

Sunday, November 1, 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.

Let's Connect!

Welcome to our Worship of God!

Call to Worship — Psalm 121 (page 612)

Call of Invitation — (8:00AM Insert), "Behold Our God"

Welcome & Announcements

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise — #331, "Room at the Cross for You"
#334, "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

†(10:30) Opening Praise — "The Heart of Worship"
"Come As You Are"

†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 — Psalm 31:14-20 (page 548)

†Sermon Hymn — #435, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

New Testament Reading — Mark 2:13-17 (page 991)

Sermon — "Jesus, A Friend of Sinners"

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 — "No, Not One!"

†*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 — #89, "Our Great Savior"

†(10:30) Closing Song — "Come to the Table"

†Spoken Benediction

†(8:00) Benediction in Song — #342, V. 5, "Just As I Am"

†(10:30) Benediction in Song — Chorus, "Come to the Table"

Worship Servants

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	10:30 Audio Tech	James Grime
Worship Leader	Carrie Yoder	10:30 Visual Tech	Cayla Swisher
8:00 Song Leader	David Stuckey	8:00 Usher	Linda Heer
10:30 Head Usher	Greg Walker		
10:30 Ushers	Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Scott & JoAnn Short		
10:30 Nursery	Kasey & Cagnee Grime		
10:30 Praise Team	Pam & Scott Reeb, Buffy Riley, Bruce Wooley		

Scripture Readings

Psalm 121 I lift up my eyes to the hills- where does my help come from? [2] My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. [3] He will not let your foot slip- he who watches over you will not slumber; [4] indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. [5] The Lord watches over you- the Lord is your shade at your right hand; [6] the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. [7] The Lord will keep you from all harm- he will watch over your life; [8] the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 31:14-20 But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." [15] My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. [16] Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. [17] Let me not be put to shame, O Lord, for I have cried out to you; but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave. [18] Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous. [19] How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. [20] In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.

Mark 2:13-17 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. [14] As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. [15] While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. [16] When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" [17] On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Sermon and Translation Notes: "Jesus, A Friend of Sinners"

Mark 2:13-17 (Elijah's translation), [13] And he went out again by the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. [14] And passing by, he saw Levi, the son of Alphaeus, sitting at the tax booth. And he says to him, "Follow me." And rising, he followed him. [15] And it happens that he was reclining in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many that followed him. [16] And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, were saying to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" [17] And when Jesus hears, he says to them, "The healthy have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

For more information on Rosaria Butterfield's conversion, see her book, "*The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert."* The information for the sermon introduction was taken from her 2013 article, "My Train Wreck Conversion," found online at Christianity Today (https://www.christianitytoday.com/2013/02/ my-train-wreck-conversion/).

A Tax Booth (vv. 13-14)

- Who is Levi?
- What's the big deal about tax collectors?

A Dinner Table (vv. 15-16)

- Who are the sinners?
- What's the big deal about eating together?

A Physician's House-call (v. 17)

- Who are the "healthy and righteous" and who are the "sick and sinners"?
- What's the big deal about Jesus?

Following Jesus Out the Front Door: Now What?

- Prayer of application, "Lord Jesus, be my Great Physician. Heal me of my sickness and sin. Help me to believe that you can and will reach the 'tax collectors' and 'sinners' in my life."
- Am I hearing the call of Jesus and responding to him?
- Who is the Lord calling me to eat with that I wouldn't even normally sit with?
- Am I willing to say that I'm not healthy and righteous, but a sick sinner?

Announcements

- **Fulton County Christmas Cheer** - Lilli Radabaugh is here today to make an announcement for the 2026 Christmas Season.
- **Veteran's Breakfast** - Veterans, we would like to honor your service with a breakfast next Sunday, November 8th, at 9:15AM in the Fellowship Hall. Today is the last day to sign up. Following the breakfast, all are welcome for the special Veteran's Day presentation at 9:45.
- **Christmas Decorating Committee -** Love to deck the halls? We are searching for 1-2 people to join the Christmas Decorating Committee! The goal is to make SJCC a beautiful, joyous place for all who enter during the Christmas Season, and to make decorating day efficient & fun. Individuals will be in charge of helping & overseeing a very seasoned and capable decorating team on the big day, which takes place the Sunday before Advent begins. After Christmas, you will assist the team in un-decorating. Other responsibilities include updating décor as needed, and keeping Christmas items safely stored in an orderly fashion. It is a fun & rewarding way to get involved behind the scenes. Contact the Church Office if interested.
- **SJCC Deck the Halls 2026** - On Sunday, November 22nd, we need YOU to help us decorate St. John's Christian Church for the Christmas Season! This is an important task, and many hands make light work! It only takes a couple of hours, and is a great way to kick off the Christmas Season with laughter, Christmas songs & cookies! Help us make SJCC extra special for all who enter this Christmas Season! Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Elijah's Study! This year we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon for soup & sandwiches before we get started around 12:30PM.
- **Sermon in Music –** Only 5 more weeks, and today is the last day to sign up to be a part of a truly memorable Sunday! If you are interested in being a part of the service this year please sign up on the bulletin board outside Pastor Elijah's Study. 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.

Discovery Daily Devotional: Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Nov 1 Rest ---------- Psalm 62
Nov 2 Hold On ---------- Hebrews 10:26-39
Nov 3 Gifted to Serve ---------- Exodus 31
Nov 4 What Matters Most to God?---------- Exodus 32:1-14
Nov 5 Lame Excuses ---------- Exodus 32:15-24
Nov 6 Holy Leadership ----------Exodus 32:25-33:6
Nov 7 A Cloudy Day ----------Exodus 33:7-11

Week of November 1st at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:30PM	Fellowship Committee Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:00AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Nacho Night, Wear red, green & white)
	6:00PM	Confirmation (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	JYF/SYF (Senior High Youth Room)
	7:30PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri	5:30PM	Livestream Tech Meeting (Balcony)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School/Veteran's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
	9:45AM	Veteran's Day Presentation (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00AM	Adult Choir Warm up (Sanctuary)
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	11:00AM	Junior Church (Chapel)

November Mission-A-Month: Fulton County Christmas Cheer

The 2nd week of December, the Junior Fair Building is transformed into a mini shopping center. The heart of Christmas Cheer is to spread kindness and make the holiday season brighter for those less fortunate in the community. Eligible families are given the opportunity to shop for many items at no charge. They shop for & pick out their own household/grocery items, and for most of these families the toys they choose for their kids will be thee only gifts their children receive for Christmas. We need your help to stock the shelves! Some supporters like to give food items, some cash for us to purchase in bulk, and some like to stock shelves, help shoppers and numerous other tasks. Watch for the Christmas Cheer Tree that will be going up later this month in our church. It will have many different tags with donation items. Please take as many as you like from the tree, shop for items & return to the church in designated boxes outside of the Chapel by Sunday, December 6th. You may also designate monetary donations on line 11 or 12 of your giving envelopes. Thank you for helping to touch the lives of people throughout all of Fulton County. Together we can do great things!

Prayer Joys, Concerns, and Requests:

Please pray for...

- Denny Caryer, has returned home after a serious fall on Saturday October 20th. Please pray for healing and relief from the pain of multiple fractures in his back and ribs.
- Jim Grieser, reports he is doing well & would like to thank you for the prayers, cards & meals you have generously given as he recovers 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.
- 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
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- 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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