



Sunday, August 23, 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 preschool. The Nursery 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.

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Welcome to our Worship of God!

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Call to Worship	1 Chronicles 16:23-27
(8:00) Prelude	"Amazing Grace"
(10:30) Prelude of Praise	"Who Else"
Welcome & Announcements	
†(8:00) Hymns of Praise	#5, "Be Exalted, O God" #30, "How Majestic Is Your Name" #31, "Great Is the Lord"
†(10:30) Songs of Praise	"How Good It Is" "What An Awesome God"
†Sharing the Peace of Christ	
Children's Message	
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (<i>debts/debtors</i>)	
<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>	
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 3:1-9
†(8:00) Sermon Hymn	#67, "The Love of God"
(10:30) Special Music	Buffy Riley & Jocelyn Walker "You Lead Me"
New Testament Reading	Mark 1:12-13
Sermon	"Tempted in the Wilderness"
Gloria Patri	
<i>Glory to God in the Highest! 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.</i>	
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings	
Offertory	"Open Our Eyes"
†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication	
<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	#26, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
†(10:30) Closing Song	"Son of Suffering"
†Spoken Benediction	
†(8:00) Benediction in Song	#255, "Greater Is He That Is In Me"
†(10:30) Benediction in Song	Chorus, "Son of Suffering"

Scripture Readings

1 Chronicles 16:23-27 Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. ²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. ²⁵ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place.

Genesis 3:1-9 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" ⁴ "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Mark 1:12-13 At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, ¹³ and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Worship Servants

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	10:30 Audio Tech	James Grime
Worship Leader	Jocelyn Walker	10:30 Easy Worship	Kelly Ducey
8:00 Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman	10:30 Livestream	Ollie MacDonald
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	10:30 Head Usher	Brad Roth
Nursery	Jen & Brie Grime		
Ushers	Curt & Kay Stamm, Aimee Roth, Evy Roth		
10:30 Praise Team	Bryson Martinez, Buffy Riley, Jocelyn Walker		

Sermon and Translation Notes: "Tempted in the Wilderness"

Mark 1:12-13 (Elijah's translation) "And straight away the Spirit drove him into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan, and was with the wild animals. And the angels were ministering to him.

The Adam that Failed.

- **Genesis 2:8 NIV** "Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed."
- **Genesis 3:15 NIV** "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.""
- **Genesis 9:2 NIV** "The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands."

The Adam that Prevailed.

- **Matthew 4:1–11 NIV** "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him."

Announcements

- **Wednesday Evening Program Registration** – Registration is OPEN for Wednesday evening Kids and Teens programs! Head to stjohnsarchbold.org/register to submit your registration for kids in Preschool (3.5 years old) through 12th Grade. Programs start on Wednesday, September 16th with our Family Kickoff Night from 6:00-8:00PM!
- **Rally Sunday Save the Date** – Rally Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 13th! The Christian Education Committee has a fun and engaging program planned for the 9:15AM Sunday school hour in the Chapel, and our 10:30AM service will be held outside in the East Lawn, enjoying God’s beautiful creation! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and plan to stay for lunch after worship!
- **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, let’s 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.
- **“Getting to Know You” Small Groups with Pastor Elijah** – In an effort to get to know everyone at SJCC, Pastor Elijah has planned several opportunities to gather in small groups of 12 people at Short’s Pond. Join in for a time of fellowship & getting to know one another. Light refreshments will be served by our Fellowship Committee. Short’s Pond is located on CR E in Archbold, just east of Scott & JoAnn Short’s home at 25515 CR E. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor’s Office.
- **Back Bay Mission Trip** – There’s still time to sign up for the Back Bay Mission Trip, which is scheduled for November 15-21st. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church offices. We hope you’ll consider joining the team!

Week of August 23rd at SJCC

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)
	12:00PM	Parish Hall Reserved for Afternoon
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
Wed	7:00PM	Getting to Know You Gathering (Short’s Pond)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary & 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 Guide Daily Readings

For the week of August 23rd, 2026:

- Aug. 23 “A Green Olive Tree” -----Psalm 52
- Aug. 24 “Guidance” ----- Acts 18:1-17
- Aug. 25 “The Ministry of Others” ----- Acts 18:18-28
- Aug. 26 “It’s Magic” ----- Acts 19:1-22
- Aug. 27 “Challenging the World”----- Acts 19:23-41
- Aug. 28 “How Long?” ----- Acts 20:1-12
- Aug. 29 “Just One Thing”----- Acts 20:13-24

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Please pray for...

- Emma Krukowski, Avery Roth & Evy Roth, who are safely moved into their college dorms and apartments for their freshman year of college. Pray for their well-being, safety, and joy in this exciting year ahead!
- All of our school-aged children, who returned to school this past week. Please pray for a safe and joyful school year!
- Mel Woolace, as she's returned home, but still dealing with breathing complications
- Ralph & Bonnie Grieser, as Ralph is in the special care unit at Fairlawn receiving therapy.
- Chloe Merillat, who needs 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 recent scans.
- Jocelyn Walker, who is undergoing several weeks of physical therapy for a herniated disc in her lower back. Pray for full healing of the disc, as it's been shared that the typical/normal demands of motherhood could slow the healing process.

Care Center Residents...

- Marilyn Baron, Fulton Manor, 725 S. Shoop Ave, Wauseon 43567
- John Graber, 550 Haven Drive, Apt. 309, Archbold, 43502
- 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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