



Sunday, August 16, 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, located at the South Entrance. 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 on a shelf 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!

BAPTISM SUNDAY

(8:00) Call to Worship

1 Chronicles 16:8-12

(8:00) Prelude

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

†(10:30) Prelude of Praise

"All I Have is Christ"

Welcome & Announcements

†(8:00) Hymn of Praise

#586, "Jesus, Stand Among Us"

#93, "Praise the Name of Jesus"

#66, "To God Be the Glory"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord"

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

(10:30) Sacrament of Baptism - Jack Layfield

Apostles' 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

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4

Special Music

Joshua Reeb "I Bowed on My Knees and Cried, "Holy!"

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:9-11

Sermon

"Well Pleased With the Son"

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

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Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory

“Somebody Loves Me”

†*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.

- †(8:00) Closing Hymn
- #436, “Whiter Than Snow”
- †(10:30) Closing Song
- “Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”
- †Spoken Benediction
- †(8:00) Benediction in Song
- #439, v. 2, “Cleanse Me”
- †(10:30) Benediction in Song
- #376, v. 1, “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	Worship Leader	Jan Lindsay
8:00 Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs	10:30 Audio Tech	James Grime
10:30 Lay Reader	Aimee Roth	10:30 Projection Tech	Cayla Swisher
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	10:30 Head Usher	Brad Roth
Nursery	Collin & Emily Walker		
Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Evy & Avery Roth		
Praise Team	Norm Fether, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley		

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Chronicles 16:8-12 Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.⁹ Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.¹⁰ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.¹¹ Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.¹² Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.

Isaiah 42:1–4 “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.”

Mark 1:9-11 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

SERMON AND TRANSLATION NOTES: "WELL PLEASED WITH THE SON"

Mark 1:9-11 (Elijah's translation) "And it came to pass in those days, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and he was baptized in the Jordan by John.¹⁰ And immediately, coming up from the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit like a dove descending on him.¹¹ And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son, in you I am well pleased.'"

The Son Arrives! Verse 9

Nazareth, in the region of Galilee, is about 75 miles north of Jerusalem. Nazareth (Ναζαρά) occurs 6 times in the New Testament (Mt 2:23, 4:13, Mk 1:9, Lk 4:16, John 1:45-46). Galilee (Γαλιλαία) occurs 12 times in Mark (1:9, 14, 16, 28, 39, 3:7, 6:21, 7:31, 9:30, 14:28, 15:41, 16:7).

The Spirit Descends! Verse 10

- ♦ The word for the tearing (σχίζω) of the temple veil is used to describe the parting of the heavens (Mt 27:51, Mk 15:38, Lk 23:45).
- ♦ Isaiah 64:1-2 NIV "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!"
- ♦ Matthew 12:17–21 NIV This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:¹⁸ "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.²⁰ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.²¹ In his name the nations will put their hope."

The Father Speaks! Verse 11

- ♦ "The aorist [the past tense used when God says, 'In you I am well pleased] is not saying that God 'was' pleased with Jesus (perhaps implying he was no longer pleased — that would be heresy), but that the sum total of his life, perhaps culminating in his humble submission to a sinner's baptism, was pleasing to the Father" (Bill Mounce).
- ♦ 2 Peter 1:16–17 NIV¹ We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Wednesday Evening Registration** - Registration for all Wednesday evening children and teen programs will open on August 19th! Registration information will be posted on our social media channels as well as the church website.
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - No Senior Luncheon for the month of August.
- ♦ **Gif Gals** - Welcome to August, where did summer go? I believe it evaporated with all the heat we had in June & July! It will soon be time for our grandchildren to be heading back to school. I will miss the extra time I could spend with them. On the other hand, my grocery list & bill should be less. So to fill this extra time, lets get together at 5:00pm on August 27th, at Sullivan's Restaurant in Wauseon. Please sign up on the sheet outside of Elijah's office. Remember to ask a friend to join us!
- ♦ **Adult Choir** - If you are interested in joining or returning to sing in the Adult Choir for the upcoming year, please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office by August 30th. Be sure to invite a friend! This will help Buffy plan the music for the upcoming church year.
- ♦ **Adult Bell Choir** - If you are interested in joining or returning to play hand bells in the Adult Bell Choir for the upcoming year, please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office by August 30th. Be sure to invite a friend! This will help Buffy plan music for the upcoming church year.
- ♦ **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.

WEEK OF AUGUST 16TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:00AM	Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (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)

AUGUST MISSION-A-MONTH: BACK BAY MISSION

“Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives,” (thebackbaymission.org, 2021). Back Bay serves communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast through ministries like their education and empowerment programs and their housing rehabilitation program - all with a goal of transforming lives. You may give to Back Bay Mission by marking Line 2 of your offering envelope, or by going to the “Give to” drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.

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

- Aug 16 Forgiven Praise ----- Psalm 51
- Aug 17 Blessing For the Nations ----- Genesis 35:16-29
- Aug 18 An Influencer ----- Acts 16:11-15
- Aug 19 In the Name of Jesus!----- Acts 16:16-28
- Aug 20 From Prison to Praise ----- Acts 16:29-40
- Aug 21 Is It Worth It?----- Acts 17:1-15
- Aug 22 Speaking Words of Wisdom----- Acts 17:16-34

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Mel Woolace, as she has returned home, but still dealing with breathing complications.
- ◆ Ralph and Bonnie Grieser, as Ralph is in the special care unit at Fairlawn, receiving therapy.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, prayers to maintain and build upon the specialized therapy she recently completed in Florida, as well as wisdom for her medical team as they evaluate her recent scans.

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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