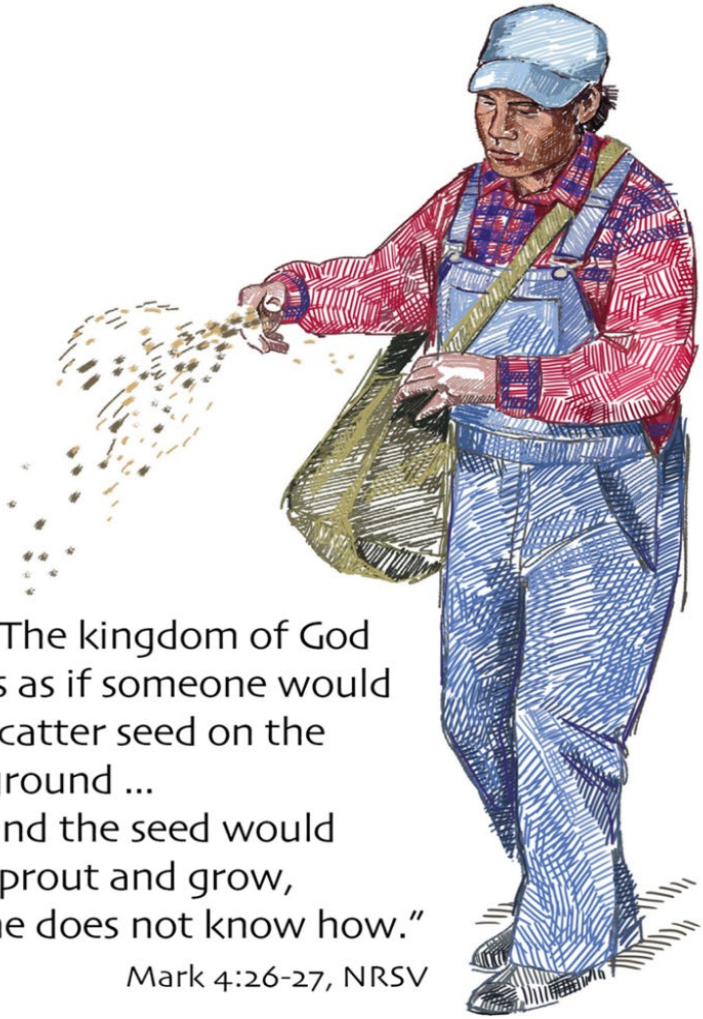
St. John's:
Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ



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Mark 4:26-27, NRSV

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"Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ"

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
October 31, 2021

Welcome

***Praise**

***Call to Worship**

L: Leader **C: Congregation**

Psalm 20:7-8

L: Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
C: but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
L: They collapse and fall,
C: but we rise and stand upright.

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Tamarion Wright– Sandusky, OH
Mission of the Month: SOUP

The Lord's Prayer *(Debts/Debtors)*

Children's Message **Wanna' Grow UP?** Mark 4:28

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer
Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

Scripture	**Revelation 14:14-16** **Mark 4:26-29**
Sermon	**Only a Good Farmer**
***Praise**	
***Benediction**	

*— Those who are able, please stand

Welcome to St. John's Church!

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Revelation 14:14-16:

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud
one like a son of man, with a golden crown on His head, and a
sharp sickle in His hand. 15 And another angel came out of the
temple, calling with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put
in Your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the
harvest of the earth is fully ripe." 16 So He who sat on the cloud
swung His sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Mark 4:26-29:

26 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter
seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed
sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself,
first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when
the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has
come."

Sermon Notes

31 October 2021

Scripture: **Revelation 14:14-16; Mark 4:26-29**

Sermon: **Only a Good Farmer**

1. What is the scene that we are witnessing in **Revelation** today? How does that motivate you to work and minister so more people are prepared to be "harvested" for Christ than left behind as a weed?

2. How much passion does God have for His Church (see **Song of Songs 4:4** and **Ephesians 5:27**)? Does your passion for the Church emulate God's? How does that convict/affect you?

3. How do you understand The Parable of the Growing Seed in the Gospel of **Mark**? How does that engender confidence in you to use your spiritual gifts in ministry? How does that help you to trust God to do His part? Are you willing to focus on what is your calling and give God space to complete His?

4. What is God laying on your heart to do to bring healthier habits into the life and ministry of St. John's Church? Write it down, share it with a friend, and promise to see it through for the glory of God.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Tamarion Wright missing since October 20, 2021 from Sandusky, OH.

Mission of the Month: SOUP

Memorial Sunday: November 7 – we will remember those from our congregation who have passed away this year.

Poinsettia Orders: Youth ministry is selling Poinsettias for Christmas from New Leaf. Orders and money are due by Sunday, November 14. A variety of sizes, colors, and prices are available.

Decorating the Church: November 21 after the service- lunch provided

Women's Celebration: Please come and join us for an evening of fun & fellowship as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season. This unique event will be held Thursday, December 2 in the church fellowship hall. Doors will open at 5:00 pm to view the beautiful tables decorated by our hostesses. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm with a cost of $20 per person with the proceeds to benefit Not By Choice of Hardin County. Deadline for tickets is Friday, November 26. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

Christmas Eve Service: December 24 at 8 pm.

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 30 immediately following the morning worship service.

Wednesday Night Kids Program: Wednesdays from 5-7 pm. Please see Michele to volunteer. If you are able to help on Wednesday Nights (even if you cannot be here every week or want to be a sub) please see Michele Sherman. Areas you can help: van driver/riders, teachers/helpers.

Sunday School (K-Grade 5): Sundays at 9 am. Miss Hope teaches K-Grade 2 and Miss Natasha teaches Grades 3-5.

Youth Group (Grades 6-12): Sundays from 5-7 pm

Community Men's Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7:30 am with place TBD. Our Place is no longer serving breakfast at that time. Please contact Pastor Randall at 724-290-3651 for more information.

Women's Bible Study: Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.

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. 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.

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.

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

Week at a Glance

Today, 10/31:	9:00 AM Sunday School (K-Grade 5)
	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH
	10:00 AM Worship Service
	5-7 PM Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
Tuesday, 11/2:	6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery
Wednesday, 11/3:	5-7 PM Wednesday Night Program
	7:00 PM Bible Study – library
	7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Friday, 11/5:	11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends – Southside Buckeye BBQ - Findlay
Saturday, 11/6:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study- TBD

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 (10/24): 62
Envelopes: 10/17: $4878 10/24: $2320
Loose Ones: $
Mission (SOUP): $877

Ushers:
10/31: Jane Baker & Michelle Becker
11/7: Mark & Michele Sherman

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