



Sunday, October 18, 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 pre-school. The Nursery - Preschool room 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.

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.



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1-4 (page 606)

Prelude

Insert, "All I Have Is Christ"

Welcome & Announcements

Special Announcement, Matt Hines

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise

#495, "Heaven Came Down"

#415, "He Giveth More Grace"

†(10:30) Opening Praise

"Let It Be a Hallelujah"

"You Are Holy"

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

(10:30) Children's Message

Congregational Prayer and 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.

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 13:43-46 (page 109)

†(8:00) Sermon Hymn

#439, "Cleanse Me"

†(10:30) Sermon Song

"Show Us Christ"

New Testament Reading

Mark 1:40-45 (page 991)

Sermon

"I Am Willing. Be Clean!"

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.

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"My Tribute"

†*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*

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.

†(8:00) Closing Hymn

#504, "He Touched Me"

†(10:30) Closing Song

"Be Unto Your Name"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song

#519, "Something Beautiful"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song

"Our God Saves"

Worship Servants

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	10:30 Audio Tech	James Grime
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs	10:30 Easy Worship	Tom Hines
Worship Leader	Kim S. Walker	10:30 Visual Tech	Ollie MacDonald
8:00 Usher	Linda Heer	10:30 Head Usher	Dave Walker
Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Dave & Paige Miller		
10:30 Praise Team	Bryson Martinez, Scott & Pam Reeb, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley		
10:30 Nursery	Collin & Emily Walker		

Scripture Readings

Psalms 118:1-4 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." ³ Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever." ⁴ Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love endures forever."

Leviticus 13:43-46 The priest is to examine him, and if the swollen sore on his head or forehead is reddish-white like an infectious skin disease, ⁴⁴ the man is diseased and is unclean. The priest shall pronounce him unclean because of the sore on his head. ⁴⁵ "The person with such an infectious disease must wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of his face and cry out, 'Unclean! Unclean!'" ⁴⁶ As long as he has the infection he remains unclean. He must live alone; he must live outside the camp.

Mark 1:40-45 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. ⁴³ Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: ⁴⁴ "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

SERMON AND TRANSLATION NOTES: "I AM WILLING. BE CLEAN!"

Mark 1:40-45 (Elijah's translation), And a leper comes to him, begging him on his knees, saying to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ And being moved with compassion, he reached out his hand and touched him and says to him, "I will, be cleansed." ⁴² And straight away the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. ⁴³ And sternly charging him, he sent him away straightaway and ⁴⁴ says to him, "See that you say nothing to no one, but go show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ But, going out, he began to proclaim freely and to spread the word so that he is no longer able to openly enter a town, but was outside in desolate places. And they were coming to him from all directions.

A Request (vv. 40-42)

- ◆ What is a leper?
- ◆ The word "leper" (λεπρός) occurs 2 times in Mark (1:40, 14:3).
- ◆ What does the leper believe?
- ◆ In Mark 7:19, the word "clean" (καθαρίζω) is used when Jesus declares all foods "clean."
- ◆ How does Jesus respond?

A Warning (vv. 43-44)

- ◆ What warning does Jesus give the man?
- ◆ What direction does Jesus give the man?

A Result (v. 45)

- ◆ What does the man do?
- ◆ What effect does it have on Jesus?

SERMON NOTES:

Faith

BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Campus Ministry Night

AN EVENING OF HONEST CONVERSATION ABOUT FAITH,
COMMUNITY, AND FOLLOWING JESUS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL.

 Wednesday
OCTOBER 21
6:30 - 8:00pm

 St. John's
Christian Church
700 S. Defiance St.

 **PIZZA & POP**
provided by the SJCC
Mission Committee

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St. John's Christian Church

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL: Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Oct 18 Our Victorious God ----- Psalm 60
 Oct 19 True Worship ----- 2 Samuel 24:18-25
 Oct 20 Our Eternal High Priest ----- Hebrews 7:1-10
 Oct 21 Our Permanent High Priest ----- Hebrews 7:11-22
 Oct 22 Our Effective High Priest ----- Hebrews 7:23-28
 Oct 23 Our Active Mediator ----- Hebrews 8:1-6
 Oct 24 The Improved Version ----- Hebrews 8:7-13

All I Have Is Christ

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For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

System 1: Chords: C, G, C, Am, F, C. Lyrics: 1. I once was lost in dark-est night, Yet thought I knew the way. 2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, In-dif-ferent to the cost, 3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours a-lone And live so all might see.

System 2: Chords: Dm, F, G, C. Lyrics: The sin that prom-ised joy and life Had led me to the grave. You looked up - on my help-less state And led me to the cross. The strength to fol-low Your com-mands Could nev-er come from me.

System 3: Chords: C/E, F, Dm, Am. Lyrics: I had no hope that You would own A re-bel to Your will, And I be-held God's love dis-played: You suf-fered in my place, O Fa-ther, use my ran-somed life In an-y way You choose,

System 4: Chords: C/E, F, Am, G. Lyrics: And if You had not loved me first, I would re-fuse You still. You bore the wrath re-served for me. Now all I know is grace. And let my song for-ev-er be: "My on-ly boast is You."

Chorus (after st. 2 and 3): Chords: F, C, G, Am, F, C, G, C. Lyrics: Hal-le-lu-jah! all I have is Christ. Hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus is my life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Linda Hayes**, entered eternal life on Monday, October 12th at the age of 80 years old. Visitation will be on Tuesday, October 20th from 3-7PM in the Sanctuary. Funeral service is at 11AM on Wednesday, October 21st in the Sanctuary, with fellowship luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- ◆ **Pumpkin Path** - The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a station at the annual Pumpkin Path at Ruihley Park today from 1-4PM! All families are welcome to come and enjoy the fun!
- ◆ **SJCC Silent Auction** – The Consistory has approved the liquidation of over 120 items in the storage building! The auction comes to an end this Friday 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.
- ◆ **Campus Ministry Night** - Calling all 6th - 12th graders, this Wednesday, October 21st from 6:30 -8:00PM. We will be joined by our campus ministry partners including Cru, H2O Church/ Reliant Ministries, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes to discuss what it looks like to follow Jesus after high school. Invite your friends from school, as all area youth groups are welcome!
- ◆ **GIF Gals** – We are going back to Bryan this Thursday, 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!
- ◆ **SJCC Talent Show** – It's back, making a return on Sunday, October 25th at 4PM...but we need more acts to make it possible. 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 tomorrow, October 19th so we can plan. Thank you, The Fellowship Committee.
- ◆ **Sermon in Music** – Can you believe Sermon in Music is 7 weeks away! It is truly a memorable Sunday with a variety of individuals taking part in the service and bringing songs of the season to share with the congregation. If you are interested in being a part of the service this year or maybe you can encourage someone to participate, please sign up on the bulletin board outside Pastor Elijah's Study during the month of October. What a beautiful time it is to share in the season of Christ's advent and birth. If you have any questions, please reach out to Buffy Riley.

HOSTED BY THE
ARCHBOLD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual Banquet

NOVEMBER 19TH

5:30 PM

FOUNDERS HALL

HONORING
ERICH CHRISTMAN
AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



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UNDER 40



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ARCHBOLD



YEARS OF
SERVICE RECOGNITION

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Tickets are \$50

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the Lord, for
He is good; His
love endures
forever

Psalm 118:1

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	1:00PM	Pumpkin Path (Ruihley Park)
Mon	9:00AM	Silent Auction (Storage Building)
	6:15PM	Spiritual Council Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:00AM	Silent Auction (Storage Building)
	9:00AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	3:00PM	Linda Hayes Visitation (Sanctuary)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
Wed	9:00AM	Silent Auction (Storage Building)
	11:00AM	Linda Hayes Funeral Service & Luncheon
	6:00PM	LOGOS (Dress like a baseball player)
	6:30PM	Campus Ministry Night
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thur	9:00AM	Silent Auction (Storage Building)
Fri	9:00AM	Last day of Silent Auction (Storage Building)
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)
	4:00PM	SJCC Talent Show

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.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ♦ Jim Grieser, is at home recovering from an open-heart surgery on October 6th.
- ♦ Ella Yoder, Justin & Carrie's daughter, who is home recovering from issues with blood clots, and a surgery on September 23rd to remove significant clotting in her leg. Please continue to pray for healing & answers from testing.
- ♦ Cathy Laub, who is recovering from a 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, who is dealing 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
- ♦ Charlene LaFountaine, 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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