



Sunday, March 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.

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!

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 23

(8:00) Prelude

“How Great Thou Art”

(10:30) Prelude of Praise

“Thank You Jesus for the Blood”

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

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#59, “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

#202, “Amazing Grace”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“God So Loved”

“Worthy”

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

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.

Scripture Video – Jesus Film Project

“The Blind Man Healed”

Scripture Reading

John 9:13-34

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#381, “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

(10:30) Adult Choir

“He is a Mighty Lord”

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Sermon

“Stubbornness Towards Faith”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“God of Wonders”

†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

#190, “Are You Washed in the Blood”

†(10:30) Closing Praise

“What He’s Done”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

“This Little Light of Mine”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³ he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

John 9:13-34 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. ¹⁷ Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸ The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. ¹⁹ "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" ²⁰ "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was

the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" ²⁶ Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" ²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

Ephesians 5:8-14 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

SERMON NOTES - "STUBBORNNESS TOWARDS FAITH"

John 9:1-12 – Jesus heals a blind man

- ◆ Jesus, with his disciples
- ◆ Disciples questioned who sinned – neither the man nor his parents
- ◆ Exodus 34:5-8 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. ⁶ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the LOrd, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation." ⁸ Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped.
- ◆ The work of God might be displayed in his life
- ◆ Day and Night
- ◆ Jesus, the light of the world
- ◆ People questioned the healing

John 9:13-34

- ◆ Unable to make sense of the healing – how, who, when
- ◆ Miracle of healing ignored, instead Jesus attacked about healing on the Sabbath
- ◆ Doubt and Fear
 - ◇ The people doubted the man and Jesus
 - ◇ The Pharisees doubted the man
 - ◇ The man's parents were in fear
- ◆ Response of disbelief, stubborn disbelief
- ◆ Inability to belief in the power of God

Ephesians 5:8-14

- ◆ Darkness ~ Light
- ◆ Find out what pleases the Lord
- ◆ The light exposes the deeds of darkness
- ◆ Christ will shine on you

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **TGRM Meal** - A group will prepare a meal and lead chapel at TGRM on this afternoon! If you would like to join in, we will depart from church at 3:00PM and arrive back around 7:30PM. Contact Dale or Anne Grime to coordinate.
- ◆ **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 propose: 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.
- ◆ **Easter Flowers** - Just a note that as you are turning in your Easter Flower money, please keep it separate from your offering as it is a payment for goods. Thank you!

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

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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 15TH 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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Departure
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside)
Tue	9:00AM	Tech Training (Balcony)
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. John's)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Jr. Youth Room)
	7:00PM	JYF/ SYF (Youth Rooms)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00PM	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Thu	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Christian Education Committee (Fireside)
Fri	5:30PM	Walleye Youth Outing Departure
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)

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley
8:00 Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	Brad Roth
10:30 Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Norm Fether, Buffy Riley, Corrie Riley & Bruce Wooley
10:30 Sound	James Grime
10:30 Easy Worship	Tom Hines
10:30 Live Stream	Cayla Swisher
8:00AM Usher	Judy Sears
Head Usher	Matt Hines
Ushers	Craig & Jenny Grieser and Kim & Emily Hines
Nursery	Bri and Emma Krukowski

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Cathy and Ken Laub, as Cathy continues to recover from a recent surgical procedure.
- ◆ Eric and Anna Yoder, who are foster parenting infant twin boys.
- ◆ Lynda and Brent Schnitkey, as Lynda continues to recover from a recent surgery.
- ◆ 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 continues through physical therapy for movement 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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