



Sunday, September 20, 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. 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.

First Aid Kits are located and hung on the walls of the Gym (Room #106), and Second Floor Hallway next to the Elevator. In the Northeast Foyer (Room #134), a first aid kit, AED & Emergency First Aid can be found on the wall. Please see an usher if there is an emergency, or if medical assistance is needed.

Let's Connect!



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Let's enter the presence of the Lord together!

Call to Worship	Psalm 98:1-4 (pg. 592)
(8:00) Prelude	"Great Is the Lord"
(10:30) Prelude of Praise	"For Your Name is Holy"
Welcome & Announcements	
†(8:00) Hymn of Praise	#23, "Make a Joyful Noise"
	#512, "My Savior's Love"
	#97, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
†(10:30) Songs of Praise	"10,000 Reasons"
	"Shout to the Lord"
†Sharing the Peace of Christ	
Children's Message	
Congregational 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 55:1-5 (pg. 733)
Special Music	Sarah Kinsman
	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
New Testament Reading	Mark 1:21-28 (pg. 990)
Sermon	"What's So Amazing About Authority"
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	
Blanket Sunday - Special Offering	
Offertory	"How Majestic Is Your Name"
†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	#191, "There Is Power in the Blood"
†(10:30) Closing Song	"Mighty Name of Jesus"
†Spoken Benediction	
†(8:00) Benediction in Song	#74, "Majesty"
†(10:30) Benediction in Song	"Benediction"

Worship Servants

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	Sound Tech	James Grime
Worship Leader	Jenna Stuckey	Easy Worship	Tom Hines
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs	Livestream	Ryan Christman
8:00 Usher	Judy Sears	10:30 Head Usher	Matt Hines
Ushers	Rutledge Family		
Praise Team	Norm Fether, Bryson Martinez, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley		
Nursery	Bri Krukowski		

Scripture Readings

Psalm 98:1-4 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. ³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

Isaiah 55:1-5 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. ² Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. ³ Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴ See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples. ⁵ Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor."

Mark 1:21-28 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are--the Holy One of God!" ²⁵ "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" ²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching--and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Sermon & Translation Notes: “What’s So Amazing About Authority?”

Mark 1:21-28 (Elijah’s translation) “And they are going into Capernaum; and **straight away** (εὐθὺς), entering into the synagogue on the Sabbath, he was teaching. ²² And they were amazed at his teaching. For he was teaching them as having authority and not as the scribes. ²³ And **straight away** (εὐθὺς) there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit and he cried out ²⁴ saying, “What to us and to you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God. ²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him! ²⁶ And convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, the unclean spirit came out of him. ²⁷ And all were amazed so that they argued among themselves saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him. ²⁸ And **straight away** (εὐθὺς) the news about him went out everywhere into all the region of Galilee.

An Amazing Authority

How did Jesus teach with authority?

How did the scribes teach?

What types of authority did they see?

1. Authority in _____
2. Authority in the _____ realm

An Unclean Spirit

Why did the spirit cry out?

How would we react?

"Unclean" (ἀκάθαρτος) occurs 11 times in Mark (1:23, 26-27; 3:11, 30; 5:2, 8, 13; 6:7; 7:25; 9:25). It only occurs as a description of demonic spirits.

The word that Jesus addressed to the unclean spirit, "Be quiet!" (Φιμώθητι) is the same that he used to address the storm in Mark 4:39.

Mark 4:39 (NIV), “He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.”

An Outbreak of News

What news?

How did it spread quickly?

Announcements

- **Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission** – There is a group going to TGRM today. If you would like to join them, meet in our parking lot at 3PM for departure. See Dale & Ann Grime, or Dan Light for information.
- **Blanket Sunday** – Today we will take a special offering in support of Church World Services. Your support allows CWS to quickly respond to get supplies into the hands of people in crisis. Supplies include: Blankets, Emergency Cleanup Buckets, Hygiene Kits, School Kits & Food Packages.
- **Hope for Kajiado Mission Day** – This Saturday, September 26th at 10AM we will be hosting a community wide event to celebrate 30 Years of Sponsorship. There will be a special presentation of African songs & dances from the kids via Zoom, followed by a meal. Please sign up with the QR code on the flyer outside of the Part Time Staff Room #122.
- **Adult Choir** – Will be holding their first rehearsal this Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:30PM. Come see what songs we will be singing for our 2026-2027 season.
- **GIF Gals** – Q: What are 3 activities women like most? A: Talk, eat, shop. If your answers matched, good news! This Thursday, September 24th the Gals will go to Endless Creations in Bryan for shopping from 4-5PM, then hop across the street to Four Seasons Restaurant for food & fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Elijah's office & don't forget to bring a friend!
- **"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 group meets this Thursday, September 24th at 7PM.
- **Back Bay Mission Trip** – Time is running out 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!

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.

Week of September 20th at SJCC

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	3:00PM	Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission Departure
	7:00PM	Praise Team #2 Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council Meeting
	7:15PM	Consistory Meeting
Tue	9:00AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
Wed	6:30PM	Fall into Faith Night PreK-12 (Gym)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thurs	7:00PM	Getting to Know You Group Meeting (Short’s Pond)
Sat	10:00AM	Kajiado Community Event (Sanctuary)
	11:30AM	Kajiado Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:00AM	Junior Church (Chapel)

Discovery Guide Daily Readings

For the week of September 20th, 2026:

Sept. 20	“God Who Knows Our Tears”	-----	Psalm 56
Sept. 21	“Jesus’ Question”	-----	Mark 10:46-52
Sept. 22	“Devoted”	-----	2 Samuel 8
Sept. 23	“Distracted”	-----	2 Samuel 11
Sept. 24	“Devastated”	-----	2 Samuel 12
Sept. 25	“Diminished”	-----	2 Samuel 15
Sept. 26	“Determined”	-----	2 Samuel 15

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Please pray for...

- Jim Grieser, for upcoming open heart surgery.
- Mel Woolace, who has been experiencing breathing complications.
- Chloe Merillat, praise! Initial biopsy results were encouraging, with no cancer found, though inconclusive. Additional biopsies were performed 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
- Ralph Grieser, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 401, Archbold, Ohio 43502
- Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 407, 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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