



Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:00am & 10:30am

St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ"

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 at the south stairs. 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 nursery. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!



Children's Busy Bags are located in the 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.

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the narthex.

Hearing Assistance devices are available for use with the sanctuary sound system. Please see an usher if you'd like to check out one of these devices for our service today.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

"A CORNUCOPIA OF THANKSGIVING"

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

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 100 (A psalm for giving thanks) (p. 593)

Opening Song

bulletin pg. 5, "He Has Made Me Glad"

Origins of Thanksgiving ~ A Church Perspective

† Hymns of Thanksgiving

#560, "For the Beauty of the Earth"

#556, "Now Thank We All Our God"

bulletin pg. 6-7, "Shout to the Lord"

(10:30) LOGOS Hand Bell Choir

"Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Message

(10:30) LOGOS Hand Bell Choir

"J-O-Y"

Jesus and others and you

What a wonderful way to spell 'Joy'

Jesus and others and you

In the life of each girl and each boy

J is for Jesus for He has first place

O is for others you meet face to face

Y is for you in whatever you do

Put yourself third and spell 'JOY'

Expressions of Thanksgiving ~ Sharing Reminders & Sharing Nourishment

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

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:15-17 (p. 1167), 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (p. 1171)

† Song of Thanksgiving #559, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Sermon "Give Thanks"

Prayer of Dedication and Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Second Offering for Our Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

† Closing Hymn #563, "Count Your Blessings"

† Spoken Benediction

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 100:1-5 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. ² Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵ For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Colossians 3:15-17 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Thessalonians 5:16-18 Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

He Has Made Me Glad

Words and Music by
Leona Von Brethorst

VERSE

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I will en - ter His gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart; I will

en - ter His courts with praise. I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!" I

will re - joice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I

1 2

11 Em7 A7 G/A A7 D A7/E D/F# Em7 A7 G/A A7 D

will re - joice for He has made me glad. will re - joice for He has made me glad.

Shout To The Lord

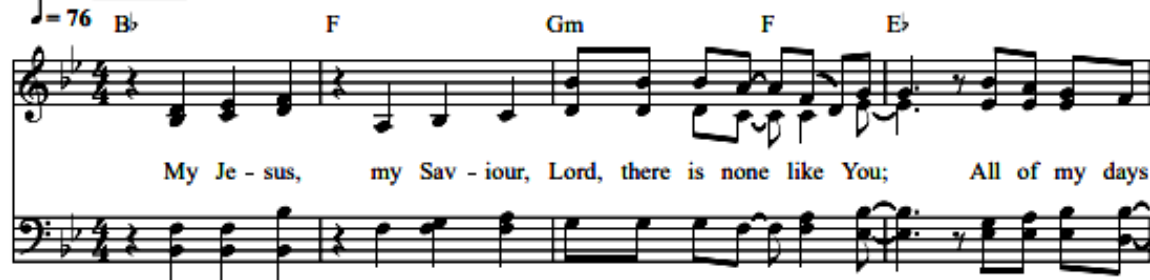
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Words and Music by
Darlene Zschech

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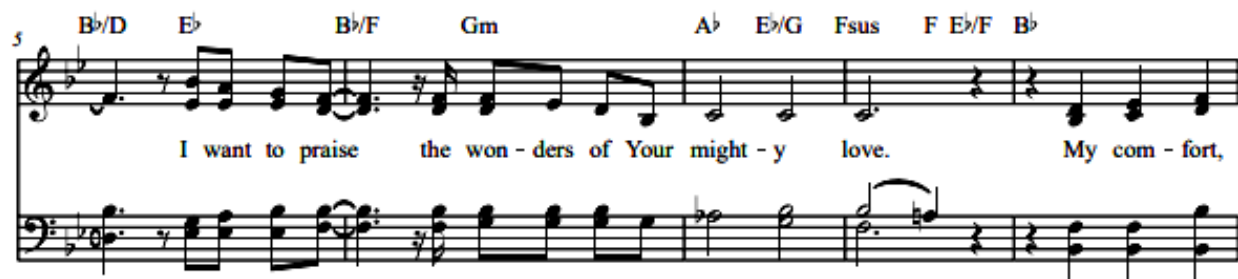
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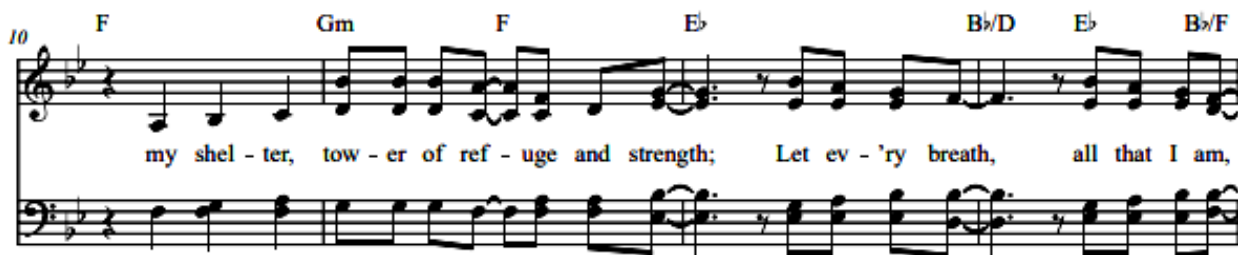
My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none like You; All of my days

5 B \flat /D E \flat B \flat /F Gm A \flat E \flat /G Fsus F E \flat /F B \flat



I want to praise the won - ders of Your might - y love. My com - fort,

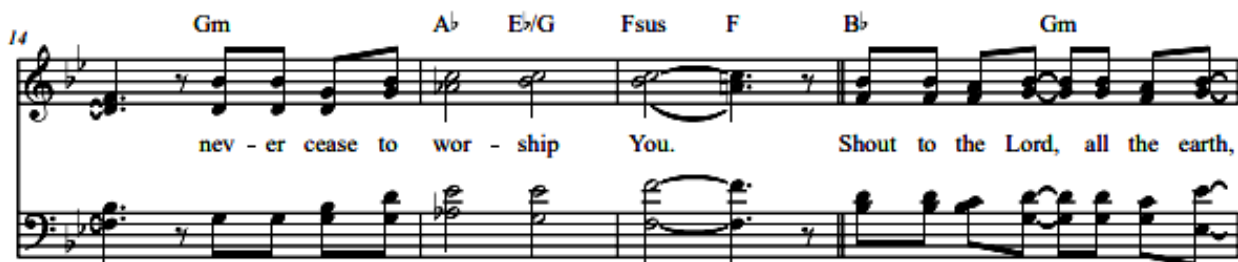
10 F Gm F E \flat B \flat /D E \flat B \flat /F



my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength; Let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am,

CHORUS

14 Gm A \flat E \flat /G Fsus F B \flat Gm



nev - er cease to wor - ship You. Shout to the Lord, all the earth,

18 E \flat E \flat /F F B \flat Gm E \flat Fsus F

let us sing. Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King.

21 Gm E \flat F Gm F/A

Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.

25 B \flat Gm E \flat E \flat /F F B \flat Gm E \flat Fsus F

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, for - ev - er I'll love You, for - ev - er I'll stand,

29 Gm E \flat E \flat /F F B \flat

noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in You.

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Punch List

- ◆ “Punch List” is the term given to a list of items of concern that need to be addressed before the project can be considered finished. The building committee has walked all areas of the project to create such a list, which will then be reviewed with the general contractor and architects on December 1st.

Building Access

- ◆ The last three entrance doors were replaced this week, with temporary closers and latches. The installation of the automatic actuators hit some snags and the company is working on corrections.
- ◆ An alternative design for the south has been approved and the contractor is working his schedule around to start the ramp construction.

South Restrooms

- ◆ The diaper changing stations still need to be installed, and step stools for children to reach the sinks are on order.
- ◆ The new drinking fountain, with bottle filler, has been installed and is ready for use.

Sanctuary

- ◆ A monitor for the balcony is in the works, and outlet box covers, some sound system wiring at the front, some touch up painting, carpet for the pulpit steps, and the like, still need finished.

Other areas:

- ◆ Elevator – the general contractor and the elevator company are addressing the tariff. The phone connection for the elevator was made this past week and we await testing and inspection of the elevator.
- ◆ HVAC – The two new boilers are in the inspection process by the state. Screen fencing will be installed around the exterior a/c units at the carport and south porch.
- ◆ First Floor
 - ◇ One area of drywall still needs to be finished. Painters were on site this past week to prime and paint.
 - ◇ The flooring crew installed remaining flooring through the first floor and are working on the wall cove base installation.
 - ◇ There is still ceiling grid work to do in the part-time staff office, parlor and preschool room.
- ◆ Second Floor – The junior high youth room still needs ceiling tile, painting and flooring. Wall/floor base molding is being installed. Ceiling grid and tiles need to be installed in the south stairwell.
- ◆ Being addressed: parlor coffee bar, coat racks; storage units in custodian rooms, church office, preschool room, and the balcony; furniture needs; landscaping; paraments (altar, lectern and pulpit cloths); room signage; stained glass repair; security system; parlor window treatments; hallway décor; and a few other odds and ends.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	326,076.99
Total Expenses	\$	343,474.65
Net Operating Balance	\$	(17,397.66)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	140,641.49
Total Disbursements	\$	120,904.47
Net Mission Balance	\$	19,737.02

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$	2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	597,146.85	
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	6,649.50	
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	99,466.99	
Expenses to Date	\$	2,048,805.76	
Total	\$	2,752,069.10	
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	\$	4,930.90
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	\$	196,763.00
Change from 2/2/25 to 11/20/2025		\$	191,832.10

MISSION-A-MONTH - FULTON COUNTY CHRISTMAS CHEER

Fulton County Christmas Cheer is the one organization that unites the entire county in serving our needy. Thanks to generous donations from area churches, organizations, and community members, families in need have the ability to "shop" for free items ahead of the holiday season, including essential items such as toilet tissue, detergent, cleaning needs, etc., and other items such as toys and gift cards. St. John's participates each year with the Cheer Tree, which is decorated with tags indicating specific items in need from Cheer. Gifts can be placed in the white donation box outside the chapel to be taken to the Cheer center for distribution on December 8th. To learn more about this local initiative, visit fultoncountychristmascheer.org. You can financially give to Fulton County Christmas Cheer by filling out line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting it in the drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **JYF Poinsettia Sale** - It's that time of the year! Proceeds support the Junior Youth Fellowship program at St. John's for 6th - 8th graders. Please see one of our JYF youth or visit the wandering bulletin board to place your order. Flowers are \$18 each and will be ready in mid-December. Thank you for your support of our youth programs! Orders need to be in by next Sunday, Nov. 30th.
- ♦ **Advent & Christmas Decorating - TODAY, November 23rd at 1:30PM.** We are looking for new faces to join our team of volunteers who decorate the church building for the Advent and Christmas seasons! Decking the halls is a meaningful gift of your time to the Lord and to all people who attend St. John's through the holidays! We have great volunteers, but have lost a few in recent years. The strain of less help has made the task harder. Many hands make light work!
- ♦ **Christmas Cheer Tags** - Our Christmas Cheer Trees filled with paper ornament tags are located near the Chapel and the Church Office. As you leave church in the coming weeks, consider picking out one or more tags off the tree. Shop for the things on the tags you've chosen and bring the items **back here to the Church by Sunday, December 7th**. The donations we collect will be delivered to the Fulton County Fairgrounds on Monday morning, December 8th.
- ♦ **Advent Season Worship** - The Advent season will begin on Sunday, November 30th this year. With the various plans for each week's service, and to have the Advent wreath and Nativity stable viewable by everyone, Pastor Erich would like to have the 8:00AM services held in the sanctuary through the Advent season.
- ♦ **St. John's Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner - December 4th at 5:30 PM.** Final count was needed by November 16th.
- ♦ **Siberian Solstice 2025** – Coming to SJCC **Saturday, December 6th, at 7:00PM.** Twelve Performers, Exciting Light Show, Video, Narrated Story. No tickets needed, free-will donation. Bring your friends, spread the word and come enjoy a wonderful evening of music.
- ♦ **Area Parents Night Out** - Calling all parents of 4 through 12-year-olds! Enjoy a winter date night or finish up your Christmas tasks while we handle the childcare on **Saturday, December 13th** from 6:00PM - 8:30PM at the Outback Youth Center! Kids will enjoy games, friends, and faith-filled activities in a caring environment. Spots are limited so please register today using the QR code below.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED:

- ◆ **Area Parents Night Out - Volunteers Needed** - We are partnering with St. Martin's Lutheran Church for the Area Parents Night Out on Saturday, December 13th from 6:00PM - 8:30PM and are looking for 2-3 volunteers who would be willing to represent St. John's for the evening. Volunteers will help lead games and faith-based activities with the kids for the duration of the evening. Those interested in volunteering should contact Jocelyn Walker at 419-575-4218. Thank you!
- ◆ **Fulton County Christmas Cheer 2025** - Volunteers are needed to help at the store with a variety of jobs. Starting at 9:00AM Monday, December 8th through Thursday, December 11th. Lunch is provided for volunteers by area churches. Sign up by dialing 419-551-6573 or by email at lilliradabaugh1@gmail.com.
- ◆ **2026 Offering Envelopes** - Offering Envelopes are ready for pickup in the sanctuary narthex. If you don't see your name, and want envelopes, please let Gloria in the church office know.
- ◆ **MCC Comforter Bash - Wednesday, January 7th**, 2:00PM-8:00PM at Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold. People of all ages, abilities and faith traditions will come together to knit comforters and fellowship at our annual MCC Comforter Bash. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. All necessary tools will be provided. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of materials and supplies. Contact Chris Wyse, 419-516-4164, for questions or ways you can volunteer.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Nov 23 A Bird's-Eye View -----	Psalm 14
Nov 24 Work Hard And Take Note -----	2 Thessalonians 3:6-18
Nov 25 Flourishing Love -----	Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7
Nov 26 Marriage Planners -----	Song of Solomon 2:8-3:11
Nov 27 Drunk With Delight -----	Song of Solomon 4:1-5:1
Nov 28 Dealing With Distance -----	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3
Nov 29 Kiss and Make Up -----	Song of Solomon 6:4-7:9a

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Family of Josephine Short, whose memorial service was held on Friday.
- ◆ Mark & Jodi Beltz, as Jodi will be receiving monthly injections for the next year, in order to build bone and slow down bone loss; and as Mark will be having lower back surgery on December 4th to repair two discs.
- ◆ Dave Walker, as he recovers from ankle replacement surgery on November 11th.
- ◆ Kenny & Shirley Nafziger, brother of Judy Salisbury and Mary Ellen Johnson, are now both in a nursing home in Florida. They could use some encouragement, so if you could send a card their address is: Kenny and Shirley Nafziger, Highlands Lake Central, 4240 Lakeland Highlands Rd, Lakeland, FL 33813. Kenny is in room 324 and Shirley is in room 130.
- ◆ Gary Mohre, father of Brittany Martinez, who is scheduled for prostate cancer surgery on December 2nd; also praying for the children and schools while he is off work from his position as the Williams County Diversion Officer.
- ◆ Joanie Grieser, who continues in rehab at Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, continues in rehab and healing, now at home.
- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, as Greg was to start his 6th round of chemo on Thursday, but due to C. Diff infection it is postponed until after December 1st.
- ◆ 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 401, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 180, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries...

- ◆ Matt & Paige Waanders, with Cru at Ohio State & Columbus State – Pray for Matthew to continue to grow and deepen his trust in Jesus as he connects further into Christian community at Ohio State; pray for KJ to continue exploring faith in Jesus. Pray that his new friendships from Fall Getaway would grow deeper and, in time, help him know Jesus. We had another exciting event on November 7th called Go Night! The goal of this event is to help our students see God's missionary heart for the world and to consider how God might use them. Pray that those students who came to the event will feel empowered to "go" as a result!

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS CONTINUED:

- ◆ M – Praise God as she completed and passed all parts of her 2nd language exam; pray as she takes half of the 3rd level at the end of November; she will be going out of the city to help with a pre-school – pray for clear language and that she and a colleague can be an encouragement to the team and staff; pray for an upcoming family conference in January. This conference is for all of the local non-profit staff and their families in the country, both believers and non-believers.

And those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Hawaii (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Middle East (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23RD AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	10:30AM	LOGOS Hand Bell Choir
	1:30PM	Advent/Christmas Decorating
	6:00PM	Seekers (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00 PM	Community Meal (St. Martin's Lutheran Church)
Wed	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
Thur		Church Office Closed
Fri		Church Office Closed
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Children's Christmas Practice / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	7:00PM	Evening Advent Service

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Worship Leader	Kim S. Walker
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Children's Message	Madison Bowers
(10:30)Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
(10:30)Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ryan Christman
(8:00) Usher	Judy Sears
(10:30)Head Usher	Greg Walker
(10:30) Ushers	Craig & Jenny Grieser, John & Deb Kauffman
(10:30) Nursery	Collin & Emily Walker

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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