



Sunday, March 1, 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.

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. The Nursery - Preschool room is located on the first floor, in Room #125. Before checking into the nursery for the first time, parents can register children for Nursery Care online at



www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the Sanctuary in Room #138 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 in the Sanctuary is available through Bluetooth connection to a person's hearing aids or via use of a hand-held amplifier and headphones. Please see an usher for further assistance.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 121, "A Song of Ascents"

(8:00) Prelude

"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"

(10:30) Prelude of Praise

"Here for You"

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

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#522, "He Lifted Me"

#34, "The God of Abraham Praise"

#205, "For God So Loved"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"Mighty to Save"

"Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)"

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Children in preschool thru 5th grade will be dismissed to Junior Church in the Chapel

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

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 Reading

John 3:1-17

Special Music

Bruce Wooley

"Face to Face"

Scripture Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Sermon

"Faith Renewal"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

†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

#410, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"This is Our God"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#604, "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

"This is Our God" (Chorus)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 121:1-8 I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? ² My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot slip -- he who watches over you will not slumber; ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord watches over you -- the Lord is your shade at your right hand; ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm -- he will watch over your life; ⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

John 3:1-17 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³ In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." ⁴ "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" ⁵ Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." ⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No

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one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven -- the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? ² If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about-- but not before God. ³ What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. ⁵ However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. ¹³ It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring -- not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed -- the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

SERMON NOTES - "FAITH RENEWAL"

Scripture Text – John 3:1-17, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Nicodemus

- ◆ A Pharisee, of the Jewish ruling council
- ◆ Came to Jesus, at night
- ◆ Knows Jesus as a teacher, has come from God
- ◆ Miraculous signs – God is with Jesus
- ◆ Limited understanding
- ◆ Failed to see and hear the testimony

Unless he is born again

- ◆ A startling, confusing statement
- ◆ Nicodemus sees the human side
- ◆ Jesus knows the spiritual side
- ◆ Born of water and the Spirit
- ◆ Flesh...Spirit...Wind

Jesus

- ◆ Came from heaven – the Son of Man
- ◆ Must be lifted up – the Son of Man
- ◆ God's love shown by and through Jesus, the Son of Man
- ◆ Believing in Jesus...leads to eternal life
- ◆ No condemnation, rather salvation

Romans 4 - Summary

- ◆ Abraham, forefather of faith
- ◆ Could have boasted if he was righteous because of his works
- ◆ Believed God, credited as righteousness
- ◆ When one works, wages come as an obligation
- ◆ When one does not work, there is no obligation to be given anything
- ◆ Anything received starts with grace and is delivered as a gift
- ◆ Righteousness from God is a gift
- ◆ Faith takes priority over law
- ◆ The promise comes by faith, by grace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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
- ◆ **TGRM Meal** - A group will prepare a meal and lead chapel at TGRM on Sunday, March 15th and we are looking for a few more people to join. We will depart from church at 3:00PM and arrive back around 7:30PM. If you feel led to be a part of this ministry or have never volunteered in the past and would like to dive in, please contact Ann Grime or the church office.
- ◆ **Seder Meal** - 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.
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday Meal** - The Fellowship Committee is excited to host this meal. Come enjoy soup, sandwiches and dessert on Thursday, April 2nd at 6pm. Please sign up and include the number of people attending. Sign up deadline is March 22.
- ◆ **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!

MARCH MISSION-A-MONTH: FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two-story home located near downtown Archbold is designed to provide shelter for one or two individual or family units at a time until they are able to become self-sufficient. The Friendship House is endorsed by the Archbold Area Ministerial Association and is coordinated by a volunteer board. SJCC recently assisted their newest resident who is in search of permanent housing. Please pray for this individual, and prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life. You can give to the Friendship House by marking Line 8 of your offering envelope or by selecting "Friendship House" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

WEEK OF MARCH 1ST 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)
	11:00AM	Junior Church (Chapel)
Mon	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Church Staff Meeting (PT Staff Office)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (PEACE Mennonite)
Wed	6:00PM	Logos (Gym)/Confirmation (Jr. Youth Room)
	7:00PM	SYF/JYF (Youth Rooms)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00PM	Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	3:15PM	VBS Director Meeting (Church Office)
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 (Fireside Room)

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(8:00) David Stuckey	
Worship Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Readers	(8:00) Molly Rutledge	(10:30) Avery Roth
Sound	(10:30) James Grime	
Easy Worship	(10:30) Brian Roth	
Live Stream	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
10:30 Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Scott Reeb, Buffy Riley, Corrie Riley, Bruce Wooley	
8:00AM Usher	Judy Sears	
Head Usher	Matt Hines	
Ushers	Craig & Jenny Grieser and Kim & Emily Hines	
Nursery	(10:30) Corey & Jocelyn Walker	

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Eric and Anna Yoder, who are foster parenting infant twin boys.
- ◆ Lynda and Brent Schnitkey, as Lynda's surgery went well on Tuesday and she is home recuperating.
- ◆ 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, student teaching is going well, still working through getting her car adapted to drive, and she experienced new movement in her legs in PT this week!
- ◆ 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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- ◆ 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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