



Sunday, March 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.

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!

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 130

Prelude

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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

†Hymns of Praise

#349, “Trust and Obey”

#330, “Only Trust Him”

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading

John 11:1-16

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 Reading

John 11:17-37

†(8:00) Hymn

#212, “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

(10:30) Adult Hand Bell Choir

“How Beautiful”

Sermon

“If You Had Been Here...”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

†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

#512, “My Savior’s Love”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#465, “In His Time”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 130:1-8 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; ² O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. ³ If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. ⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. ⁶ My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. ⁸ He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

John 11:1-16 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. ⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." ⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light." ¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." ¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been

speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

John 11:17-37 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." ²⁸ And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. ³²

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

John 11:38-44 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been

there four days." ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

SERMON NOTES - "IF YOU HAD BEEN THERE..."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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 26, 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.
- ◆ **GIF Gals 5th Anniversary Celebration!** We will be meeting at King's Corner Garage on April 23rd at 5PM. Come for fun & fellowship. Food will be catered by The Barn Restaurant. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Erich's office.
- ◆ **Archbold High School Senior Citizen Luncheon** - The students, staff, and administration of AHS recognize the important role that senior citizens play in our schools. Your support is vital in creating an environment that helps our students grow and mature into the next generation of community leaders. To show our appreciation for your support, we invite you to this luncheon. Friday, April 24th at 11:00AM in the High School Gym. RSVP by April 20th by calling: 419-445-5579 or email: aoyer@archboldschools.org

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 22ND 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)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Church Staff Meeting (PT Staff Office)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. Martin's Lutheran)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Gym) / Confirmation (Jr. Youth Room & Fireside)
	7:00PM	JYF/ SYF (Youth Rooms)
	7:00PM	Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00PM	Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman
Worship Leader	Kim S. Walker
10:30 Adult Hand Bell Choir	Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, Lynne Christman, Ryan Christman, Gloria Lauber, Lynne Ries, Jay Riley, Aimee Roth, Darlene Steiner, Crissi Stuckey, David Stuckey; Buffy Riley, director
10:30 Sound	James Grime
10:30 Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
10:30 Live Stream	Ollie MacDonald
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears
Head Usher	Greg Walker
10:30 Ushers	Craig Grieser, Tom Hines, Emily Hines, Lainey Holdgreve
10:30 Nursery	Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Thank you! What a blessing you showered upon me last Sunday morning! The kind words and wonderful reception in recognition of my years of ministry here at SJCC was truly special. I am so grateful that God called me and continues to empower me to serve alongside you all, a faithful and generous congregation of servant believers. Pastor Erich

Please pray for...

- ◆ Toni & Chris Neuenschwander, as Toni has been diagnosed with heart failure and will begin twelve weeks of cardio rehab tomorrow.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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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