



Sunday, September 6, 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.

Let's Connect!



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Let's enter the presence of the Lord together!

Call to Worship	Psalm 9:9-11
(8:00) Prelude	"What a Day That Will Be"
(10:30) Prelude of Invitation	"The Heart of Worship"
Welcome & Announcements	
†(8:00) Hymns of Praise	
#555, "We're Marching to Zion"	
	#535, "A Christian Home"
†(10:30) Songs of Praise	"You're Worthy of My Praise"
	"Forever"
†Sharing the Peace of Christ	
Children's Message	
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	Psalm 119:9-16
Special Music	Molly Rutledge "It is Well"
New Testament Reading	2 Timothy 3:14-17
Sermon	"Why Four Gospels?"
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	"Speak O Lord"
†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 Song	page 6, "The Servant Song"
†(10:30) Closing Song	"Ancient Words"
†Spoken Benediction	
†Benediction in Song	#602, "God Be With You"

Scripture Readings

Psalm 9:9-11 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. ¹⁰ Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. ¹¹ Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

Psalm 119:9-16 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. ¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. ¹² Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees. ¹³ With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. ¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Worship Servants

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	10:30 Audio Tech	James Grime
Sermon	Ryan Christman	10:30 Easy Worship	Brian Roth
Worship/Song Leader	David Stuckey	10:30 Livestream	Ollie MacDonald
Children’s Message	Nancy Rupp	8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser
10:30 Head Usher	Greg Walker		
Ushers	Jeff, Stacy & Raegan Rutledge		
Praise Team	Sarah Kinsman, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley		
Nursery	Collin & Emily Walker		

Announcements

- **Wednesday Evening Program Registration** – Registration is OPEN for Wednesday evening Kids & 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!
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast** – Mark your calendar for the second Saturday each month at 7:40AM. The specific start time is based off of 1 Chronicles 7:40, which reads, "All these were the children of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes." The purpose of this gathering time is to help make each other better men, to be of good report with one another, and to spend time fellowshiping. Our time consists of partaking in breakfast foods, fellowshiping, a message to contemplate and discuss, prayer with/for each other, and in recent months a time for a worship song(s). Consider joining us September 12th.
- **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!
- **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 17th in the Parish Hall. A delicious meal & blessed fellowship will be enjoyed after a devotional program. We hope to see you there!
- **GIF Gals** – Save the date! On Thursday, September 24th the Gals will be headed to Bryan for some shopping followed by a meal at the Four Seasons Restaurant. Stay tuned for more information!
- **"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. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's Office. Next one is September 10th.
- **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 Pastor's office. We hope you'll consider joining the team!

The Servant Song

Words and Music by
Richard Gillard

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1. Broth er, let me be your ser - vant. Let me be as Christ to you.
 2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney. We are broth - ers on the road.
 3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night time of your fear.
 4. I will weep when you are weep - ing, When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
 5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such har - mo - ny;
 6. Broth er sis - ter let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you.

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Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
 We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor - row Till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 Born of all we've known to - geth - er, of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my serv - ant too.

Week of September 6th 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		Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day
Tue	9:00AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee Meeting
Wed	6:00PM	SYF Defiance Putt Putt & Fun Center (Depart at 5:45PM)
Sat	7:40AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary & YouTube Live)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Donuts & Devotions (Chapel)
	10:30AM	Worship (East Lawn)
	11:30AM	Fellowship Lunch (Parish Hall)
	6:30PM	Life Planning Kick-off Cookout (SJCC)

September Mission-a-Month: Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission

Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission – St. John’s has been in partnership with TGRM for many years, as they represent a commitment to local missions. They offer shelter, food and support to those experiencing homelessness and poverty. If you would like to join the next team going to TGRM, please see Dan Light or Ann Grime for more information. You can give to TGRM by writing in “TGRM” on line 12 or 13 of your offering envelope, or by selecting “TGRM in the “Give to” drop-down menu in Breeze’s online giving feature.

Discovery Guide Daily Readings

For the week of September 6th, 2026:

- Sept. 6 “God of Justice” -----Psalm 54
- Sept. 7 “The End is Not the End” ----- Hosea 14
- Sept. 8 “Who Do You Say I Am?” ----- Mark 8:27-30
- Sept. 9 “How Precious is Our Soul?” ----- Mark 8:31-9:1
- Sept. 10 “A Mountaintop Experience” ----- Mark 9:2-13
- Sept. 11 “If You Can?” -----Mark 9:14-29
- Sept. 12 “Greatness of the Last” -----Mark 9:30-37

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Please pray for...

- The family of Beverly Beaverson, who entered eternal life on August 29th at the age of 91.
- Jim Grieser, for upcoming open heart surgery.
- Mel Woolace, who has been experiencing breathing complications.
- Ralph & Bonnie Grieser, as Ralph is in the special care unit at Fairlawn, receiving therapy.
- Chloe Merillat, praise! Initial biopsy results were encouraging, with no cancer found, though inconclusive. Additional biopsies will be performed next Friday, September 11th. Please pray for peace, strength and healing for Chloe & her family.

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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