



Sunday, June 7, 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, 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 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!

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 33:1-5

(8:00) Prelude

Raegan Rutledge

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

(10:30) Prelude of Praise

“I Will Offer Up My Life”

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#4, “How Great Thou Art”

#473, “Victory in Jesus”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

“How Great Thou Art”

“Victory in Jesus”

Children’s Message

(8:00) Reception of New Member

Opening Sentences and Scripture Reading

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed

Vows of Membership

Congregational Response: ***As you join the membership of this congregation, we promise you our friendship and prayers as we share in the hopes and ministries of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our Risen Lord. Welcome to our fellowship!***

Hymn of Response

#287, v. 1, “Our God Has Made Us One”

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism - Jett Christopher Lerma, son of Jarett & Brooke

The Apostles’ Creed

Scripture

Proverbs 3:1-6

Promises of the Parents

Baptismal Song

Jocelyn Walker

“The Blessing”

Congregational Pledge: ***You are baptizing your son, Jett, to the powerful and loving providence of God. We pledge to share in the Christian nurture of Jett and we will support, by our example and love, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home, where trust in God grows and Christ’s way is chosen. Our prayers will be with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help make your task both joyful and fruitful, to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.***

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 Readings

Matthew 9:9-13, Romans 4:18-25

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn	#544, "We'll Understand It Better By and By"
†(10:30) Adult Choir	"Come to the Water"
Sermon	"Calling Sinners to Faith in Christ"
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings	
Offertory	Raegan Rutledge "Cornerstone"
† <i>The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication</i>	
<i>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.</i>	
†(8:00) Closing Hymn	#379, vs. 1-5, "Take My Life and Let it Be"
†(10:30) Closing Praise	"I Am Yours"
†Spoken Benediction	
†(8:00) Benediction in Song	#379, v. 6, "Take My Life and Let it Be"
†(10:30) Benediction in Song	chorus, "I Am Yours"

Scripture Readings

Psalms 33:1-5 Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. ² Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. ³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. ⁴ For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. ⁵ The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Matthew 9:9-13 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" ¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Romans 4:18-25 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead-- since he was about a hundred years old-- and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness-- for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Sermon Outline – “Calling Sinners to Faith in Christ”

Matthew 9:1-8

- ◆ Healing a paralytic – physically disabled; Jesus dealt first with the man’s sin – why?
 - ◇ Sin is the root from which all our evils come
 - ◇ To show that forgiveness is more important than physical healing
 - ◇ To show the most important thing Jesus came to do was to deal with sin
- ◆ Jesus knew their thoughts, knew their hearts
- ◆ Healing the man gave proof of his claim to have authority over sin
- ◆ In the healing, Jesus showed he had the power of God to heal and forgive

Matthew 9:9-13

- ◆ Jesus makes a public statement as to his purpose – to bring sinners to righteousness
- ◆ Tax collectors and sinners – Jesus is a friend of sinners – Romans 5:8
- ◆ The Pharisees chose to avoid all contact with sick people; Jesus chose otherwise
- ◆ Who needs a doctor? Who needs Jesus?
- ◆ Go and learn – “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” (Hosea 6:6)
- ◆ God would rather have right hearts, full of truth and mercy, than sacrifice.

Sinners

- ◆ 1 Timothy 1:15 “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.”
- ◆ 1 John 1:8-9 “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.
- ◆ Ephesians 2:8-9 “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Faith in Christ

- ◆ Romans 8:13 “For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live...”
- ◆ Colossians 3:9-10 “Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self...”
- ◆ Colossians 3:12-13 “Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	10:30 Sound	James Grime
Worship Leader	Carrie Yoder	10:30 Easy Worship	Brian Roth
8:00 Song Leader	David Stuckey	10:30 Live Stream	Ryan Christman
8:00 Lay Reader	Molly Rutledge	10:30 Lay Reader	Aimee Roth
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	10:30 Head Usher	Steve Walker
10:30 Ushers	Ryan, Jill, Lainey & JD Holdgreve		
10:30 Nursery	Bri & Emma Krukowski		
10:30 Praise Team	Lynne Christman, Scott Reeb, Buffy Riley, Corrie Riley, Bruce Wooley		
10:30 Adult Choir	Jane Pearl Buckenmeyer, Lynne Christman, Jim Grieser, Sarah Kinsman, Gloria Lauber, Dan Light, Lynne Ries, Andrew Rohrs, Richard Spiess, Crissi Stuckey, David Stuckey, Buffy Riley		

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

June 7 God Who Rescues	-----	Psalm 40
June 8 God We Can Trust	-----	Isaiah 45:9-25
June 9 Dead and Alive	-----	Romans 6:1-14
June 10 Heart Obedience	-----	Romans 6:15-23
June 11 Freed to Serve	-----	Romans 7:1-6
June 12 The Great Enigma	-----	Romans 7:7-25
June 13 No Condemnation	-----	Romans 8:1-17

FOR PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE!

VBS - JULY 26TH - 30TH



WEEK OF JUNE 7TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH


Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part Time Staff Room)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Chapel)
Wed	1:00PM	B3 Bible Study, 4 th -8 th graders (Healthy Spot)
	6:30PM	Adult Bell Choir - End of Season Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	7:30PM	Adult Bell Choir - Last Practice of the Season (Sanctuary)
Thurs	11:00AM	GIF Gals Outing (Meet at the Church)
Sat	7:40AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	TBD	Mud Hens Faith & Family Night (Fifth Third Field, Toledo)

June Mission-A-Month: Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County

Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio (HFHFCO) builds and repairs homes in Fulton County, Ohio for people who need affordable housing and have little or no means to better their circumstances through conventional avenues. We partner with people who are willing to work for what they need, giving a hand up, never a hand out. This principle teaches skills so partners can provide for themselves and teach their children and grandchildren to do the same. Each project requires pay back of the project price (determined through set standards). These payments are affordable because no interest is charged. Project costs are kept low through donations and volunteer labor from those in our communities. Principal payments from partner-homeowners are used to fund the mission, but isn't enough so we rely on donations, fundraisers and grants. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry. You can give to HFHFCO by marking Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting "HFHFCO" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

Announcements

- ◆ **Pastor Search Committee** - We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone in the congregation for the prayers and encouragement given to us during the Pastoral Search Process. The responsibility on our shoulders was lightened by your care for us during that time. We were shown the goodness and faithfulness of Jesus, as He certainly led and guided us. We would like to thank members of the Fellowship Committee for all you did to make Saturday and Sunday's Meet & Greet so special for welcoming Pastor Elijah and his family! Donuts, flowers, everything done with love. Sincerely, The Search Committee – Madison Bowers, Maggie Enderle, Laura Johnson, Pam Reeb, Brad Roth, Darlene Steiner, David Stuckey and Adam Swisher.
- ◆ **We Welcome Audrey Burkholder** to our church membership today. Audrey Burkholder lives at V608 County Road 25, Archbold. She has two children, her daughter, Katy, lives in Nashville, and her son and his wife, Eddie and Rachele, with children, Keaton and Makenna live here in Archbold. Audrey owns and operates her clothing alterations business, A Stitch in Time. She has helped lead the Countryside Clovers 4-H Club for many, many years.
- ◆ **Kyle & Sarah Walker**, son and daughter-in-law of Dave & Karen Walker, as they welcomed their third daughter, Margot Marilyn on May 20th in Cleveland, Ohio.
- ◆ **Third Thursday Luncheon** - There will be NO Luncheon for the month of June! See you in July!
- ◆ **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!
- ◆ **Custodial Position Update** - Buffy Riley and Amanda Wolf have faithfully and effectively served as custodians for St. John's over the past three years. Life situations change and the two ladies have determined it is time to relinquish the custodial duties of the church to meet the changes at this time in their lives. St. John's thanks both Buffy and Amanda for their dedication, flexibility, and hard work. You served diligently! Buffy and Amanda will serve in this position until June 27th. If you are interested in this part-time position, or know someone that might be, please contact the Personnel Committee Chair, Laura Johnson - with a letter of interest that includes experience and references to lajohnson57@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Faith & Family Mud Hens Night** - It's time for our annual church outing to the Toledo Mud Hens! Join us on June 14th for a 4:05PM first pitch as the Mud Hens take on the St. Paul Saints. There will be a pre-game faith session starting at approximately 2:00PM (details forthcoming) and kids are invited to run the bases after the game. Reservations have been made (sorry, we were not given much time for ticket sales).

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- ◆ **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...

- ◆ Elijah, Shannon, Eli and Jack Layfield, as they follow God's call upon Elijah to be the next pastor of SJCC, and as they look to purchase a home in Archbold and go through the moving process.
- ◆ Erich and Lynne, in this time of transition, trusting in the Lord's guidance in all matters.
- ◆ Church staff, to look and hear from the Lord for guidance and wisdom in all they do, as they serve the congregation, pastor and community.
- ◆ All area school children, as they head into summer break. May they be blessed with joyful memories and experiences in the weeks to come!
- ◆ Ralph and Bonnie Grieser, as Ralph copes with health issues, as Bonnie cares for him.
- ◆ Tara Meyer, who has seen progress with her health through a medication.
- ◆ John Graber is temporarily at Fairlawn as he waits for his apartment at Wyse Commons to be ready for him.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, as she continues to deal with various health issues.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat who has started specialized physical therapy in Deerfield Beach, FL.
- ◆ Toni & Chris Neuenschwander, as Toni has almost completed 12 weeks of cardio rehab.
- ◆ Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA, as he undergoes cancer treatment.

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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