



Sunday, February 15, 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!

## Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 2

(8:00) Prelude

(10:30) Prelude of Praise

“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”

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

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#354, “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

#555, “We’re Marching to Zion”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“Bless the Lord O My Soul (Psalm 103)”

“Endless Praise”

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

*10:30 Service - Children in preschool-5th grade are released to the chapel for Junior Church*

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 17:1-9, 2 Peter 1:16-21

†(8:00) Hymn

#425, “In the Garden”

(10:30) Adult Choir

“Heal Our Land”

Scripture Video

“The Transfiguration”

Sermon

“The Voice Speaks, Again”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†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.*

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#506, “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Crown Him”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#602, “God Be with You”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“Crown Him” (Chorus)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalms 2** Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. <sup>3</sup> "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." <sup>4</sup> The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. <sup>5</sup> Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, <sup>6</sup> "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." <sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." <sup>10</sup> Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**Matthew 17:1-9** After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup> Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters-- one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

**2 Peter 1:16-21** We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## SERMON NOTES - "THE VOICE SPEAKS, AGAIN"

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Transfiguration Sunday – the Sunday before Ash Wednesday

- ◆ God tells Moses to go up the mountain and wait—wait for instruction, wait for a taste of God’s awesome power, wait for the next big experience of the holy.
- ◆ Transfiguration Sunday is about God’s light and power; but it is also about waiting and being ready when God’s light shines upon us.
- ◆ The Transfiguration is a foretaste of the glory of the Resurrection, a revelation of Jesus’ divinity that has been hidden, yet is no less real.
- ◆ The Transfiguration does not erase Jesus’ humanity but demonstrates the union of full humanity and full divinity in the person of Jesus.
- ◆ Jesus Christ comes back down the mountain to begin the journey to the cross, the tomb, and the Resurrection that will begin in just a few days.

**Exodus 24:15-18** “When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup> and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.”

The Baptism of Jesus - **Matthew 3:16-17** “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.””

- ◆ Near the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus

The Transfiguration of Jesus – Matthew 17:5 – “While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!””

- ◆ Nearing the end of the public ministry of Jesus

**2 Peter 1:17-18** – The only reference, outside the gospels, of the transfiguration of Jesus.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Easter Flowers** - Easter flowers are now available for order on the wandering bulletin board. Flowers can be purchased for \$13 each by anyone in the congregation and can be marked in honor or in memory of a person(s) of your choosing. They will decorate the base of our Easter morning cross and are yours to keep after our morning services of worship!
- ◆ **Wednesday Evening Programs (2/18)** - Due to Ash Wednesday worship, LOGOS and Confirmation are canceled on February 18th (please attend service with your family); and JYF and SYF will be attending service as a group that evening.
- ◆ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - For Senior Citizens and Any and All! As of now, it looks like winter weather won't have us cancelling this month'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.

## THE SEASON OF LENT

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The Season of Lent begins this week on the day of Ash Wednesday. Lent is an annual time of reflection and devotion preparing Christians to celebrate the joys and meanings of the Easter Resurrection. Ash Wednesday is one of the seven times St. John's observes the Sacrament of Communion. Ash Wednesday worship begins at 7pm in the sanctuary, with the service being live streamed.

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

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February's Mission-a-Month supports the Archbold FISH Pantry, which helps individuals and families in the Archbold community or those who attend a supporting church with things like food, toiletries, rent, and utilities. Every February, the pantry hosts the "Share the Love" drive, which collects personal care and hygiene items that food assistance programs don't cover. If you feel called to share the love, you can drop off items to the white donation bin in the chapel narthex or you can support the pantry financially by designating on line 6 of your offering envelope. Thank you for your support of this important local mission partner!



## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15<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)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Church Staff Meeting (PT Staff Office)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (SJCC)
Wed	7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service of Worship (Sanctuary) <i>*No LOGOS or Confirmation</i> <i>*JYF &amp; SYF to Attend Ash Wednesday Service</i>
	8:00PM	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Gym)
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)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Fireside Room)

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	(8:00) Jan Lindsay
Lay Reader	(10:30) Aimee Roth
Sound	(10:30) James Grime
Easy Worship	(10:30) Mark Nofziger
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher
Praise Team	(10:30) Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley
8:00AM Usher	Jim Grieser
Head Usher	Dave Walker
Ushers	Justin, Carrie, Cameron and Ella Yoder
Nursery	(10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker
Junior Church	(10:30) Emily Walker, Jenny Grieser, Molly Rutledge

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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### Please pray for...

- ◆ Nate Meyer and family, upon the death of his father, Chris Emmons, age 63, on February 9th. Visitation is this afternoon from 1pm to 5pm at Marry Funeral Home in Fayette.
- ◆ 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 had her first injection on February 6 to build bone and slow down bone loss, and now dealing with bursitis below her left knee.
- ◆ 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
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- ◆ 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)

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