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PALM SUNDAY SERVICE



**Sunday, March 29, 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!

Palm Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise #173, "All Glory, Laud and Honor", #174, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

†(10:30) Medley of Praise #173, v. 1 & 2, "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

#174, v. 3, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

"Hosanna"

(10:30) Palm Processional

1. "Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye little children; God is love, God is love"

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2. "Love Him..." 3. "Serve Him..." 4. "Thank Him..."

(10:30) Logos Chimes

"Easter Song"

Children's Message

(10:30) Logos Bells

"A Meditation of Wondrous Love"

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

Matthew 21:1-11

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#91, "Alleluia"

Sermon

"Still Hidden?" (Luke 19:42)

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

†The Doxology (#625) 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

#168, "Who Is He in Yonder Stall?"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"Crown Him"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#74, "Majesty"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

"Crown Him"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Psalm 19-29 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. ²² The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; ²³ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. ²⁷ The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. ²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Matthew 21:1-11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵ "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

WORSHIP SERVANTS

(Both) Accompanist	Lynne Christman	10:30 Sound	James Grime
8:00 Song Leader	David Stuckey	10:30 Easy Worship	Jenna Stuckey
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	10:30 Live Stream	Ryan Christman
Children's Message	Matt Hines	10:30 Lay Reader	Caitie Martinez
10:30 Nursery	Collin & Emily Walker	Head Usher	Matt Hines
10:30 Ushers	Craig & Jenny Grieser, Kim & Emily Hines		
10:30 Praise Team	Bryson Martinez, Buffy Riley, Adam Swisher, Jocelyn Walker		

SERMON NOTES - "STILL HIDDEN?" (LUKE 19:42)

Scripture Text – Matthew 21:1-11

Luke 19:41-42 "As he (Jesus) approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it ⁴² and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes."

- ◆ Coming down from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, Jesus would have had a magnificent panoramic view of the city.
- ◆ Jesus knew what was going to happen to the city – its destruction came in A.D. 70.
- ◆ Jesus wept over the fate of Jerusalem, sorrowful that the city did not know the things that make for peace which lead to a right relationship with God, including repentance and recognition of Jesus as Lord.
- ◆ The Jews' dreams of political power prevented them from recognizing Jesus as the Messiah. God's plan of salvation was hidden from their eyes.

Matthew 21

- ◆ Jesus set the stage for his arrival into Jerusalem – riding on a donkey – fulfilling the prophetic word of Zechariah 9:9.
- ◆ Jesus was greeted by disciples outside the city – not the religious crowds or religious leaders inside the city.
- ◆ It was the week of the Passover, one of the three pilgrimage festivals, so the population of the city and surrounding area swelled for the eight day festival.
- ◆ Recalling Psalm 118:26 identifies Jesus as the one who was to come.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **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 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 bulleting 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
- ◆ **An Evening with Andy Peterson, Presented by Pettisville Man Cave Ministries** - Everyone has a lion in their life. What is yours? Hear an amazing story of how a man, far from God, had a run in with a mountain lion and was saved twice that day. All are welcome to join, April 26th at 6:30PM at Pettisville Missionary Church.

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 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 / Palm Processional (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	5:30PM	Seder Meal (Parish Hall)
Mon	7:00PM	Praise Team (Chapel)
	7:00PM	Drama Practice (Sanctuary)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Archbold Rotary)
	6:00PM	Building Committee (Fireside)
Wed	7:30PM	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Thu	6:00PM	Maundy Thursday Supper (Parish Hall)
	7:00PM	Maundy Service (Sanctuary)
Fri	7:00PM	Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)
Sun	7:00AM	Sunrise Service (Sanctuary)
	8:00AM	Easter Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	8:45AM	Kids Easter Egg Hunt (Chapel)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Easter Moring Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- April 2 **7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service**
Drama - "From the Upper Room to the Cross" with men of the congregation portraying the twelve disciples; Sacrament of Communion will be served during the service drama.
- April 3 **7:00pm Good Friday Service**
Service of Tenebrae, a service of diminishing lights as we remember the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- April 5 **Easter Sunday! He is Risen!**
♦ 7:00am Sunrise Service - created and led by Senior High Youth, a blessed way to greet the morning and celebrate the glorious good news of Christ's Resurrection!
♦ 10:30am Easter Worship - Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Easter worship of music and scripture.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ The family of Ed Wyrick, who entered eternal life on March 21 at the age of 88. Services will be held on Friday, April 10th here at the church, with visitation from 3pm to 5pm in the chapel and the memorial service to follow in the sanctuary.
- ◆ The family of Patti Lirot, who entered eternal life on March 15th at the age of 73. Services were held at the Krill Funeral Home in Bryan on March 28th.
- ◆ Connie Bostelman, who had medical procedure on 3/12 and all went well
- ◆ Toni & Chris Neuenschwander, as Toni has been diagnosed with heart failure and will have twelve weeks of cardio rehab, which started this past week.
- ◆ 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'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.

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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