

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

But go and learn
what this means:
*'I desire mercy
not sacrifice.'*

For I have **not** come
to call the righteous,
but **sinner**s.

Matthew 9:13



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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants –Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

G. Young

***Hymn #289**

Down at the Cross Where My Savior Died

***Call to Worship**

Hosea 6:1, 3, 6

L: “Come, let us return to the Lord;

for He has torn us, that He may heal us;

He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.

C: Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;

L: His going out is sure as the dawn;

C: He will come to us as the showers,

L: as the spring rains that water the earth.”

**C: “For I desire steadfast mercy and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”**

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Jaivion Blythewood – Cleveland, OH

Mission of the Month: Rise FM

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

Children's Message

Our Security (Blanket)

Revelation 7:10

Special Music

David Beazley

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Council Installation

Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17

Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon

Jesus, Friend of Sinners

***Hymn #286**

Years I Spent in Vanity and Pride

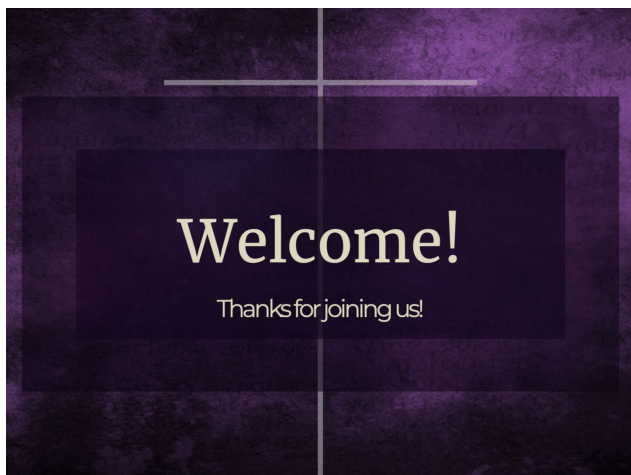
***Benediction**

Postlude

At Calvary

D. B. Towner

*— Those who are able, please stand



Scripture Readings (ESV):

Revelation 7:9-17:

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve Him day and night in His temple;
and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and He will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Matthew 9:9-13:

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, “Follow Me.” And he rose and followed Him.

¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when He heard it, He said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Sermon Notes
26 February 2023

Scripture: **Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 9:9-13**

Sermon: **Jesus, Friend of Sinners**

1. In your mind, what do you envision the scene in **Revelation 7** to be like? What do you hear, see, smell, and feel? Is it a replica of what you are used to, or can you imagine the different styles and languages of different cultures and different times? How?
2. God is inviting a very diverse crowd into His eternal joy (**Revelation 7:9, 15-17**)? How does that make you feel? Can you feel God's embrace for all people, or does such diversity create uneasiness, anxiety or fear? How can we reflect the heavenly diversity in our local church?
3. Which sinners in our community make you most uncomfortable? Can you see Jesus dining with them and their ilk (**Matthew 9:9-11**)? Can you see yourself doing the same as Jesus did?
4. What can St. John's do to welcome sinners into our midst? What would draw people in? How should we minister to them? In Lent, what will you do to start this process and to change one sinner's life by bringing them into contact with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His church here?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Jaivion Blythewood missing from Cleveland, OH.

Council Installation: Council members will be installed during the service today.

Wednesday Night Bible Study Time Change: Beginning March 1, the Bible Study time will change to 7:30 pm.

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.



Please join us for the First Annual Blessing of Bikes hosted by St. John's Evangelical Church and God's Thunder.



May 21, 2023

211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH

11:30 - Coffee and Donuts served

12:00 - Blessing of the Bikes

Open invitation to all to attend worship service beginning at 10am.

Sponsored by:

*St. John's Evangelical Church
and Christian Motorcycle
Association, God's Thunder*



Week at a Glance

Today, 2/26:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service Jr. Church 11:15 AM WAM Meeting - Chapel 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Tuesday, 2/28:	6:00 PM Women's Ministry 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 3/1:	5-7 PM Kid's Night 5-7 PM Youth Group 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice 7:30 PM Bible Study – Chapel
Friday, 3/3:	11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends – Denny's (Findlay) 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Saturday, 3/4:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel 6:30 PM Lamb Banquet

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (2/19): 80

Envelopes: 2/12: \$2765 2/19: 2248

Loose Ones:

Mission (Pioneers): \$610

Ushers:

2/26: Jerry & Toni Pfister

3/5: LeVern & Nancy Weaver

