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Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026
Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten

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Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Prelude *Let Us Break Bread* P. Taylor

Hymn #329** ***Walk in the Light!

***Call to Worship Psalm 133**

L: Behold, how good and pleasant it is
C: when brothers dwell in unity!
L: It is like the precious oil on the head,
C: running down on the beard,
L: on the beard of Aaron,
C: running down on the collar of his robes!
L: It is like the dew of Hermon,
C: which falls on the mountains of Zion!
L: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,
C: life forevermore.

*** Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer
Missing Child: Taylor Stine – Barnesville, OH
Mission of the Month: Safe Haven of Hardin County
The Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon Be Sure Your Light Is Shining
I John 1:9

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:
Offering Prayer
Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back the of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture **Psalm 32**
I John 1:5-10

Sermon **The Son Cleanses Us**

Chancel Choir *Jesus, Savior* Livingstone

Sacrament of Holy Communion
*The Apostles' Creed back of hymnal
The Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

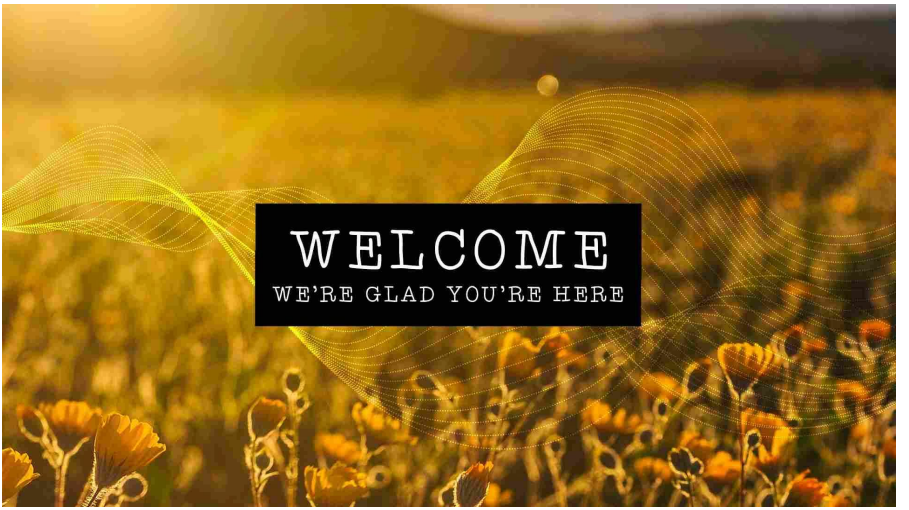
*** Hymn #207** ***Bless the Tie That Binds***

*** Benediction**

Postlude *Send The Light* Turner/Gabriel

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*— Those who are able, please stand



Welcome to St. John's Church

Scripture (ESV):

Psalm 32:

[1] Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. [2] Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. [3] For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.[4] For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah [5] I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah [6] Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him. [7] You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah [8] I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. [9] Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. [10] Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. [11] Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

I John 1:5-10:

[5] This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Sermon Notes

04 October 2026

Scripture: **32nd Psalm; I John 1:5-10**

Sermon: **The Son Cleanses Us**

1. What does confessing your sins mean to you? What does John say about confession in **I John**? How does that convict you? What is the promised response from God for confession?

2. How does David's **32nd Psalm** parallel **I John 1:5-10**? How is grace expressed in this passage? What blessings and gifts are given to the one who confesses and receives forgiveness?

3. With so much to gain, why do people not confess to the Lord or even to themselves? What prevents you from confessing the fullness of your sin either now or in the past? How is the Spirit working (or has worked) on you to overcome this?

4. What does the conviction of sins mean to you? How does this bring you to repentance? What other fruit grows in your life from repenting of your sin and receiving forgiveness from God?

Sola Gratia (grace alone)—If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**—I John 1:9**

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Taylor Stine missing from Barnesville, OH.

Kingdom Kids Club Kick- Off: Tonight from 2-4 in the parking lot. We will need volunteers to help run the games and pass out information and sign kids up. If you are interested, please let Janie know.

Card Shower for Doris Heilman's 100th birthday- Oct. 7: Doris Heilman c/o Logan Acres, 2739 CR 91, Bellefontaine, OH 43311. Doris is a lifelong member of this church.

Total Wellness Tuesday: October 13 from 11-12 with ONU pharmacy and OSU extension office here to talk about their free vitamin program and prescription medication safety and reactions.

Community dinner: October 20th from 5-6:30. October's menu is Chili and Vegetable soup with Corn bread, Peanut butter sandwiches and salad. Come and enjoy a good meal or lend a hand if you feel moved.

Kingdom Kids Club: Starts October 14 from 5-7. If you would like to help out, please let Janie or Kae know. It truly is a blessing working with the kids.

Prayer Walks: We are working on having a few Prayer walks in October, possibly the 17th and 24th. If a Tuesday or Thursday evening works in the future we might try during the week. If you are interested, please let Janie know.

Candy Donation: Stone Table is looking for candy donations for Trick or treat. They are doing a praise event in the parking lot and would like to give out candy. There will be a tote in the back of the sanctuary.

MomCo: will be the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at 6:30. If you are interested in helping with childcare or helping with the moms, please let Janie know.

Jr. Church the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month

Denominational Affiliation: We are thinking of joining the Churches of God, General Conference. They are located at: 700 E. Melrose Ave., Findlay, OH 45840. Phone number: 419-424-1961. Information can be found on their website at: https://www.cggc.org. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Randall or Jerry. Special Congregational Meeting: November 8.

Women's Celebration Dinner: November 19 at St. John's Church. The doors will open at 5 pm with dinner served at 6 pm.

Council Needs in 2027: The Board is looking for 2 new members to fill positions coming open in January. Pray about how you can serve.

Bulletin Announcements: due by **Thursday** at 8:30 AM. Please email them to Kathy at kathyforester.stjohns@gmail.com. If you wish to have it added to the website, please email Richard at rkatterjohn@gmail.com.



Week at a Glance

Today, 10/4:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH
	10:00 AM Worship Service
	2:00 PM KKC Kickoff – Parking lot
Monday, 10/5:	5:00 PM Missions/Evangelism
	6:30 PM Scouts
Tuesday, 10/6:	1:00 PM First Tuesday – Blanchard Place
	6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Thursday, 10/8:	1:00 PM Euchre – FH
	6:00 PM Council – library
	6:00 PM Bible Study
	6:30 PM Scouts
Friday, 10/9:	12:00 PM Prayer - Sanctuary
Saturday, 10/10:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel
	Elijah Star Theater trip

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (9/27):
Envelopes: $2475
Loose Offering: $30
Loose Ones: $2
Mission: $0
Sept. Meal Donation: $3
Ushers:
10/4: Hal Elsasser & Alora England
10/11: Shane Harkenrider & Jim Bidwell

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