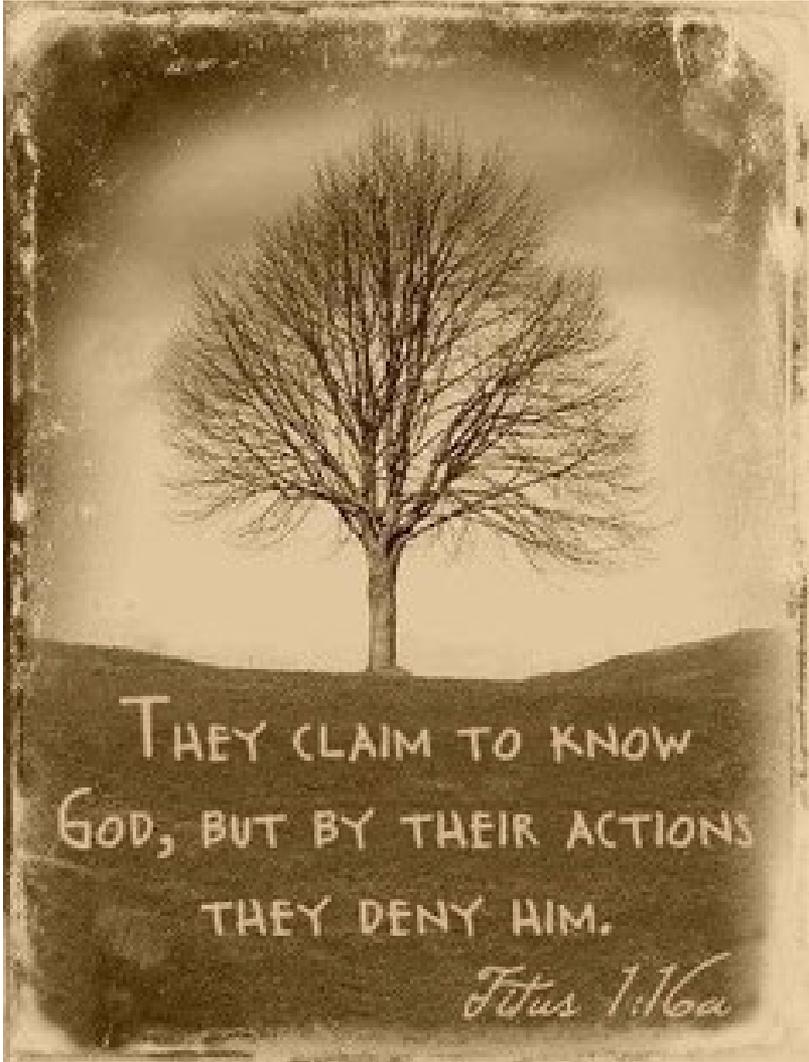


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Welcome

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus/Crusaders' Hymn* M. Hayes

*Hymn #317 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

*Call to Worship

L: Leader C: Congregation

Titus 2:11-15

L: Let us hear the Good News:

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

C: Therefore, we will declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. We will let no one disregard us as we minister in the name of Christ.

*Gloria Patri

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Delmar Lightner – Toledo, OH

Mission of the Month: Silent Night Bed Ministry

The Lord’s Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

Children’s Message

Scary, Scary Finger

Titus 1:16

Special Music

Sherman Girls

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

Numbers 23:18-24

Titus 1:5-16

Sermon

Above Reproach

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Apostle’s Creed

back of hymnal

The Blessing and Sharing of the Elements

***Hymn #408**

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

***Benediction**

Postlude

What a Friend

Converse/Schrader

*— Those who are able, please stand



Welcome to St. John’s Church!

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Numbers 23:18-24:

¹⁸ And Balaam took up his discourse and said,
“Rise, Balak, and hear;
give ear to me, O son of Zippor:
¹⁹ God is not man, that He should lie,
or a son of man, that He should change His mind.
Has He said, and will He not do it?
Or has He spoken, and will He not fulfill it?
²⁰ Behold, I received a command to bless:
He has blessed, and I cannot revoke it.
²¹ He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob,
nor has He seen trouble in Israel.
The LORD their God is with them,
and the shout of a king is among them.
²² God brings them out of Egypt
and is for them like the horns of the wild ox.
²³ For there is no enchantment against Jacob,
no divination against Israel;
now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel,
‘What has God wrought!’
²⁴ Behold, a people! As a lioness it rises up
and as a lion it lifts itself;
it does not lie down until it has devoured the prey
and drunk the blood of the slain.”

Titus 1:5-16:

⁵ This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— ⁶ if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. ⁷ For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, ⁸ but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.
¹⁰ For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. ¹¹ They must be

silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. ¹² One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” ¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. ¹⁵ To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. ¹⁶ They profess to know God, but they deny Him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Celebrate Recovery Meal Sign-Up: St.

John’s would like to supply a meal for Celebrate Recovery once a month. The meals will be the second Tuesday of each month for approximately 10-15 people. If you are able to provide food, please sign-up in the back of the sanctuary. The first date is August 10 and please have the food at the church at 5:30 pm in the kitchenette across from the chapel. Any questions, please see Anna LaWarre or Jerry Pfister.



Happy 90th Birthday Celebration: Please help us celebrate Bob Height’s 90th Birthday on August 28 from 1-5 pm at Forbing Center (122 N. Main St.). RSVP to Bobbi Ochier 419-673-6691 by August 20. Memories and/or photos to share are welcome.



Week at a Glance

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| Today, 8/1: | 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study – FH
10:00 AM Worship Service |
| Tuesday, 8/3: | 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery |
| Wednesday, 8/4: | 7:00 PM Prayer & Praise Night
7:00 PM Bible Study – library |
| Friday, 8/6: | 11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends – Viva Maria Ada
12:00 PM Prayer – Sanctuary
7-9 PM HCC Youth Pool Party |
| Saturday, 8/7: | 7:30 AM Men’s Bible Study- Our Place |

Sermon Notes

01 August 2021

Scripture: **Numbers 23:18-24; Titus 1:5-16**

Sermon: **Above Reproach**

1. How was Balaam able to boldly respond to Balak? How do you hear God, stand for Him, and speak His Word in the face of opposition (**Numbers 23:19**)?
2. What does being “above reproach” and living an ethical life for Christ mean to you (**Titus 1:6-7**)? How is it about more than simply following a set of rules?
3. How do you see “Christians” professing to know God with their lips, but denying Him by their deeds (**Titus 1:16**)? How have you done this? How do you try to bring your beliefs and actions into alignment?
4. How does your life reveal the salvation from Christ alive in you? Take time this week to ask others how they see Christ at work in you; then, find an accountability partner and commit to making your faith clearly evident in your actions and your words on a daily basis.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Delmar Lightner III missing since July 19, 2021 from Toledo, OH.

Mission of the Month: Silent Night Bed Ministry

Prayer & Praise/Hymn Nights: Please join us for casual night of prayer & song in the sanctuary at 7 pm each night:

Wednesday, August 4 (Praise team)

Wednesday, August 18 (Hymns with Linda Zeigler)

Prayer Time Returns: Fridays at Noon in the sanctuary. Come and join us or send us your prayer requests.

Back to School Blessing: August 22 during the morning worship service.

Prayer Walk, Music & Food: August 29 will be a day focusing on prayer especially for our students and educational staff as they return for another school year. You can participate in one or all of the following activities. We are starting with a Prayer Walk, organized by KNAZ (Kenton Nazarene Church). If participating, meet at Kenton Elementary School at 3:00 pm, then moving to Kenton High School at 3:20, and at Kenton Middle School at 3:40 pm. We will continue with a time of prayer and song at 4:00 here at St. John's with both hymns (Cinda Shea) and contemporary songs (KNAZ). We will all then go to the fellowship hall for a carry in meal & time of fellowship. A food sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary for the carry in.

Urge Youth Concert: August 29 from 5-7:30 pm at Bethel Church of Christ in Ada for all students grade 7-12. A Free event with great music and an encouraging message.

Revive 21: Grounded – Standing Firm in a Shaking World Women's Conference- October 8 & 9: We are excited to announce that we will Live Stream the Revive 21 Women's Conference in the Fellowship Hall. This is great way to participate and fellowship with other women! Invite your friends! A meal will be provided Saturday for Lunch. Cost is \$5 to attend. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary. Please register by Sept. 25. More information to come. You can visit Revive21.com for more information on speakers and schedule.

Support Group Leader Needed: If anyone is interested in leading a support group (AA/NA) during the week or take the T/R 11:30/noon time slot, please contact the church office.

Lifeline Christian Mission Meal Packing: October 23 from 9-11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Let's Help Fight Hunger by packing & providing meals for others. A fun and easy event for family and friends of all ages. Spend some time creating rice/bean or rice veggie recipes with your own assembly line around a funnel, weighing sealing, and boxing to ship anywhere around the globe where food is desperately needed. More information to come. See Anna LaWarre with questions. You can also check their website: lifeline.org.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Wednesday Nights at 7:00 pm in the church library.

Community Men's Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7:30 am at Our Place Family Restaurant.

Women's Bible Study: Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. The ladies are studying the book of Psalms and then this fall will start a Chip Ingram Study "Doing Good". If anyone is interested in the Chip Ingram Study, please contact Anna LaWarre, so she can order a study guide.

Living Kidney Donation: Prayers for Vaughn Rall who is in need of a kidney transplant. If you are willing to give the gift of life, please call 614-293-6724 or 800-293-8965. For a Living Donor Assessment Form, go to <https://go.osu.edu/LivingDonorForm>

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 9:00 AM.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester

Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley

Children's Choir Director: Hope Cauley

Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker

Organist/Pianists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa

Broseke, Linda Zeigler

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (7/25): 58

Envelopes:

Loose Ones: \$

Mission:

Social Profit:

Ushers: 8/1: Hope Cauley & Peggy Cahill

8/8: Jane Baker & Nancy Wilcox

