

St. John's:  
Making and Maturing  
Disciples of Jesus Christ



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## **“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”**

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### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 15, 2026**

*Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten*

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### **Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)**

**Prelude**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

J. S. Irvine

**Hymn #45**

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 82:1-4**

L: God has taken His place in the divine council;

**C: in the midst of the gods He holds judgment:**

L: “How long will you judge unjustly

**C: and show partiality to the wicked?**

L: Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;

**C: maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.**

L: Rescue the weak and the needy;

**C: deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”**

**\* Gloria Patri**

**Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:**

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Gary Phillips – Cincinnati, OH

Mission of the Month: Celebrate Recovery

The Lord's Prayer

**Children's Sermon**

**A Neighbor's a Neighbor**

Luke 10:25-37

**Hymn #79**

*We Come, O Christ, to Thee*



## **Scripture:**

### **II Kings 17 :24-33:**

<sup>24</sup> And the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the people of Israel. And they took possession of Samaria and lived in its cities. <sup>25</sup> And at the beginning of their dwelling there, they did not fear the Lord. Therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which killed some of them. <sup>26</sup> So the king of Assyria was told, “The nations that you have carried away and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the law of the god of the land. Therefore he has sent lions among them, and behold, they are killing them, because they do not know the law of the god of the land.” <sup>27</sup> Then the king of Assyria commanded, “Send there one of the priests whom you carried away from there, and let him go and dwell there and teach them the law of the god of the land.” <sup>28</sup> So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and lived in Bethel and taught them how they should fear the Lord. <sup>29</sup> But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the shrines of the high places that the Samaritans had made, every nation in the cities in which they lived. <sup>30</sup> The men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, the men of Hamath made Ashima, <sup>31</sup> and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. <sup>32</sup> They also feared the Lord and appointed from among themselves all sorts of people as priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places. <sup>33</sup> So they feared the Lord but also served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they had been carried away.

### **Luke 10:25-37:**

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Sermon Notes

15 March 2026

Scripture: **II Kings 17:24-33; Luke 10:25-37**

Sermon: **Jesus and the Samaritans**

1. According to **II Kings**, what separated the Samaritans from the children of the covenant in Israel? What would Israelites have considered them?
2. Do you agree or disagree with Laura Ingalls Wilder that, when we judge, it is more about revealing what the light in us is rather than the other person being judged? Why?
3. Instead of the Good Samaritan, who would be the main character of a contemporary retelling of this parable? What other characters and details would change?
4. How will you put into practice Jesus' command to "Go and do likewise" and to show mercy as the Good Samaritan did (**Luke 10:36-37**)?

***Sola Gratia*** (grace alone)—"The one who showed him mercy."—**Luke 10:37a**

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Person:** Today we pray for Gary Phillips missing from Cincinnati, OH.

**Spring Serve Day:** Today following worship

**Book Club:** March 16 at 1 pm at Shirley Bushong's house. The book is Where the Forest Meets the Stars by Glendy Vanderah.

**Cookies Needed:** If you able, please bring cookies to the Bring a Friend to Church Sunday on March 22.

**Bring a Friend to Church Sunday & Luncheon:** March 22- there will be luncheon after church with Bingo

**Community Palm Sunday Service w/ KHS Chorale:** March 29 - 7pm

**Living Last Supper Presentation - Maundy Thursday:** April 2 at 8pm

**Cross Walk – Good Friday:** April 3 at 11 am

**Easter Sunrise Service:** April 5 at 7am at the small pavilion at Boy Scout Lake. Bring a lawn chair if you would like.

**Easter Festival Service:** April 5 at 10 am

**Dinner Club:** April 17 at 6 pm Cheers to You (Upper Sandusky) – meet at the church at 5:30

**Morgan's Place – more than a cemetery:** April 26 –Speaker will share during worship info. regarding their ministry to assist those who have experienced a miscarriage, abortion or still birth. Please invite anyone to join us in worship. Lunch will be served after worship with an opportunity to ask our speakers questions.

**Jr. Church** the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month

**Nursery Subs Needed:** We are in need of a few nursery subs, someone who can fill in when needed,. If you are interested, please talk to Janie.

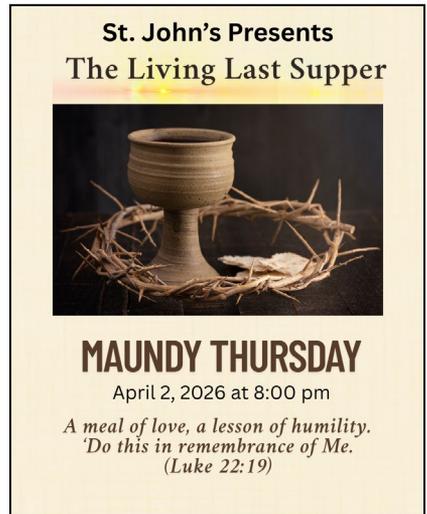
**MomCo Mom's group** –The meetup will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 9 am and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Janie is in need of volunteers to help with the moms and with the kids. Please consider joining her in building this program and getting young families involved in our church.

**Laundromat Ministry:** If you are interested in going sometime, let Mary Ralston know when you are available. You may also support the ministry by filling pill bottles with quarters that are included in the packets. They are also available on the welcome desk.

**Bulletin Announcements:** due by Friday at 8:30 AM. If you wish to have it added to the website, please email Richard at [rkatterjohn@gmail.com](mailto:rkatterjohn@gmail.com).



A poster for Spring Serve Day. The background is light green with several blue flowers and green leaves. The text reads: "Spring SERVE DAY" in large, stylized letters. Below that, it says "15 | March | 2026" and "Service Projects begin after worship". It lists service projects: "Service Projects: Soundproofing AV Room, Clean Kitchen/Stove". At the bottom, there is a logo for "LOVE GROW SERVE" with the tagline "LOVING GOD, GROWING IN GRACE, SERVING OTHERS." and a note: "Please come to church to worship even if you are unable to partipate in any of the service projects". A small "Made with PosterMyWard.com" watermark is at the bottom left.



A poster for Maundy Thursday. The background is light yellow. At the top, it says "St. John's Presents The Living Last Supper". Below that is a photograph of a chalice on a wooden stand, surrounded by a wreath of thorns. The text below the photo reads: "MAUNDY THURSDAY", "April 2, 2026 at 8:00 pm", and "A meal of love, a lesson of humility. 'Do this in remembrance of Me.' (Luke 22:19)".

**Statement from Council:**

At the annual meeting it was voted to withdraw membership from NOAOC-UCC. We've now approached the nine-year mark since Scott Johnson's separation from St. John's Evangelical Church. Therefore, council has decided that members are no longer required to remove their membership for requested services by Scott Johnson. Let it also be known that Scott Johnson will not conduct any services on the church premises.

## Week at a Glance

Today, 3/15:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service Serve Day following worship
Monday, 3/16:	9:00 AM MomCo Meetup – FH 1:00 PM Book Club – Shirley Bushong 6:30 PM Scout Troop 121 – Basement
Tuesday, 3/17:	5:00 PM CR Step Studies 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 3/18:	5:00 PM Kingdom Kids Club
Thursday, 3/19:	6:00 PM Bible Study – Chapel 6:30 PM Cub Scouts – Basement
Friday, 3/20:	11:00 AM Memorial for Wilma Pfeiffer Grove Cemetery 11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends American Table (Lima) - Old Lock Sixteen
Saturday, 3/21:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel 9:00 AM Bible Recap Study- library

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Attendance (3/8): 58

Envelopes:

Loose Offering:

Loose Ones:

Mission (CR):

Ushers:

3/15: Joy VanHorn & Jane Donnelly

3/22: Cinda Shea & Lynda Zaring

