



Sunday, August 30, 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](http://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!



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## Let's enter the presence of the Lord together!

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| Call to Worship                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 Chronicles 16:28-34                                                 |
| Prelude                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | "For the Beauty of the Earth"                                         |
| Welcome & Announcements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |
| †Hymns of Praise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | #8, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"<br>#103, "Blessed Be the Name" |
| †Sharing the Peace of Christ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                       |
| Children's Message                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                       |
| †Hymn of Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | #429, "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"                         |
| Pastoral Prayer & 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> |                                                                       |
| Old Testament Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Isaiah 9:6-7                                                          |
| Special Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Scott Reeb "People Need the Lord"                                     |
| New Testament Reading                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Mark 1:14-15                                                          |
| Sermon                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | "God's Kingdom Comes!"                                                |
| Gloria Patri                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                       |
| <i>Glory to God in the Highest! Glory to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, world without end. Amen.</i>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                       |
| Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                       |
| Offertory                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | "Softy and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"                                 |
| †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>                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                       |
| †Closing Hymn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | #447, "Freely, Freely"                                                |
| †Spoken Benediction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                       |
| †Benediction in Song                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Chorus, "Into My Heart"                                               |

# Scripture Readings

**1 Chronicles 16:28-34** Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, <sup>29</sup> ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. <sup>30</sup> Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. <sup>31</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" <sup>32</sup> Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! <sup>33</sup> Then the trees of the forest will sing, they will sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. <sup>34</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

**Isaiah 9:6-7** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

**Mark 1:14-15** After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

# Worship Servants

|                     |                                           |                    |               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Accompanist         | Buffy Riley                               | 10:30 Audio Tech   | James Grime   |
| Song Leader         | Roger Zimmerman                           | 10:30 Easy Worship | Jenna Stuckey |
| Children’s Message  | Matt Hines                                | 10:30 Livestream   | Cayla Swisher |
| Prelude & Offertory | Raegan Rutledge                           |                    |               |
| 8:00 Usher          | Linda Heer                                | 10:30 Head Usher   | Brad Roth     |
| Ushers              | Aimee Roth, Curt & Kay Stamm, Toby Walker |                    |               |
| Nursery             | Karen Walker & Molly Rutledge             |                    |               |

## Sermon and Translation Notes: “God’s Kingdom Comes!”

**Mark 1:14-15** (Elijah’s translation) Now after John was delivered up, Jesus came proclaiming the gospel of God in Galilee <sup>15</sup> and saying, ‘The time has been fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent and believe in the gospel.’

### God’s Voice Speaks (v.14).

- ◆ This word “delivered up” (παράδιδωμι) is the same used of Jesus’ betrayal and arrest (Mark 3:19; 9:31; 10:33; 13:9, 11-12; 14:10-11, 18, 21, 41-42, 44; 15:1, 10, and 15).
- ◆ Mark 16:15, 20 NIV [Jesus] said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” [...] <sup>20</sup> Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.
- ◆ Romans 10:14 NIV How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them

### God’s Kingdom Comes (v.15).

- ◆ Galatians 4:4 NIV But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,
- ◆ Matthew 6:9–10 NIV This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”
- ◆ John 3:3, 5 NIV In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” [...] <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.”

### God’s Call Goes Out (v.15).

- ◆ Acts 17:30 NIV In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.
- ◆ Romans 10:9 NIV ...If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

## Announcements

- **Jon & Jan Lindsay** – Congratulations on the blessed news of the birth of grandson William (Will) Arthur Lindsay, to Jayson & Christina Lindsay. Will was born August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9lbs 1oz and 22 inches long. Siblings Ben and Maddie are thrilled to have a baby brother.
- **Wednesday Evening Program Registration** – Registration is OPEN for Wednesday evening Kids & Teens programs! Head to [stjohnsarchbold.org/register](http://stjohnsarchbold.org/register) to submit your registration for kids in Preschool (3.5 years old) through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Programs start on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> with our Family Kickoff Night from 6:00-8:00PM!
- **Rally Sunday Save the Date** – Rally Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>! 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!
- **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon** - We are happy to announce that the luncheon is back on for September! Senior citizens are invited to gather at 11:30AM on September 17<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. A delicious meal & blessed fellowship will be enjoyed after a devotional program. We hope to see you there!
- **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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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 15-21<sup>st</sup>. You can sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's office. We hope you'll consider joining the team!

**Week of August 30<sup>th</sup> at SJCC**

|     |         |                                              |
|-----|---------|----------------------------------------------|
| Sun | 8:00AM  | Worship (Chapel)                             |
|     | 8:30AM  | Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)                 |
|     | 9:15AM  | Sunday School                                |
|     | 10:30AM | Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)           |
| Mon | 6:30PM  | Fellowship Committee Meeting (Fireside Room) |
| Tue | 9:00AM  | Bible Study (Fireside Room)                  |
|     | 10:30AM | Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)                |
| Wed | 6:30PM  | JYF Pool Party (Verhoff Home)                |
| Sun | 8:00AM  | Worship (Chapel)                             |
|     | 8:30AM  | Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)                 |
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**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026:

- Aug. 30 “Whose Fool Are You?” -----Psalm 53
- Aug. 31 “The Power of a Blessing” ----- Acts 20:25-38
- Sept. 1 “God in Gomer” ----- Hosea 1:1-2:1
- Sept. 2 “Faith in the Creator” ----- Hosea 2:2-23
- Sept. 3 “Non-Controlling Love” ----- Hosea 3
- Sept. 4 “Love Languages” ----- Hosea 6:1-7:2
- Sept. 5 “Divine Parent Love” ----- Hosea 11

## Prayer Concerns and Joys

Please pray for...

- Mel Woolace, and her breathing complications.
- Ralph & Bonnie Grieser, as Ralph is in the special care unit at Fairlawn, receiving therapy.
- Chloe Merillat, prayers requested as we await the results of further scans and biopsies, and for Chloe to maintain and build upon the specialized therapy she completed in Florida.
- 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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