



Sunday, June 28, 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

Colossians 1:17-20

Prelude

“Better is One Day”

†Hymns of Praise

#375, “Jesus Calls Us”

#358, “I Am Thine, O Lord”

†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 Readings

Colossians 3:15-20, Ephesians 2:17-22, Hebrews 12:1-2

†Sermon Hymn

#455, “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Sermon

“God Remains Present in Change”

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Ancient Words”

†*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

#404, “The Solid Rock”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#282, “The Family of God”

WELCOME, ED ALLEN!

Ed has served Christ through pastoring local churches, and providing leadership in church-related health and human service ministries focused on older adults. Before retiring, he helped launch Seashore Highlands, a Methodist Continuing Care Retirement Community in Gulfport, MS.

Beyond the blessings of his faith, his greatest joys include the spiritual legacy of his parents, as well as that of his in-laws, his marriage to Sandy (Richard and Conna Grieser’s daughter) in 1980. He and Sandy are most grateful to see their shared faith now lived out through their three children and passed on to Sandy’s and His grandchildren.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 1:17-20 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 3:15-20 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Ephesians 2:17-22 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	Children’s Message	Jocelyn Walker
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman	10:30 Lay Reader	Caitie Martinez
Worship Leader	Jocelyn Walker	10:30 Sound Tech	James Grime
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	10:30 Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
Head Usher	Greg Walker	10:30 Live Stream	Cayla Swisher
10:30 Ushers	Keith & Kelli Kuntz, and Bill & Kathy Bostleman		

SERMON NOTES: "GOD REMAINS PRESENT IN CHANGE"

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ God has been faithful
- ◆ He is faithful
- ◆ And God will remain faithful
- ◆ We also remember that pastors change – but God's faithfulness does not.

FAITH IS PASSED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

- ◆ What we remember from the past is part of a story that began long before us and, by God's grace, will continue long after us.
- ◆ We are not spectators but part of a long line of faithful men and women whose lives give testimony to God's faithfulness.
- ◆ Every generation receives that testimony and is responsible for living in such a way that they pass it on by honoring their faithful servants; learning from their witness; and in all situations – keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

WE REMAIN CENTERED IN CHRIST

- ◆ Pastors change – But Christ does not!
- ◆ Leadership changes – Christ does not!
- ◆ Generations come and go – Christ does not!
- ◆ Remember that, throughout our history and in every season of life, Christ is the sure foundation upon which our life together as St. John's Christian Church rests.

WE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER

- ◆ God has prepared a servant to work with us in this time and place by way of our witness and service together as St. John's Christian Church.
- ◆ He has prepared us to serve together.
- ◆ God gives us the assurance that His plans are unfolding according to His purpose.
- ◆ God now leads us into this new season and remembering that His faithfulness has not changed.

SIX MONTHS FROM NOW

- ◆ Will we remember that we experienced God's faithfulness to us?
- ◆ Will we remember that the realities of the past six months illustrate that God remains faithful?
- ◆ Will we look back and testify that God has been faithful, God is faithful, and God will remain faithful?

CONCLUSION

- ◆ God calls each of us to move forward together in faith.
- ◆ We are not standing at the end of one ministry and the beginning of another; we are standing in the middle of God's faithfulness by way of His continuing work among us.
- ◆ Afterall, GOD HAS BEEN FAITHFUL. GOD IS FAITHFUL. GOD WILL REMAIN FAITHFUL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Time of Pastoral Transition** - With the May 31st calling of Elijah Layfield to be the next pastor of St. John's Christian Church, a Transition Committee has been formed to coordinate the various aspects involved. The committee met for the first time on Thursday, June 11, and the committee will communicate with the congregation as plans unfold.

The following schedule has been set:

- ◆ July 12th - Erich will plan and lead a final worship service and preach his final sermon as Pastor of St. John's Christian Church
- ◆ July 13th - First day for Elijah as Pastor of St. John's Christian Church
- ◆ July 19th - Service of "A Time of Passage - Farewell and Welcome"
 - ◇ Service will include a "Symbolic Passing of Leadership"
 - ◇ Elijah will plan and lead his first worship service and preach his first sermon as Pastor of St. John's Christian Church
 - ◇ Erich will be present as the retiring pastor
- ◆ **VBS Early Registration Deadline** - The VBS early registration deadline is just a few days away! Register by July 1st to guarantee a tshirt for your child during the week of VBS. Registration will remain open through July until VBS kickoff night on July 26th.
- ◆ **Third Thursday Luncheon** - There will be NO Luncheon for the month of June! See you in July!
- ◆ **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. Bring your hot glue gun, favorite pair of scissors, and a snack to share if willing!
- ◆ **November 2026 Back Bay Mission Trip** - the trip is November 15th-21st, see the sign-up on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Erich's office for more information.
- ◆ **La Porte County Habitat for Humanity, La Porte, Indiana** - Some of the participants in the summer mission trip are planning a day trip to La Porter on July 16th. Due to the weather delaying the pouring of the foundation for the new home, the exterior and interior walls of the new home were built off-site. La Porte HFH staff and volunteers are to have the beam and first floor deck framed in, so that on the 16th a crew from SJCC can be there to set the walls in place. We'll meet at the church at 6:30am, climb aboard the church van and make the two hour trip to the worksite. The return to Archbold will depend upon the completion of setting the walls. Interested? Let Pastor Erich know!

WEEK OF JUNE 28TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Part Time Staff Room)
	2:00PM	Bible Study for High School Girls (Tap Culture)
	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	VBS Crafting Night (Gym)
Thurs	8:30AM	Bible Study for High School Girls (Tap Culture)
Fri	<i>Church Office Closed - 4th of July Observed</i>	
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	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:

Jun 28	A Desperate Cry -----	Psalm 44
Jun 29	House Building -----	2 Samuel 7:1-17
Jun 30	Amazing Grace -----	2 Samuel 7:18-29
Jul 1	The Elder Brother -----	Mark 6:1-13
Jul 2	John's Cousin -----	Mark 6:14-29
Jul 3	Foodbank Provider -----	Mark 6:30-44
Jul 4	Water Strider -----	Mark 6:45-56

JUNE MISSION-A-MONTH: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF FULTON COUNTY

Today is the final Sunday of the month to earmark your offering for our June Mission-a-Month, Habitat for Humanity of Fulton County, Ohio (HFHFCO). 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. Project costs are kept low through donations and volunteer labor from those in our communities. 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.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Sandy Miller, who had surgery on June 12th to relieve nerve pain in her head.
- ◆ Ralph and Bonnie Grieser, as Ralph is now in Room 163A at Fairlawn, receiving therapy.
- ◆ John Graber is in Room 167 at Fairlawn as he waits for his apartment at Wyse Commons.
- ◆ Elijah, Shannon, Eli and Jack Layfield, as they follow God's call upon Elijah to be the pastor of SJCC, as they look to purchase a home in Archbold and go through the moving process.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat who continues through specialized physical therapy in Deerfield Beach, FL.
- ◆ Toni & Chris Neuenschwander, as Toni has completed 12 weeks of cardio rehab and is feeling very well!
- ◆ 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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