



Sunday, February 8, 2026

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.

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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. We 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 10:30 service for children ages four months through preschool in the former preschool room on the first floor. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at [www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery](http://www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery) or by scanning the QR code to the left before check-



ing 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 the Mother's Room, the Nursery, and the family restrooms. 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!

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 112

Prelude

“Lord, Reign in Me”

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

†Hymns of Praise

#67, “The Love of God”

#404, “The Solid Rock”

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

(10:30) Logos Choir

“The Peacemakers”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we for give our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Scripture Readings

Matthew 5:13-20, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

†(8:00) Hymn

#455, “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Sermon

“Christian Callings”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†Closing Hymn

“You are Salt for the Earth” (pg. 6)

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#451, v. 4, “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalms 112:1-10** Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands. <sup>2</sup> His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup> Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man. <sup>5</sup> Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. <sup>6</sup> Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever. <sup>7</sup> He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. <sup>8</sup> His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes. <sup>9</sup> He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor. <sup>10</sup> The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

**Matthew 5:13-20** "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by

any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

**1 Corinthians 2:1-10** When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. <sup>6</sup> We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"-- <sup>10</sup> but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

# SERMON NOTES - "CHRISTIAN CALLINGS"

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Sermon Outline – "Christian Callings"

Scripture Text – Matthew 5:13-20

Attitude and Obedience

Two Word Pictures – Salt and Light – the impact of a truly righteous believer

- The righteousness of Jesus' followers must impact their world
- To live as salt and light is to live as representatives of the Kingdom of God
- A call, an encouragement, to change their world

Salt preserves food from corruption, free from bacteria

Light makes things visible, giving direction and guidance by what is seen

(Salt) A servant of God prevents or confronts corruption

(Light) A servant of God reveals reality and truth

A servant of God, a believer, is to be visible and obvious, not hidden or secretive

Acts of Righteousness

- Law / Prophets – often a reference to the entire Hebrew Scriptures
- Not to abolish, but to fulfill them
- Fulfill – to fill out, to expand – to keep and explain the law in its original intention

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Worship Leader	Jenna Stuckey
10:30 Children's Message	Madison Bowers
10:30 Sound	James Grime
10:30 Easy Worship	Mark Nofziger
10:30 Live Stream	Cayla Swisher
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser
10:30 Head Usher	Dave Walker
Ushers	Justin, Carrie, Cameron and Ella Yoder
Nursery	Madison & Claire Bowers

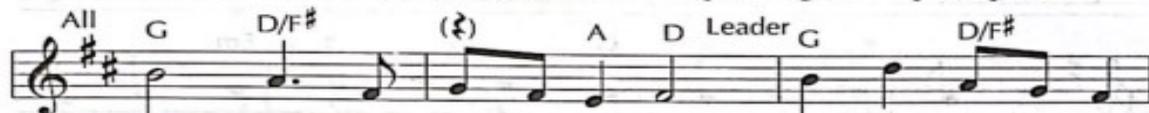
# You are salt for the earth 226

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM Irregular

Leader



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple,  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple,  
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo - ple,  
 4 We are a bless'd and a pil - grim peo - ple,



salt for the king - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
 light for the cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
 bring forth the king - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
 bound for the king - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: life in the king - dom of God!  
 bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king - dom of God!  
 seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king - dom of God!  
 love our home - land: love is the king - dom of God!

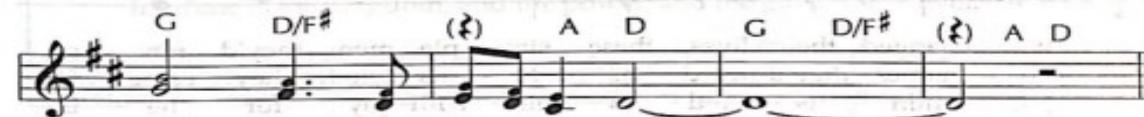
Refrain



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king - dom of peace. Bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser TODAY!** Don't forget to stop in the gym after service or Sunday school to pick up your sub order! A freewill offering can be made either in cash or check (written to St. John's Christian Church) in support of our senior high school ministries. Thank you so much for your loving support and prayers!
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! Hopefully winter weather won't have us cancelling February's Third Thursday Luncheon! Seniors are invited to gather on **February 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30AM** in the Parish Hall. Following a devotional program, a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship will be enjoyed!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Are you ready to say goodbye to winter? Does spending an afternoon with friends and a good meal sound nice? Well there is good news! On **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** the GIF Gals are meeting for lunch at the "Barn Restaurant", at 11:30AM. It will be nice to get back together again after what seems like a long time apart. There is a signup sheet on the wandering bulletin board. Please sign up for this gathering as soon as you can. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. Stay safe and warm.

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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)
	5:30PM	Seekers (Fireside Room)
Mon	4:00PM	Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Zion Mennonite Sojourners)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Search Committee (Parlor)
Wed	6:00PM	Logos (Gym)/JYF (Wauseon Rollercade)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Gym)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
Thu	7:00PM	Christian Education Committee (Fireside Room)
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)

## **PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:**

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### **Please pray for...**

- ◆ Brent & Lynda Schnitkey, as Lynda had surgery on January 27th as partial treatment of the cancer under her tongue, spent a night in the hospital and returned home on the 28th.
- ◆ Sue Buehrer, feeling okay, but waits for results from a medical test on January 28th.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as she may have her first injection on February 2nd to build bone and slow down bone loss.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, is now cancer free! Praise the Lord! She is starting student teaching and is waiting on a specially equipped vehicle that she can drive as she continues to work on strength and mobility in her legs.
- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, as Greg is on a break from treatments while they wait for scans at the end of March, praying the lymphoma continues to recede.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, having scans and infusion treatments every six months.

### **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

### **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, Dayton, OH (Air Force)  
(Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

## **FEBRUARY MISSION-A-MONTH: ARCHBOLD FISH PANTRY**



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