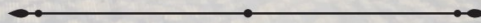




Sunday, May 10, 2026

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 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school. 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!
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 66:1-8

Mother's Day Tribute

Reading

Jocelyn Walker

"A Mother Like You"

†Hymns of Praise

#1, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#106, "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Readings

John 14:15-21, 1 Peter 3:13-22

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

#252, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

(10:30) Adult Choir

"I'm Gonna Sing All the Way to Heaven"

Sermon

"Empowered by the Holy Spirit"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Spirit Song"

†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

#249, "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#247, "Spirit of the Living God"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 66:1-8 Shout with joy to God, all the earth! ² Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. ⁴ All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name." ⁵ Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! ⁶ He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot-- come, let us rejoice in him. ⁷ He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations -- let not the rebellious rise up against him. ⁸ Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;

John 14:15-21 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever -- ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

1 Peter 3:13-22 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰ who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also-- not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand -- with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Sermon Notes - "Empowered by the Holy Spirit"

Scripture – John 14:15-21, 1 Peter 3:13-22

Last Sunday – John 14:1-14, so today's gospel text flows from last Sunday's reading, which led to the message titled "Trust and Believe."

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit – the third essence of the Trinity

- ◆ Loving and obeying Jesus
 - ◇ Jesus commanded them to wash one another's feet (13:14-15)
 - ◇ Jesus commanded them to love one another (13:34)
 - ◇ Jesus commanded them to put their faith in God and Jesus (14:1)
- ◆ Jesus prepares his disciples for when he will no longer be physically present
- ◆ Jesus asks the Father, prays for, the Counselor to be given
- ◆ Attributes of the Counselor, the Holy Spirit
 - ◇ The Spirit of truth
 - ◇ The Spirit is not seen or known by the world
 - ◇ The Spirit lives with you and will be in you
- ◆ Jesus will be leaving, but he will not leave his disciples alone
- ◆ Jesus will come to his disciples, will be seen by his disciples
- ◆ Because Jesus lives, his disciples will also live
- ◆ On that day...
- ◆ On that day...ties in with John 15:4 – “Remain in me, and I will remain in you.”
- ◆ Promises of love



1 Peter 3:13-22

- ◆ How to handle it, how to react, when good is returned with evil
- ◆ Suffering for what is right
- ◆ Submit to Christ as Lord
- ◆ Christ's death was meant to bring people to God, out of his suffering came good
- ◆ Living in good conscience, living with a good conscience

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman	10:30 Sound	James Grime
Worship Leader	Kim S. Walker	10:30 Easy Worship	Mark Nofziger
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman	10:30 Live Stream	Ryan Christman
Children's Message	Nancy Rupp	Head Usher	Steve Walker
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey		
10:30 Ushers	David Miller, Kim Walker, Adam Walker, Toby Walker		
10:30 Choir	Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, Lynne Christman, Peg Ehrman, Jim Grieser, Sarah Kinsman, Gloria Lauber, Dan Light, Lynne Ries, Andrew Rohrs, Richard Spiess, Crissi Stuckey, David Stuckey, Roger Zimmerman, Buffy Riley, director		
10:30 Nursery	Collin & Emily Walker		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **The Search Committee** has recommended a senior pastor candidate to the Consistory for their consideration. The Consistory will be meeting tomorrow evening, May 11th, to consider and act upon the recommendation. Please pray for the presence and counsel of the Holy Spirit to be evident as the search process continues to unfold.
- ◆ **Middle School Community Lock-in-** All 5th through 8th graders are invited to this year's middle school community lock-in on Sunday, May 31st, into Monday, June 1st to celebrate the end of the school year! This year's lock-in will be held at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, with Jake Keil leading. All St. John's JYF youth are encouraged to attend this night of fun, food, fellowship, and prizes! The night will begin with a trip to Combat Ops Laser Tag in Fort Wayne. Please RSVP using the QR code. 
- ◆ **Senior High Lock-in** All 9th through 12th graders are invited to the community senior high lock-in on Sunday, May 31st, into Monday, June 1st to celebrate the end of the school year! This year's lock-in will be held here at our church, with Jocelyn Walker leading. All St. John's SYF youth are encouraged to attend this night of fun, food, fellowship, and prizes! The night will begin with a trip to Q-Zar Laser Tag in Toledo. Please RSVP using the QR code. 
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - What is that old saying, "April showers bring May mud?" Something like that! I'm sure we are all happy just to see the beautiful colors of the tulips. Well, now back to business! This month, the Gals will gather at Mancinos on May 26th at 11:30AM. Since Mancinos is closing soon, this will be a farewell and thank you to the owner and staff for their years of excellent food and friendly service. Please sign up outside the church office and mark this date on your calendar. You are also welcome to bring someone with you.
- ◆ **Life Planning Senior Night** - Life Planning will be having our Senior Recognition night on Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30PM. We will be celebrating our seniors with a meal and some "entertainment". Please let Kim or Karen know if you are not going to make it so we can plan accordingly.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

May 10 Who Are You Talking To? -----	Psalm 37
May 11 Divine Destinations -----	Hebrews 4:1-11
May 12 Severe and Sympathetic -----	Hebrews 4:12-16
May 13 Humbled When Elevated -----	Hebrews 5:1-10
May 14 Grow Up, Child! -----	Hebrews 5:11-6:3
May 15 Admonished and Encouraged -----	Hebrews 6:4-12
May 16 Assurance of Hope -----	Hebrews 6:13-20

WEEK OF MAY 10TH 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)
Mon	3:45PM	Scholarship Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Consistory Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part Time Staff Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (St. John's)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Parlor)
Wed	6:00PM	Confirmation Photos (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	JYF (Youth Room)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Gym)
	7:30PM	Adult Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Thu	7:00PM	CE Committee (Parlor)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/ Sunday School
	10:30AM	Confirmation Sunday/ Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:00AM	Junior Church (Chapel)
	3:00PM	TGRM Departure
	6:00PM	Seekers (Fireside Room)

May Mission-A-Month: Cherry Street Mission & Sparrow's Nest

Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, Ohio, was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically based, Christ-centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services. Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation. Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer three meals a day, seven days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them. For more information, visit cherrystreetmission.org/. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. You can give to Cherry Street/ Sparrow's Nest by marking the appropriate line of your offering envelope or by selecting "Cherry Street" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Shiloh Verhoff, ten year old son of Joshua and Shanda, had to have a follow up procedure on 5/6 from having his tonsils removed 4/30. Pray that further bleeding will not occur.
- ◆ Carol Robinson is back home after a few days at Fulton Manor, gaining strength.
- ◆ Ralph Grieser continues to recover from a broken knee cap.
- ◆ Tara Meyer having testing of medical issues resulting from a car accident a year ago.
- ◆ John Graber continues at Rupp Rehab as he recovers from a partial hip replacement.
- ◆ Susie Enderle continues to recover at home, now involved in physical therapy.
- ◆ Connie Bostelman, who has returned home from Rupp Rehab.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, who has gone through a battery of tests and awaits word on surgery.
- ◆ Kenny Nafziger fell and broke a hip and he is now in eight weeks of rehab; prayers and cards would be a blessing: Kenny Nafziger, c/o The Club at Lake Gibson, 855 Carpenters Way, Lakeland FL 33809
- ◆ Chloe Merillat will be starting a specialized therapy in Florida in early June.
- ◆ The Pastor Search Process, praying for the Search Committee, Shepherd Staff, and the congregation, praying for the Lord's wisdom and guidance in the entire process.
- ◆ Members of our church family who are navigating various mental and emotional health challenges, as we pray that they can feel God's goodness and love surrounding them.
- ◆ Toni & Chris Neuenschwander, as Toni has been diagnosed with heart failure and is going through twelve weeks of cardio rehab.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the Evangelical Association, as recent scans have shown a return of cancer. Jim will be undergoing a PET scan and a biopsy on at least one tumor. Pray for the power of God's healing upon Jim's body.
- ◆ Jodi Beltz, as monthly injections continue, and in therapy for bursitis below her left knee.

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 135, 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)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

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