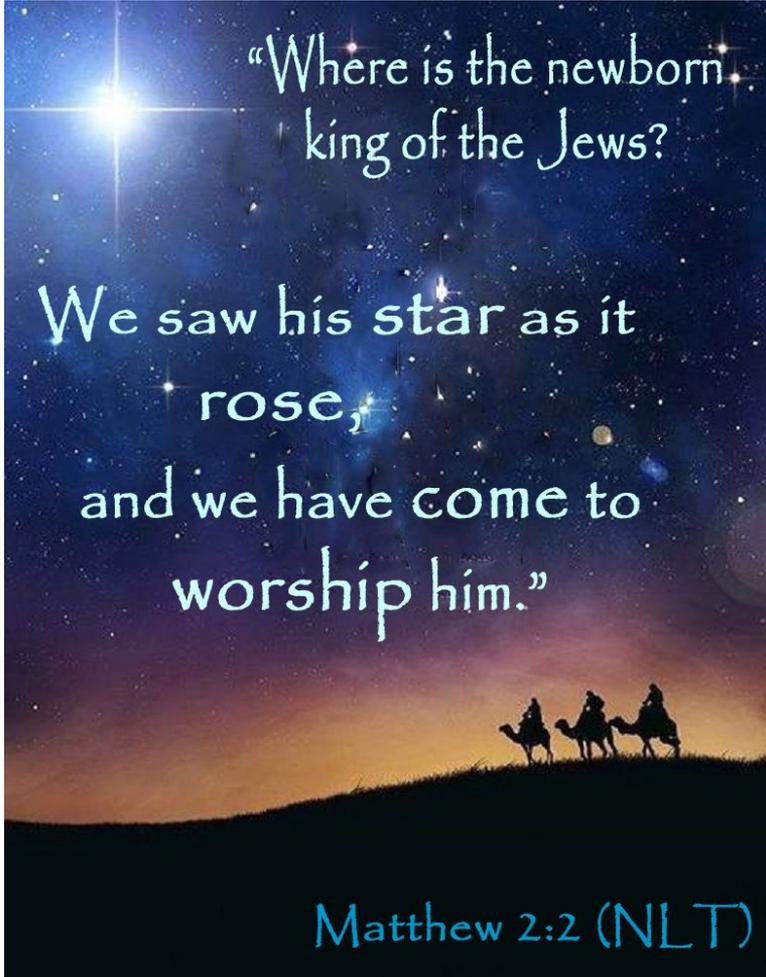


**St. John's:  
Making and Maturing  
Disciples of Jesus Christ**



**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
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## “Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

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Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022

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### Welcome

Prelude

*Noel Bells*

D. Paxton

\*Hymn #326 *God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years*

### \*Call to Worship

L: Leader **C: Congregation**

(based on Matthew 2:1-12, Isaiah 60:1-6)

L: Light! Light, light and more light!

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**C: Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

L: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem,  
wise men came from the East, saying:  
Where is He who is born king of the Jews?

**C: For we have seen His star in the East,  
and have come to worship Him.**

L: The wonderful light of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### \*Gloria Patri

### Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Reason Roloson – Columbus, OH

Mission of the Month: Jamie & Susan Ramge

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

**Special Music**

Jack Buroker & Dave Beazley

**Children's Message**

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings:**

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

**\*Doxology**

**Scripture**

**Matthew 2:1-15**

**Sermon**

**God is Reaching Out**

**\*Hymn #560**

*Another Year is Dawning*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Go Tell It On the Mountain*

H. Livingston

Based on American folk tune

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\*— Those who are able, please stand



**Welcome to  
St. John's Church**

**A huge thank you to Mike Todd from Child Evangelism Fellowship for leading the morning worship service.**

## **Scripture Readings (ESV):**

### **Matthew 2:1-15:**

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy Him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called My son.”

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Child:** our prayers today go out to Reason Roloson missing since December 14, 2021 from Columbus, OH.

**Mission of the Month:** Love Inc. of Hardin County

**Funeral Expense Need:** A family needs helping paying a funeral bill. If you are able to help, please make checks payable to: Price McElroy Funeral Home and in the memo write St. John's Church. They will also accept cash. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or Price McElroy Funeral Home.

**Committee Budgets & Year End Reports:** It is that time of year again. Please submit year end reports for the Annual Meeting Booklet by the beginning of January.

**Mental Health First Aid Training- Watch for Date Change:** A Mental Health First Aid Training was scheduled to be held here on Saturday, January 22 in the fellowship hall. They are trying to change the date so the training can be split over 2 shorter sessions. They are hoping to do it on March 26 and April 2. The ONU students were not able to finalize this change yet, so please watch for updates. There is no cost for this training. To register, email Donna at [ddickman@passaah.org](mailto:ddickman@passaah.org).

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

**St. John's New T-shirt Design Orders:** A new shirt design is available for purchase. They are all a light blue color with both short and long sleeves options available. Please see the order form for pricing. Orders will be taken through the end of the month. Payment is due a time of ordering.

**Celebrate Recovery Meal Sign-Up:** If you are able to provide food, please sign-up in the back of the sanctuary. Please have the food at the church at 6 pm in the kitchenette across from the chapel. Any questions, please see Anna LaWarre or Jerry Pfister.

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

## St. John's Shirt Order Form



Front Design

Yes, I'm a Christian, but no I'm not perfect

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.--Philippians 3:12

Back Design

I am a work in progress

And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.--Philippians 1:6

St. John's Shirt Order Form							
	S	M	L	XL	XXL +\$2	XXXL +\$3	Total Amount in Dollars
Short Sleeve T \$10							
Long Sleeve T \$15							
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						<b>Total</b>	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**All shirts will be light blue color. Payment is due at time of ordering. Thank you!**

## **Prayer for a Victorious New Year**

Lord Jesus, I come to you in this brand new year with a desire to move forward, not backward. Last year is gone and with it all the foolish mistakes I made. I'm eager to put the past behind and to press on toward the mark of knowing you, loving you, serving you, and making Your name known in this coming year.

I need You, Lord. Without You, I can't meet the heavy demands of life or the unrelenting pressures that I'll face this coming year. I am making a new commitment today—not a New Year's resolution—but a new desire to place You where You always belong, first place in my life. Make the "I will's" of Scripture become my affirmations: "I will trust You; I will praise You; I will follow You." I will replace fear with faith, knowing You are always with me. And with You on my side, it will be a victorious New Year.

I lay down my broken armor, my rusty tools, my self-defenses, and every excuse I've used for not living victoriously. Purge my bad habits; free me from wrong expectations; and fill my heart, soul, and mind with praiseworthy thoughts and actions. I want to exchange my past disappointments for Your divine appointments this year. My life is Yours; my relationships belong to You; everything I have is Yours, Jesus. Set my feet on the right path this year, and grant wisdom so I can make the right choices that will honor You. Let me see others as You see them, as precious ones You created. Renew the gifts and abilities You've so generously given me so I can bless others as You've blessed me.

I realize my desire for perfection is misplaced. My relationship with You doesn't depend on my performance but upon Your presence in my life. I will make mistakes. But I don't have to be perfect! You've already made me acceptable in Your sight because of Your death and resurrection. You covered my past, present, and future. You have given me everything I could possibly need for the coming year. In You, I am complete, Lord. Help me to accept my faults and make Your mirror my own. I want to reflect You daily.

Because of Your love and the price, You paid for my sin, I can not only enjoy a victorious new year but a triumphant life. You put a new "want-to" in my life and in my heart. And as the calendar turns another page in this brand new year, I want more than ever, to live it for You. There is no battle in my life too great with You in my life. There is victory in You, Jesus! - Rebecca Barlow Jordan

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/prayers-for-new-year-pray-to-renew-heart-and-mind.html>

## **Week at a Glance**

Today, 1/2:	9:00 AM Sunday School (K-Grade 5) 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service
Tuesday, 1/4:	6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery
Wednesday, 1/5:	5-7 PM Wednesday Night Program 7:00 PM Bible Study – Chapel
Friday, 1/7:	11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends – Salsa's, Kenton
Saturday, 1/8:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study - FH

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### **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,  
Cinda Shea

Ushers:

1/2: Toni & Jerry Pfister

1/9: Kathy & Angel Forester

