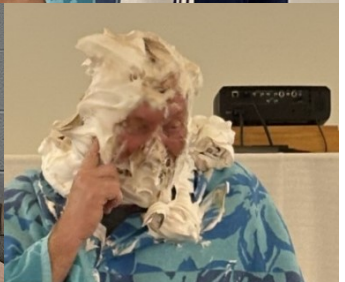
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Short's Pond)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
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Participating in the summer mission trip to La Porte County Habitat for Humanity, in La Porte, Indiana, will be Pastor Erich, Kelly Ducey, Jim Grieser, Joshua Reeb, Darlene Steiner, Andrew & Jamie Zagarella, and on Tuesday Betsy Ducey, Richard Spiess and Greg Walker. Pastor Erich will be reachable by his cell (419-551-0401).

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	Andrew Rohrs	Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge
(10:30) Easy Worship	Tom Hines	(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ollie MacDonald	Nursery Assistants	Eric & Anna Yoder
(8:00) Usher	Jim Grieser	(10:30) Head Usher	Greg Walker
(10:30) Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Tom & Laura Johnson		

Worship Techs and Leaders Being Sought - Would you be interested in serving as a Sound, Easy Worship or Live Stream Tech for our Sunday morning services? What about serving as a worship leader, lay reader, or providing a Children's Moment? If intrigued, please contact Pastor Erich.





PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ♦ Jeremy & Angela Mann upon the birth of their daughter, Roselyn Eileen, born on Sunday, June 8th, weighing 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 18 inches in length. Grandparents Gary & Teresa Mann and Jack & Sherry Schurman of DeMontte, IN.
- ♦ Braden Martinez had surgery on May 20th at FCHC to repair damage to the patellar tendons and the lateral and medial ligaments in each knee. He will be recovering at home and will be non-weight bearing for at least six weeks.
- ♦ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, is home and continues to receive nutrition treatment.
- ♦ Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day. She goes to Cleveland Clinic every six months for scans and infusion treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ♦ Marilyn Baron, Fulton Manor, 725 S. Shoop Ave, Wauseon 43567
- ♦ Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 232, Archbold, 43502
- ♦ Charlene Lafontaine, 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 that 2 out of the 3 steps for my visa extension are done! Praise for the completed teacher training. Praise for completing first language assessment. Pray for the fruit of the Spirit I don't always have - patience! Please pray that people here would see their deep need for God.
- ♦ T&M – praying for their daughter's arthritis health issue, for a boat (ferry) project they are working on, for a group of believers to form on one of the islands where a local sister is leading, for a new team of workers serving on one of the small islands.

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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