



Sunday, February 22, 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 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 checking 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!

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 32:1-7

(8:00) Prelude

“Depth of Mercy/Search Me”

(10:30) Prelude of Praise

“The Lord Will Provide”

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

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#204, “Rock of Ages”

#489, “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

#496, “He Hideth My Soul”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“Son of Suffering”

“Rescuer”

Children’s Message

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 forgive 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 4:1-11, Romans 5:12-19

†(8:00) Hymn

“Yield Not to Temptation” (insert)

(10:30) Adult Bell Choir

“Awesome God”

Sermon

“Overcoming the Temptations of the World”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Jesus, Keep Me Near/In the Cross”

†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

#366, vs 1-3, “I Surrender All”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Who Else”

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#366, v. 4, “I Surrender All”

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

“Who Else” (Chorus)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Psalms 32:1-7** Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" - and you forgave the guilt of my sin. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**Matthew 4:1-11** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he

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said, "if you will bow down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

**Romans 5:12-19** Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned - <sup>13</sup> for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. <sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

# SERMON NOTES - "OVERCOMING THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE WORLD"

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Scripture Text – Matthew 4:1-11, Romans 5:12-19

Age Old Question of Sin – Why is there sin in the world?

## Temptations of the World

- ◆ Matthew 4 – severe temptation, directly by the devil
  - ◇ 1st temptation – lust of the flesh
  - ◇ 2nd temptation – pride of life
  - ◇ 3rd temptation – lust of the eyes
  - ◇ There is a sense in which temptation is “relieved” by giving in
- ◆ Romans 1:24, 28-32
  - ◇ A very disturbing and troubling list

## Romans 5 – A Brief Summary

- ◆ 13 – Sin is not taken into account where there is no law
- ◆ 15 – The gift is not like the trespass
- ◆ 15 – How much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many
- ◆ 16 – The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.
- ◆ 18 – Just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.
- ◆ 19 – For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Welcome, Jenna Stuckey!** We are delighted to announce that Jenna Stuckey has joined the church staff as our new Administrative Assistant. Jenna is the wife of Shawn and blessed mother of Courtney, Camryn, Lauren (Tyson Rufenacht), and Ashlee. She began this past Thursday and brings with her a heart for service, strong organizational skills and a passion for Christ. Jenna has experience with media technology and QuickBooks. You have seen her as worship leader and on the worship tech team. Please welcome Jenna to our church staff team and keep her and the church in your prayers as she begins this new role.
- ◆ **Faith over Filters Parent & Teen Event** - St. John's Youth Advisors are hosting a FREE community event for parents and teens during Archbold's spring break on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30PM in the sanctuary. Join us for a gospel-centered evening focused on the one thing that too often competes for our attention and affection: the devices in our hands. We're thrilled to share that we will be joined by Sgt. Brian Marvin with the Fulton Co. Sheriff's Office, who specializes in computer and technology forensics. Questions? Contact Jocelyn at [jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org](mailto:jwalker@stjohnsarchbold.org)
- ◆ **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!

## SEDER MEAL - MARCH 29TH

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A Seder Meal is a Christian presentation of the traditional Jewish Passover. Every year at Passover Jews remember what Yahweh did to bring their spiritual forefathers out of the bondage and slavery of Egypt. At the Last Supper, Jesus was celebrating Passover with his disciples when he instituted Communion. The Order of the Seder unites Jewish and Christian aspects of Passover and Communion. A Seder Meal will be offered at 5pm on Sunday, March 29th, in the parish hall. The meal is open to people of all ages. Signing up for this meal will be important, as special foods are prepared.

## 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 22<sup>ND</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)
	6:00PM	Seekers Small Group (Fireside Room)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Church Staff Meeting (PT Staff Office)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Lion's Club)
Wed	6:00PM	Logos (Gym)/Confirmation (Jr. Youth Room)
	7:00PM	SYF/JYF (Youth Rooms)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	GIF Gals (Barn Restaurant)
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) <i>Junior Church (Chapel)</i>

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

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Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman
Song Leader	(8:00) Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker
Sound	(10:30) James Grime
Easy Worship	(10:30) Kelly Ducey
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher
10:30 Praise Team	(Vocals) Adam Swisher, Jocelyn Walker (Instrumentals) Bryson Martinez, Buffy Riley, Hailey Wooley
8:00AM Usher	Tim Beck
Head Usher	Dave Walker
Ushers	Justin, Carrie, Cameron and Ella Yoder
Nursery	(10:30) Collin & Emily Walker
Bell Choir	(10:30) Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, Lynne Christman, Ryan Christman, Gloria Lauber, Lynne Ries, Aimee Roth, Darlene Steiner, Crissi Stuckey, David Stuckey

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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As of February 19, 2026

## Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2026 Operating Budget	\$	473,915.00
Total Donations	\$	53,176.04
Total Expenses	\$	55,899.37
Net Operating Balance	\$	(2,723.33)

## Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2026 Mission Budget	\$	170,000.00
Total Donations	\$	32,481.20
Total Disbursements	\$	5,652.86
Net Mission Balance	\$	26,828.34

## Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

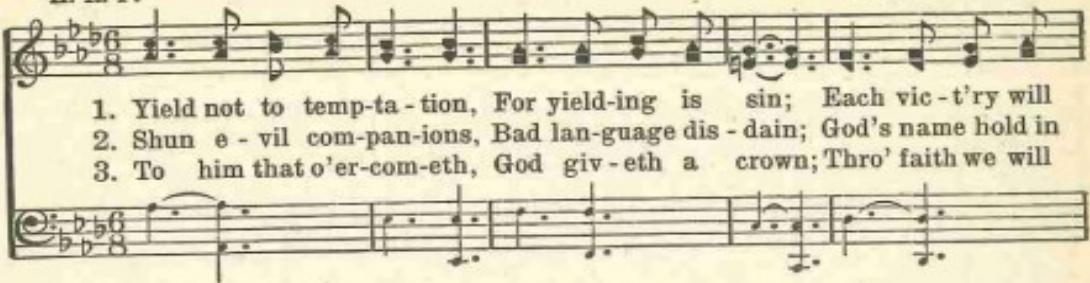
Project Budget	\$	2,757,000.00
Expenses to Date	\$	2,506,087.88
Budget Remaining	\$	250,912.12
Funds on Hand	\$	271,211.68
Balance of Funds on Hand	\$	20,299.56

# Yield Not to Temptation

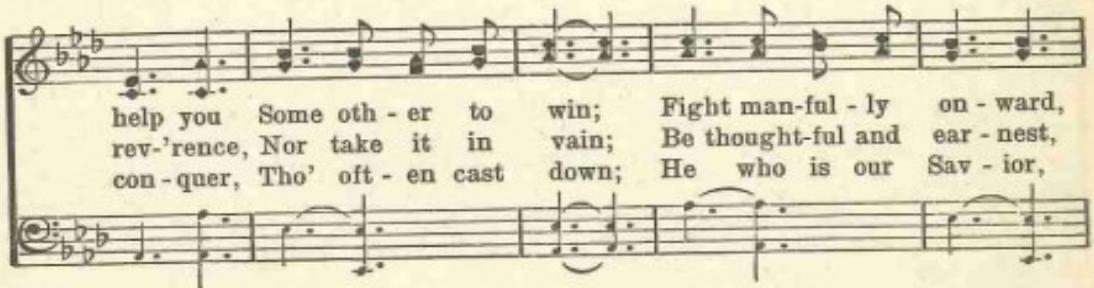
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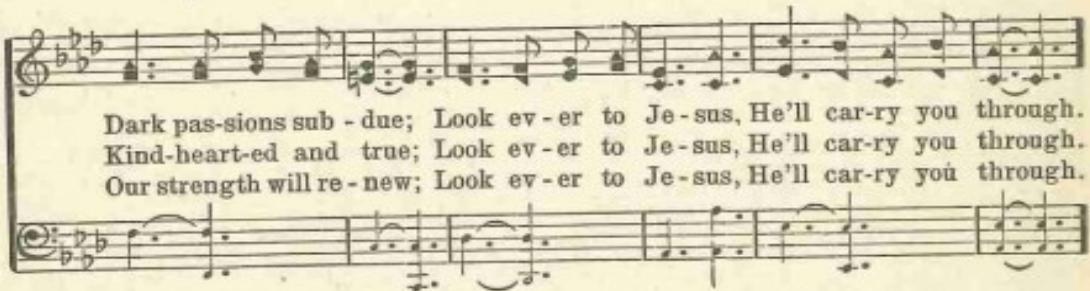
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1. Yield not to temp-ta-tion, For yield-ing is sin; Each vic-t'ry will  
2. Shun e-vil com-pan-ions, Bad lan-guage dis-dain; God's name hold in  
3. To him that o'er-com-eth, God giv-eth a crown; Thro' faith we will

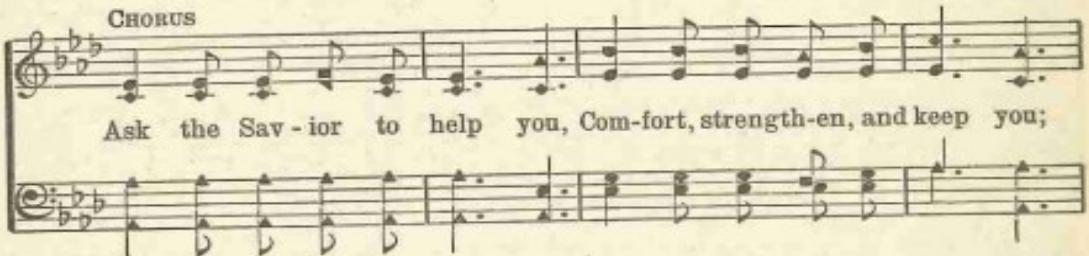


help you Some oth-er to win; Fight man-ful-ly on-ward,  
rev-'rence, Nor take it in vain; Be thought-ful and ear-nest,  
con-quer, Tho' oft-en cast down; He who is our Sav-ior,

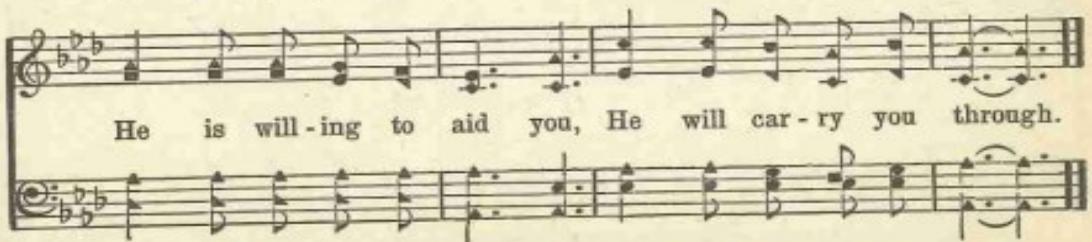


Dark pas-sions sub-due; Look ev-er to Je-sus, He'll car-ry you through.  
Kind-heart-ed and true; Look ev-er to Je-sus, He'll car-ry you through.  
Our strength will re-new; Look ev-er to Je-sus, He'll car-ry you through.

## CHORUS



Ask the Sav-ior to help you, Com-fort, strength-en, and keep you;



He is will-ing to aid you, He will car-ry you through.

## PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

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### Please pray for...

- ◆ Lynda and Brent Schnitkey, as Lynda will have a second surgery on February 24th for precautionary treatment as follow up of the cancer under her tongue.
- ◆ Sue Buehrer, who now has a clean bill of health except for anemia, treated with an iron pill.
- ◆ 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 with physical therapy.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, as we continue to pray for her nerves to heal so she can stand and walk.
- ◆ 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)

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