

Sunday, November 15, 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!

Prelude — "Be Still My Soul"

Call to Worship — Psalm 50:1-6 (pg. 561)

†Opening Hymns — Insert, "In Christ Alone"
#405, "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Welcome & Announcements

Old Testament Reading — Exodus 20:9-11 (pg. 74)

(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.

Special Music — Mike McRobbie — "The Outlaw"

New Testament Reading — Mark 2:23-27 (page 992)

Sermon — "Jesus, The Lord of Rest"

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 — "Fairest Lord Jesus"

†*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.

†Closing Hymn — #503, "Jesus, I am Resting, Resting"

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song — #350, V. 1, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Worship Servants

Accompanist	Buffy Riley	10:30 Audio Tech	Kelly Ducey
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs	10:30 Easy Worship	Tom Hines
Prelude & Offertory	Raegan Rutledge	10:30 Visual Tech	Ollie MaDonald
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	10:30 Head Usher	Greg Walker
10:30 Nursery	Karen Walker, Molly Rutledge		
10:30 Ushers	Bill & Kathy Bostelman, Scott & JoAnn Short		

Scripture Readings

Psalm 50:1-6 Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. [2] From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. [3] Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages. [4] He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people: [5] "Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice." [6] And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

Exodus 20:9-11 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, [10] but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. [11] For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Mark 2:23-27 One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grain fields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. [24] The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" [25] He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? [26] In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." [27] Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

Sermon & Translation Notes: "Jesus, The Lord of Rest"

Mark 2:23-28 (Elijah's translation), "And it happened, he was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and his disciples began to make their way plucking the heads of grain. [24] And the Pharisees were saying to him, 'Look, why are they doing on the Sabbath what is not lawful?' [25] And he says to them, 'Have you not read about (in the account of) Abiathar the high priest, what David did when he had a need and was hungry along with those with him; [26] how he entered the house of God, and he ate the bread of presentation, which is not lawful to eat unless a priest, and he also gave it to them with him?' [27] And he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. [28] So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.'"

What Is Unlawful? (vv. 23-24)

- The Pharisees were like pastors in Jesus' day, but their emphasis was on obeying the law. They believed that they could earn God's favor by their obedience. They held themselves and others to a standard they could never meet.
- The Sabbath was God's command for his people to work six days and then rest on the seventh day (Saturday). They were to dedicate the Sabbath day to worship. This was the day that the synagogue met.

Have You Never Read? (vv. 25-26)

- What is the story of David and Abiathar? 1 Samuel 21:1-6 "David went…to Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech trembled when he met him, and asked, "Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?"

[2] David answered Ahimelech the priest, "The king charged me with a certain matter and said to me, 'No one is to know anything about your mission and your instructions.' As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place. [3] Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find." [4] But the priest answered David, "I don't have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here… [6] So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the Lord and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away."

- Why does Jesus say Abiathar and not Ahimelech? Mark 12:26 "Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the book of Moses, in the account of the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'?"

Who Is the Son of Man? (vv. 27-28).

- What is the Sabbath (part 2)? Hebrews 4:1-12 "Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. [2] For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. [3] Now we who have believed enter that rest… [6] It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. [7] Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts… [9] There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; [10] for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. [11] Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience. [12] For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."
- Who is the Son of Man? Daniel 7:13-14 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. [14] He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13–14)

Following Jesus Out the Front Door: Now What?

- *Prayer of application, "Lord Jesus, help us to rest upon you in all areas of our lives, and especially in trust that you will give us rest by saving us into your eternal rest."*
- Hear Jesus' question, "Have you never read?" as a call to read God's Word to learn his will and find biblical priorities over traditions.
- Consider how you can incorporate the gift of rest into your life. God wants us to flourish through honoring his design for the rhythm of rest and receiving in serving (1 Peter 4:10-11).
- Remember that Jesus prioritized compassion and healing over rigid rule-keeping. Keep this in mind when tempted to ask why someone is or isn't doing something that we expect should be done.

Announcements

- **Fulton County Christmas Cheer** - We are looking for a group of 5-10 volunteers to help at FCCC on Sunday, December 6th, from 1-4PM, and/or Monday, December 7th from 1-5PM. If you are available to serve either or both days, please contact the church office, as soon as possible so we can coordinate with Lilli Radabaugh and allow her to plan accordingly.
- **SJCC Deck the Halls 2026** - Next Sunday, November 22nd, we need YOU to help us decorate St. John's Christian Church for the Christmas Season! This year we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at noon for soup & sliders before we get started around 12:30PM. If you plan on joining us for lunch, please sign up by today on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Elijah's Study, so we can plan.
- **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon -** Senior citizens are invited to gather this Thursday, November 19th at 11:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. A delicious meal & good company will be enjoyed after a devotional program. P.S.- There will be no Luncheon in December.
- **Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner** - Save the date & be sure to join us on December 10th at 5:30PM. (Please note this is the correct time). Be sure to bring a wrapped, White Elephant Gift to the party and please sign up at the bulletin board by November 29th.
- **JYF Poinsettia Sale** - The Most Wonderful Time of the Year is almost here! Be sure to stop any of our JYF to place an order for your Christmas Poinsettia by this Wednesday, November 18th.

November Mission-A-Month: Fulton County Christmas Cheer

Did you notice the Christmas trees filled with paper ornament tags when you walked by the Chapel or the Narthex? There are many more trees just like them throughout Fulton County and each one will help to stock the shelves of the Grocery Store & Toy Store at Christmas Cheer.

The second week of December the Jr. Fair Building is transformed into a mini shopping center. The families that Christmas Cheer serves are given the opportunity to shop for grocery items at no charge & if they have children, toys too. They shop for and pick out their own items and for most of these families the toys they choose for their kids will be the only gifts their children receive for Christmas.

We need your help to stock the shelves! Please consider choosing tags from either tree to shop for & then bring the items back here by Sunday, December 6th. Monetary donations are helpful too because they increase the buying power Cheer has when buying in bulk. Some people like to volunteer in person by stocking the store, loading groceries in cars, greeting, and many other ways. There are many ways to help! Thank you for helping to touch the lives of people throughout all of Fulton County. Together we can do great things.

Week of November 15th 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)
	3:00PM	TGRM Departure (South Parking Lot)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council Meeting (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory Meeting (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:00AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	11:00AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30PM	Easy Worship Tech Meeting (Balcony)
Wed	6:00PM	LOGOS (Dress Like a Prince or Princess)/Confirmation (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	JYF/SYF (Youth Rooms)
	7:45PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thur	11:30AM	Third Thursday 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)
	12:00PM	Christmas Decorating Crew Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
	12:30PM	SJCC Deck the Halls



Prayer Joys, Concerns, and Requests:

Please pray for...

- Todd Grieser, son of Ralph Grieser, who is in intensive care after being life-flighted to St. Vincent's Tuesday, November 10th with a torn esophagus, significant bleeding & heart complications. Please also include his family & medical team in your prayers.
- Denny Caryer, home recovering 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.
- Ella Yoder & her family would like to thank you for the prayers, support, cards & calls. Church family has been a blessings.
- Chloe Merillat, who is receiving infusions to treat a tumor in her back. Please pray the treatments are effective, do not cause any harmful side effects, and for Chloe to be able to gain some weight.
- 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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