



Sunday, March 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.

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 95

Prelude

“Let It Rise/ O Worship the King”

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

†Hymns of Praise

#14, “Come, Let Us Worship”

#81, “What a Wonderful Savior!”

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

John 4:1-26

Scripture Video - Jesus Film Project

“The Woman at the Well”

Children’s Message

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.

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#411, “The Joy of the Lord”

†(10:30) Special Music

Matt Hines

“You Raise Me Up”

Scripture Reading

John 4:27-42

Sermon

“Thirsting for Jesus”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer”

†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

#398, “Fill My Cup, Lord”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#297, v. 3, “I Love to Tell the Story”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 95:1-11 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. 3 For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; 7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert, 9 where your fathers tested and tried me, though they had seen what I did. 10 For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways." 11 So I declared on oath in my anger, "They shall never enter my rest."

John 4:1-42 The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 3 When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. 4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" 13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will

never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." 16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." 17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." 19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." 25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he." 27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" 28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him. 31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." 33 Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" 34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. 36 Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. 37 Thus the saying 'One sows and

SCRIPTURE READINGS (CONT.)

John 4:1-42(cont.)

another reaps' is true. 38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." 39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more be-

came believers. 42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world 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 - "THIRSTING FOR JESUS"

Scripture Text – John 4:1-42

Gaining Disciples

- ◆ Rising popularity – would lead to confrontation – time not yet right
- ◆ Disciples were baptizing – gave them experience for the day of Pentecost

Disdain between Jews and Samaritans (Gentiles)

- ◆ John 4:4 "Now he (Jesus) had to go through Samaria."
- ◆ John 4:9 "(For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)"
- ◆ Pious Jews would avoid Samaria – deep distrust and dislike
- ◆ Matthew 5:43-45 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven."

Jacob's Well

- ◆ Only mentioned in this verse
- ◆ Sychar was ancient Shechem
 - ◇ Genesis 12:6-8 – Abram in Canaan, God appeared to him, built an altar
 - ◇ Genesis 33:18 – Jacob camped, bought land, built an altar
 - ◇ Genesis 48:22 – Jacob gave the land to his son Joseph
- ◆ Jesus was tired from his journey – Jesus experienced human limitations
- ◆ Sixth hour noon – heat of the day – area would have been empty of people

The Conversation

- ◆ Credentials
- ◆ Spiritual Symbolism
- ◆ Worship and Salvation
- ◆ Come, see

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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **GIF Gals March Outing** - Welcome to Spring (almost) GIF Gals. We made it through the cold, snow while cooped up at home. Now it is time to get out and enjoy being together again! How about we all get together on March 26th at Mill District Deli in West Unity at 11:30AM? If you remember the last time we ate there, it was worth the trip over there. Be sure to sign up on the sheet posted outside of Pastor Erich's office (*yes, they moved it on us!*) and mark this date on your calendar.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Membership Orientation Sessions** - These sessions have a two-fold purpose: to inform people about the faith, ministries and history of SJCC and to get better acquainted with people of the congregation. There are four sessions, three in a group setting and one that involves a home visit with the pastor. Sessions will be held on Sunday mornings, April 12, 19 and 27, during the 9:15 to 10:15 Sunday School hour. Please let Pastor Erich or the church office know if you are interested in participating in these sessions, or if you're interested, but these dates don't work for you.

Search Committee Monthly Bible Verse - Proverbs 16:9 - In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.

MARCH MISSION-A-MONTH: FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. The home located near downtown Archbold, and designed to provide shelter for one or two individual or family units until they are able to become self-sufficient. The FH 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 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 8TH 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)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Fireside)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. John's)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Junior High Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Parlor)
	7:00PM	Search Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:30PM	Community Event "Faith Without Filters" (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Chapel)
	8:00PM	Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
Thu	7:00PM	CE Committee
Fri	4:00PM	Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside)
	2:00PM	Howard/ Wooley Wedding
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman
Song & Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman
Children's Message	Nancy Rupp
Sound	(10:30) James Grime
Easy Worship	(10:30) Mark Nofziger
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher
8:00AM Usher	Judy Sears
Head Usher	Matt Hines
Ushers	Craig & Jenny Grieser and Kim & Emily Hines
Nursery	(10:30) Jen & Brie Grime

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Cathy and Ken Laub, as Cathy had underwent surgery on March 3rd to have stents inserted due to heart valve blockage.
- ◆ Eric and Anna Yoder, who are foster parenting infant twin boys.
- ◆ Lynda and Brent Schnitkey, as Lynda's most recent pathology report reads cancer free! Praise the Lord!
- ◆ 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 she has received her accessibly equipped car and began driving this past week – a major step of progress!
- ◆ 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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