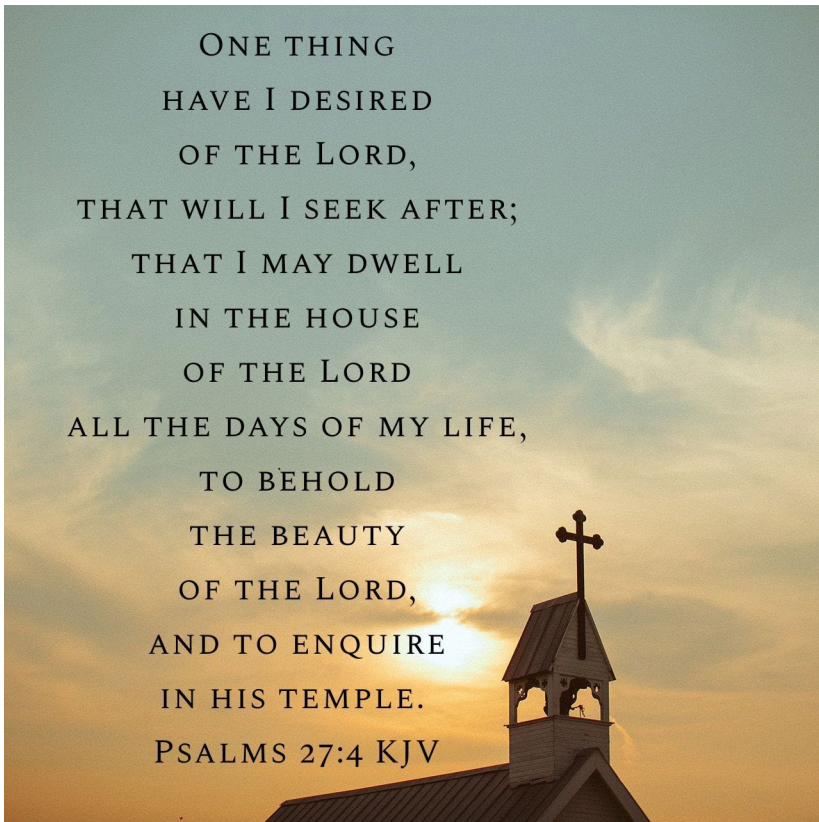


12 February 2023

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

ONE THING
HAVE I DESIRED
OF THE LORD,
THAT WILL I SEEK AFTER;
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TO BEHOLD
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AND TO ENQUIRE
IN HIS TEMPLE.
PSALMS 27:4 KJV



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February 12, 2023

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants –Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Standing on the Promises* H. Livingston Jr.

***Hymn #434** *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

***Call to Worship**

Revelation 5:12-14

L: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

C: to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

L: and honor and glory and blessing!”

C: “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

L: be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

**C: And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the
elders fell down and worshiped.**

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Gabriel Lowe – Lorain, OH

Mission of the Month: Rise FM

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

Children's Message

Don't Be Afraid

Psalm 27:1

Special Music- Favorite Hymns

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

Psalm 27

Revelation 3:7-13

Sermon

Holding onto Jesus

***Hymn #417**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

***Benediction**

Postlude

The Solid Rock

Birchwood/Bradbury

*— Those who are able, please stand



Scripture Readings (ESV):

Psalm 27:

²⁷ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in His temple.

⁵ For He will hide me in His shelter
in the day of trouble;
He will conceal me under the cover of His tent;
He will lift me high upon a rock.

⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in His tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ You have said, "Seek My face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the Lord will take me in.

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- ¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.
- ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

Revelation 3:7-13:

⁷ “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

⁸ “‘I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept My word and have not denied My name. ⁹Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept My word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹² The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from My God out of heaven, and My own new name. ¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”



Sermon Notes
12 February 2023

Scripture: **27th Psalm; Revelation 3:7-13**

Sermon: **Holding onto Jesus**

1. How does the **27th Psalm** impact you? Is pursuing God your chief goal? Do you desire to be in the Lord's house always (v 4)? Is He your light and stronghold (v 1)? Are you willing to wait patiently for Him to answer your prayers and fulfill His promises in your life (v 14)? Which promises are you waiting to see fulfilled?
2. While many doors may have been closed, which one has Jesus opened for St. John's (**Revelation 3:7-8**)? How will you enter that door? In other words, how will you serve Him in this ministry that He is opening to us, and for us, and through which we are to bless others?
3. To what things is God calling you to hold fast (**Revelation 3:11**)? Is that enough for you like the hem of Jesus' garment was for an ailing woman (**Matthew 9:20-22**)? What ministry and service to others is your calling at St. John's on a weekly basis?
4. How will you serve as a pillar in the Temple of God (**Revelation 3:12**)? What is your role in worship and in the presence of God and His people? How are you preparing for that ministry now?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Gabriel Lowe missing from Lorain, OH.

Church Family Fellowship Luncheon: today following the morning service we will have a luncheon in the fellowship hall. Food is provided and All are welcome to attend.

Choir Rehearsal: Choir will practice on February 15 at 7 pm to sing at the Ash Wednesday Service on February 22. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday Service: February 22 at 7 pm led by Payne Chapel

Council Installation: Council members will be installed during the service on February 26.

Maundy Thursday Meal & Informal Service: April 6 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship we will share a soup and bread meal followed by an informal service with communion. All are welcome and food is provided.



Community Sunrise Service: April 9 at 7 am at the small pavilion at Boy Scout Lake. You may want to bring your own chair. We will try to Facebook Live the service that morning.

Easter Festival Service: Traditional Festival Service on April 9 at 10 am. The younger kids will have an Egg Hunt at 9:30 am and Jr. Church after the children's sermon.

Jr. Church Volunteers: Everything is prepared for you. Please see Michele with questions and to volunteer.

Wednesday Kids/Youth Volunteers: 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. Please prayerfully consider coming and sharing Gods love with these Kids or Youth. Areas you can help: van driver/riders, teachers/helpers, kitchen.

Celebrate Recovery Meal Sign Up: St. John's supplies a meal for Celebrate Recovery twice a month. The meals is the second and Fourth 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 6 pm in the kitchenette across from the chapel. Any questions, please see Anna LaWarre or Jerry Pfister.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30-10:30 & 12:30 – 2:30. Hours will change if a delay/closing. Please call if any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Mending for Missions: If you have something that needs to be mended, shortened, or taken in, Jane is sharing her gift. When the garment is finished, Jane will give you a "Mended for Missions" envelope to donate to the church. You can decide the amount you'd care to give. Jane Wyndham, 419-767-9160

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.

Week at a Glance

Today, 2/12:	10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Luncheon – FH 11:15 AM Pastoral Relations 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Tuesday, 2/14:	6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 2/15:	5 – 7 PM Kid's Night 5 – 7 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 2/17:	11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends - Plaza Inn (Mt. Victory) 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Saturday, 2/18:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (2/5): 79

Envelopes: 1/29: 3400
2/5: \$4371

Loose Ones:

Mission (Pioneers): \$210



Ushers:

2/12: Shane Harkenrider &
Jim Bidwell

2/19: Nathan Weaver & Aly
Purcell

