



Sunday, July 12, 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	
Mission Moment - Defiance Area YFC - (8:00) Eliot Nofziger; (10:30) Kari Gathany	
Scripture and Prayer of Invocation	Isaiah 40:28-31
Prelude	"Be Thou My Vision"
†Hymns of Praise	#60, "Morning Has Broken" #64, "All Creatures of Our God and King"
†Sharing of the Peace of Christ	
Children's Message	
†The Apostles' Creed and The Lord's Prayer	
<i>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.</i>	
†Song of Faith	"People of Promise"
Scripture Readings	Romans 8:38-39, Hebrews 12:1-3
Sermon	"So Long, Farewell"
Special Music	Joshua Reeb "He's Alive"
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings	
Offertory	"Friends Are Friends Forever" (Michael W. Smith)
† <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>	
†Closing Hymn	"I Danced in the Morning"
†Spoken Benediction	
†Benediction in Song	#607, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman	10:30 Audio Tech	James Grime
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman	10:30 Projection Tech	Ryan Christman
Worship Leader	Jan Lindsay	Nursery	Collin & Emily Walker
8:00 Usher	Shawn Stuckey	Head Usher	Richard Spiess
10:30 Ushers	Kelly & Betsy Ducey, Jim McCurdy & Karleen Holland		

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:28-31 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 12:1-3 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. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

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

Jul 12	Eye of the Storm	-----	Psalm 46
Jul 13	Hands-On Healer	-----	Mark 8:22-26
Jul 14	Me, Mine, Myself	-----	Isaiah 46
Jul 15	Faithfulness to Obedience	-----	Isaiah 48:1-11
Jul 16	If Only...	-----	Isaiah 48:12-22
Jul 17	God’s Justice on Earth	-----	Isaiah 49:1-13
Jul 18	Unbelievable!	-----	Isaiah 49:14-26

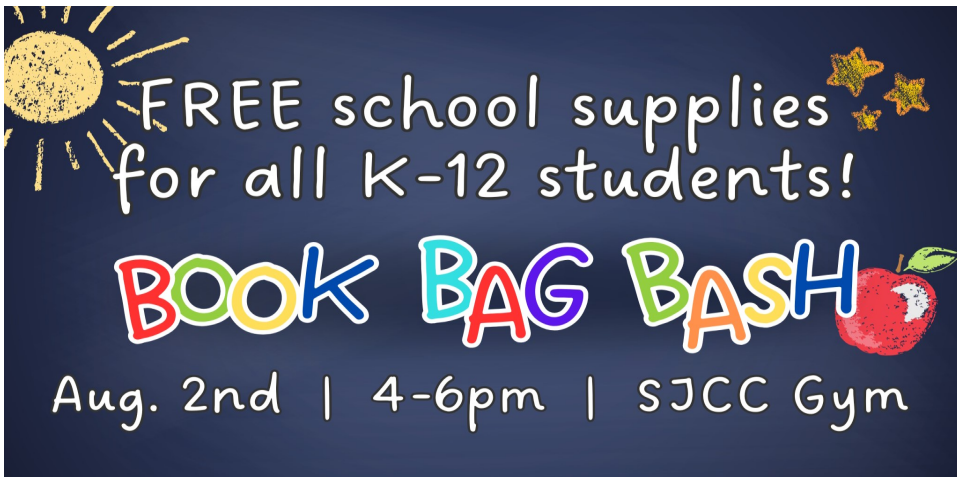
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Time of Pastoral Transition** - The following schedule has been set:
 - ◆ 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
 - ◇ 9AM Fellowship time, followed by one service at 10:30AM only.
- ◆ **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 Porte 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!
- ◆ **VBS Registration Deadline** - Registration will remain open through July until VBS kickoff night on July 26th.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** – Before we announce July’s outing, we must go back to our June Luncheon at Joel & Annie Foote’s home. The weather called for high temps and maybe rain, but 12 Gals braved the elements! Plans were for a garden luncheon, but we were invited inside where it was cool and enjoyed the view of the garden from a large window as we dined and played games. The Gals would like to thank the Foote’s for their outstanding hospitality, and for inviting us back next year! Moving on... Ever hear that song, “Get Your Kicks on Route 66?” Well, the Gals are going to dine at Delta Route 109, on July 23rd at 5:30PM. Please remember to sign up & bring a friend.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

- ♦ **Book Bag Bash 2026** - The Evangelism Committee will be hosting St. John's Annual Book Bag Bash at the church on Sunday, August 2nd from 3-5PM. Students K-12 who are in need of school supplies for the upcoming school year are invited to come and fill up a backpack of their choosing with all of their school necessities. Please let Emily K. Walker or David Stuckey know if you have interest in helping with this event!
- ♦ **November 2026 Back Bay Mission Trip** - The trip is November 15th - 21st. Serving with Back Bay Mission (BBM) enables participants to learn the realities of living in poverty and homelessness, as BBM provides a food pantry, soup kitchen and day center as key aspects of their ministry. Each of these ministries enables participants to spend time talking with and learning from staff and clients. In addition, BBM oversees a vital housing rehabilitation program, too. The work projects for the week could be any type of home repair or renovation, with projects matched to the skill level of volunteers. Whatever skills a person has or doesn't have, each participant will find there is a wide variety of work so everyone can share in a teamwork approach to the week. The Consistory has granted special approval for Pastor Erich to lead this final scheduled trip to Biloxi as it falls within the year he is to separate from the congregation. He will assume leadership once in Biloxi, as Betsy Ducey and Kim M. Walker will coordinate arrangements for the trip. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office.



People of Promise

With spirit

Words and Music
by Martie Swan

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols (A, D, E, G) are placed above the staff at various points. The lyrics are: "Peo - ple of pro - mise a - rise and see there's a new day a - dawn - ing for you and for me, For - God in Christ Je - sus has set us all free. Peo - ple of pro - mise a - rise. Do you hear Je - sus call - in? I — am hun - gry and I — am thir - sty, Peo - ple an - swer me, — I — am sick — and I — am na - ked, What will your an - swer be? — Peo - ple of pro - mise a - rise! —". There are two red dots on the staff, one under the word "free" and one under the word "rise".

2. Do you hear Jesus callin'?
I am a stranger,
I am in prison,
People answer me!
I am your brother,
I am your sister,
What will your answer be?
3. Yes, I hear him callin'.
I am ready
To do my part,
For we are God's family.
Here are my hands,
Here is my heart,
Take me and set me free!
4. Together we will serve him
We will reach out
And dare to be servants.
Take us and set us free.
In the midst of the struggle
We all will be strengthened
For we are God's family.

I Danced In The Morning

Words and Music by
Sydney Bertram Carter Old Shaker Tune

VERSE

G Em Bm Em



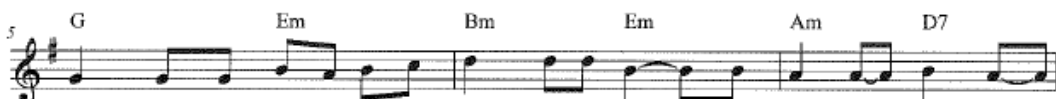
I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i see, but they
I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame, the
I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black; It's
They cut Me down and I leapt up high,

Am D7



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
would not dance and they would - n't fol - low Me; I
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; They
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; They
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll

G Em Bm Em Am D7



came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth, at Beth - le - hem I
danced for the fish - er-men, for James and John; They came with Me and the
whipped and they stripped and they hung Me on high; And they left Me there on a
bur - ied My bod - y and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I
live in you if you'll live in Me; "I am the Lord of the

CHORUS

C/G G G Bm Em G



had My birth. "Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the
dance went on.
Cross to die.
still go on.
Dance," said He.

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Dance," said He. "And I'll lead you all wher-ev-er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the



Dance,"

said

He.



WEEK OF JULY 12TH 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)
	12:00PM	Church Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
Mon	11:00AM	Larry Woolace's Visitation (Chapel)
	1:00PM	Larry Woolace's Service (Sanctuary), Luncheon to follow graveside
	2:00PM	VBS Director's Meeting
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	6:45PM	Mission Committee (Fireside)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Chapel)
Wed	7:15AM	Cedar Point Departure
Thurs	6:30AM	LCHF Trip Departure
	8:30AM	Bible Study for High School Girls (Tap Culture)
Sun	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Fellowship Committee - Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)

JULY MISSION-A-MONTH: DEFIANCE AREA YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Archbold Area – Lead and Development Director, Eliot Nofziger – YFC is a movement that reaches young people everywhere with the hope of Christ. They work with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ, and commitment to social involvement.

Juvenile Justice Ministry, Kari Gathany – a youth outreach program taking place in a variety of institutions (i.e. detention centers, correctional facilities, group homes, residential treatment centers, emergency shelters, etc.) Their mission is to help young people develop a way of living taught by Jesus Christ; balancing the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of life. They build valued relationships that are sustained through ongoing involvement as they re-enter their communities. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry.

You may give to YFC - Eliot Nofziger, or Kari Gathany by marking Line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope, or by going to the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Mel Woolace and family, upon the passing of her husband, Larry, on July 7th, at the age of 87, with services held here at the church tomorrow.
- ◆ Sandy Miller, continues to recover at home from surgery to relieve nerve pain in her head.
- ◆ Ralph and Bonnie Grieser, as Ralph is in room 163A at Fairlawn, receiving therapy.
- ◆ Elijah, Shannon, Eli and Jack Layfield, as they are now living in Archbold and continue to work at purchasing a home in the village. Elijah will start in the office tomorrow.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, who has returned to Deerfield Beach, FL for further physical therapy, which is working, as she is now taking slow steps with the use of a walker! Praise the Lord!
- ◆ An update from the Rev. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA: "About three months ago I received concerning scan results suggesting a possible recurrence of cancer following my battle with that disease in 2021. Following several more scans and tests in recent weeks, it was confirmed a few days ago that I do indeed have cancer once again and will now be on a path of determining what kind of treatment options might be most helpful. Please continue to keep me on your prayer lists as I face this new health battle. Given the circumstances, I also want to share with you that I will be retiring from my role as the National Minister of the Evangelical Association in September. The members of the EA board of directors have been aware of this decision for the last several months and have been planning for the transition so that the EA can continue to function smoothly once I have stepped down."

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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