



Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:00am & 10:30am

St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ"

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!
World Communion Sunday

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:9-14 (pg. 1219)

(10:30) Prelude of Worship

"For Your Name Is Holy"

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#64, V. 1, 3-5, "All Creatures of Our God and King"

#72, "We Will Glorify"

†(10:30) Songs of Praise

"Echo Holy"

"Is He Worthy"

Welcome & Announcements

Mission-A-Month, Abbey Nafziger, LifeWise Academy - Archbold

Congregational Prayer

Unison Prayer – Lord, on this day, we, along with the world-wide Christian Church, observe and celebrate this sacrament instituted by our Lord. We come before you as a repentant people, confessing our sin and seeking your grace. Though you created creation good, the world today is fractured, polarized, and troubled. Along with Christians of all time we confess Jesus as our only hope to fix the brokenness in us and in our world. In faith, as Jesus intends, we lift high the sacrifice, love, and unity that Jesus gives. As we prepare to come to the table this morning, may we each strive ever more diligently to be the disciples Jesus teaches and commands us to be.

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.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 7:9-12 (pg. 1220)

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Jesus Loves Me Medley"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 67 (pg. 570)

Sermon

"Let the People Praise You, O God!"

Gloria Patri

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.

Sacrament of Communion

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#296, V. 1, 3, "We've a Story to Tell the Nations"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"Holy Forever"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

#296, V. 4, "We've a Story to Tell the Nations"

"Benediction"

Scripture Readings

Revelation 5:9-14 And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." ¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" ¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" ¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Psalms 67 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, Selah ² that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. ³ May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Selah ⁵ May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁶ Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. ⁷ God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Revelation 7:9-12 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Worship Servants

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	Sound Tech	James Grime
Worship Leader	Brad Roth	10:30 Sound Tech	Cayla Swisher
Song Leader	Roger Zimmerman	8:00 Usher	Linda Heer
10:30 Usher	Dave Walker		
Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Dave & Paige Miller		
Praise Team	Norm Fether, Bryson Martinez, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley		
Nursery	Jen & Brie Grime		

Sermon & Translation Notes: "Let the People Praise You, O God" Psalm 67

The Purpose of Blessing Is Missions (vv. 1, 2, 6).

(Genesis 12:2–3), "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

"If God wants his goods to get to the nations, then he will fill the truck that's driving toward the nations. He will bless the church that's pouring itself out for unreached peoples of the world. And this blessing is not payment for a service rendered; it's power and joy for a mission to accomplish. When we move toward the unreached peoples, we are not earning God's blessings, we are leaping into the river of blessings that is already flowing to the nations" (Piper, 1993.11.07).

The Power of Missions Is Prayer (vv. 3, 5).

(Matthew 24:14), "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

(Mark 13:10), "And the gospel must first be preached to all nations."

(Mark 16:15), "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.'"

The Result of Missions Is Joy (v. 4).

⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Announcements

- **Dan Gariepy** – Join the Gariepys in the gym today for a special gathering during the Sunday School hour. They will share about their mission work in Belize with the Missional Life.
- **Ken & Cathy Laub** would like to extend their thankfulness for your prayers during Cathy's recent surgery and current recovery.
- **SJCC Silent Auction** – The Consistory has approved the liquidation of over 120 items in the storage building! Auction begins October 12th at 9AM, and ends October 23rd at 8PM. All bidders must have a number; please call or stop by the office to register. Auction hours are Monday-Friday 9AM to 8PM. All proceeds will be dedicated to the Building Fund.
- **GIF Gals** – Save the Date! We are going back to Bryan, October 22nd for some good old food, fun & fellowship. Sign up on the bulletin board outside Elijah's study, then meet up at Frankie's Restaurant, 308 N. Union Street. Be there or be square!
- **Pumpkin Path** - The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a station at the annual Pumpkin Path at Ruihley Park on Sunday, October 18th from 1-4pm! All families are welcome to come and enjoy the fun!
- **SJCC Talent Show** – It's back, making a return on Sunday, October 25th at 4PM! Bring your comedy routine, talent, secret talent, or just show up for a fun, entertaining evening. Dinner will be served (pizza, chicken nuggets, chips, cookies, pop & coffee). If you would like to perform, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Pastor's study by October 19th so we can plan. Thank you, The Fellowship Committee
- **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 study. We hope you'll consider joining the team!

October Mission-a-Month: LifeWise Academy- Archbold

LifeWise is entering its fourth year of ministry, with 310 students, and the enrollment for their newly added 6th grade continuing to grow. They are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share the truth of the Gospel with so many students in our community during their school day. Each lesson includes a key Bible passage and a character quality, with the goal of helping students see how every part of Scripture points back to Jesus. LifeWise is incredibly grateful for church partners like St. John's Christian Church who care so deeply about reaching our local community through ministries like LifeWise. You can give to LifeWise by writing in "LifeWise" on line 12 or 13 of your offering envelope, or by selecting "LifeWise" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

Week of October 4th at SJCC

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Dan Gariepy, The Missional Life Gathering (Gym)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	9:00AM	Acts Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS/Confirmation (Gym/JYF Room)
	7:00PM	JYF/SYF (JH Youth Room/Senior High Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat	7:40AM	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (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)
	11:00AM	Junior Church (Chapel)

Discovery Guide Daily Readings

For the week of October 4th, 2026:

- Oct. 4 “Justice Is God’s ----- Psalm 58
- Oct. 5 “Children of God” ----- 1 John 2:28-3:10
- Oct. 6 “Remember God’s Words” -----1 John 3:11-24
- Oct. 7 “God So Loved Us”----- 1 John 4
- Oct. 8 “God’s Testimony”----- 1 John 5:1-12
- Oct. 9 “According to His Will” -----1 John 5:13-21
- Oct. 10 “Love One Another” ----- 2 John

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Please pray for...

- Ella Yoder, Justin & Carrie's daughter, who is back home recovering from issues with blood clots. After surgery on September 23rd to remove significant clotting in her leg, Ella was hospitalized on September 28th due to further clotting issues in her chest.
- Jim Grieser, for upcoming open-heart surgery this Tuesday, October 6th.
- Cathy Laub, who is at home recovering from shoulder replacement surgery on September 28th.
- Chloe Merillat, please continue to pray as further evaluation is needed after latest biopsy results. Pray for wisdom and discernment over the medical team and peace, strength, and healing for Chloe & her family.
- Mel Woolace, with breathing complications.

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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