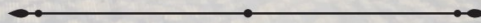




Sunday, May 31, 2026

10:00am



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, and we hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way this morning. We invite you to learn a little more about our congregation and fill out a connect card while you're waiting for worship to start. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera!



Nursery Care/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 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!

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

John 1:14-18

Prelude

“Give Me Jesus”

†Hymns of Praise

#201, “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
#198, “Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

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

2 Timothy 2:1-9

†Sermon Hymn

#483, “Lead On, O King Eternal”

Sermon

“Be Strong in Grace”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Closing Hymn

#477, “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#482, vs. 1 & 4, “Am I a Soldier of the Cross?”

Transition to Congregational Meeting

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 1:14-18 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" ¹⁶ From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

2 Timothy 2:1-9 You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. ³ Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs-- he wants to please his commanding officer. ⁵ Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷ Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.

Worship Servants

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	Sound	James Grime
Song Leader	Jocelyn Walker	Easy Worship	Jenna Stuckey
Children's Message	Matt Hines	Live Stream	Ryan Christman
Head Usher	Steve Walker	Nursery	Collin & Emily Walker
Ushers	Adam Walker, Emily Walker, Greg Walker, Kim Walker		

MAY MISSION-A-MONTH: CHERRY STREET MISSION & SPARROW'S NEST

Today is the final day of our May Mission-a-Month, Cherry Street Mission and Sparrow's Nest. 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.

WEEK OF MAY 31ST AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Sun 8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
9:00AM Meet & Greet with Pastor Elijah Layfield & Family (Fellowship Hall)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
11:00AM Special Congregational Meeting (YouTube Live)
7:00PM Community Lock-ins (MS - St. Martin's Lutheran / HS - SJCC)
- Mon 6:30PM Fellowship Committee (Fireside)
7:00PM Praise Team
- Tue 9:15AM Bible Study (Fireside Room)
10:30AM Staff Meeting (Part Time Staff Room)
1:00PM VBS Director's Meeting (Director of Youth, Room 131)
- Wed 6:30PM Adult Choir - End of Season Meal
7:30PM Adult Choir - Last Practice of the Season (Sanctuary)
- Sun 8:00AM Worship (Chapel)
8:30AM Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- May 31 God Who Hears Our Cries ----- Psalm 39
June 1 God Who Loves Us ----- Isaiah 43:1-13
June 2 God of All Time ----- Isaiah 43:14-28
June 3 God Who Gives Us His Spirit ----- Isaiah 44:1-8
June 4 God Who Hates Idolatry ----- Isaiah 44:9-23
June 5 God Who Will Forever Reign ----- Isaiah 44:24-28
June 6 God Who Brings Light ----- Isaiah 45:1-8

FOR PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE!
VBS - JULY 26TH - 30TH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Special Congregational Meeting** is today to vote on the recommended candidate as the next pastor of St. John's Christian Church, Pastor Elijah Layfield. Those unable to attend in person may watch the live stream of the service on the church's YouTube channel, which can be accessed on the church's website. **After service, please remain on the stream to participate in the congregational meeting. A poll link will be available for online members to submit their votes.**
- ◆ **Special Congregational Meeting** - June 14th

The Sunday morning schedule will be adjusted for one service that morning, with Sunday school at 9am, worship at 10am, and the congregational meeting to follow the service.

The Consistory has called a congregational meeting to address four agenda items:

 - ◇ Consideration of increasing the spending limit of the Consistory - the Consistory may currently spend up to \$15,000 without seeking congregational approval, except in an emergency situation. The amount of \$15,000 was set in 2009 and was 5.23% of the annual operating budget at the time. Consistory is seeking approval to set the spending limit at 5.5% of the annual operating budget.
 - ◇ Approval to have the Administrative Assistant serve as the Congregational Secretary.
 - ◇ Polling the congregation regarding any consideration to sell portions of the south property. Consistory has not been approached with any new offers on the property. As the Consistory works to compile a response to any future offers, they wish to know whether the congregation would be willing to sell any of the south property, so a simple poll will be taken at the meeting.
 - ◇ Approval to have the asphalt parking lot ground down and repaved.
- ◆ **Pastor Erich and Lynne** are at home this morning, praying for the Spirit of the Lord to bless Pastor Elijah as he leads, prays and preaches, and praying for the Spirit to bless the congregation with discernment and wisdom in consideration of the process of calling a pastor.
- ◆ **Faith & Family Mud Hens Night** - Sunday, June 14th Mud Hen's game at Fifth Third Field. The game begins at 4:05pm with a pre-game faith presentation (time TBD) and post-game kids base run! **Today is the last day for sign-ups!** Please sign up on the bulletin board so that we can reserve your tickets. Cost is \$13 per person. If you need transportation, please make a note on the sign-up sheet, or let the office know to save you a spot on the Church Van!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - It is June which means it is time to get out your sunhats, sunblock, and don't forget the bug spray! The Gals are going for a luncheon at Annie Foote's home and garden in Wauseon on June 11th. Parking is limited, so we will be meeting at the church at 11AM to car-pool. If you need picked up from home, please contact, Carol D., Judy G. or Gloria L. You won't want to miss this!

Announcements continued...

- ◆ **VBS Stuffie Collection** - While you're in the middle of spring cleaning, please feel free to donate any rainforest or jungle stuffed animals for this year's Rainforest Falls VBS. Animals will be used for a kickoff night station for children to take home. Thank you!
- ◆ **VBS Craft Night** - Calling all crafters and junior crafters! We are looking for your help on Wednesday, July 1st and Wednesday, July 8th from 6:00 to 8:00pm in the gym. We'll be assembling an assortment of rainforest foliage and landscaping that will be used as decorations throughout the church during VBS week. This is a great opportunity to help with VBS even if you can't be here the week of the event! All ages and abilities are welcome, as this will be a fun fellowship opportunity for our church community. Bring your hot glue gun, favorite pair of scissors, and a snack to share if willing!
- ◆ **Dads & Sons Camping Night** - Calling all Dads & Sons of SJCC youth programs! You're invited to a camping night at the Grieser property on Friday, July 31st to celebrate the end of the summer and wind down from summer sports. All incoming 6th thru 12th graders and their dads are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Jocelyn Walker by July 26th.
- ◆ **Summer Youth Outings** – We have a fun lineup of summer outings this year for youth in 5th – 12th grade, including a trip to Cedar Point and a free summer concert at the Bryan Fountain City Amphitheater! Please RSVP to the events by scanning the QR code so that we can plan enough transportation and chaperones for each event. 
- ◆ **2026 Mission Trips** - Check the Sign-ups Bulletin Board outside of Pastor Erich's office for more info! LaPorte Habitat trip is June 15th-19th & Back Bay Mission trip is November 15th-21st.
- ◆ **Life Planning Mentors Needed** – We will have up to eight youth to be placed with adult mentors in our church for the upcoming Life Planning year. Life Planning pairs each high school freshman with an adult member of the church for the duration of all four years of high school. Christian mentorship is designed to foster a deeper sense of Christian community, and to provide both youth and their parents with additional spiritual and emotional support through high school. Life Planning meets as a group on the second Wednesday evening of each month and continues to be a beloved youth program here at St. John's. If you are feeling called to serve as a mentor, or if you have questions about the program prior to signing up, please contact Jocelyn Walker.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ We congratulate Bryce Beltz and Elli Fleischman who were married yesterday in Defiance! Bryce is the son of Mark and Jodi, and the grandson of Jim & Renee Liechty.
- ◆ All area school children, as they wrap up the school year and head into summer break. May they be blessed with joyful memories and experiences in the weeks to come!
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, who has gone through a battery of tests and awaits word on surgery.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Toni & Chris Neuenschwander, as Toni has a few more weeks of cardio rehab.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the Evangelical Association, as recent scans have shown a return of cancer.
- ◆ 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 LaFontaine, 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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