

21 January 2024

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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



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Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants – Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements (Greet online viewers)

Opening Prayer Psalm 102:1-2

The Lord's Prayer

***Praise**

Children's Sermon

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

Scripture Matthew 6:5-15

Song: *Lord's Prayer*

The First Request- led by Anna LaWarre

Prayer 1: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name . . .

The Second Request - led by LeVern Weaver

Prayer 2: Your kingdom come . . .

The Third Request - led by Greg Martin

Prayer 3: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven . . .

The Fourth Request - led by Shane Harkenrider

Prayer 4: Give us today our daily bread . . .

The Fifth Request - led by Hal Elsasser

Prayer 5: Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors . . .

The Sixth Request – led by Jerry Pfister

Prayer 6: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one . . .

The Conclusion to the Prayer - led by Donna Myers

Prayer 7: For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever . . .

Worship leader - led by Dave Beazley

And now we invite people to come and lift up their prayers and petitions, particularly those prayers that may have been stirred up within you after hearing the Lord's prayer more deeply...

Worship leader:

Amen.

This is sure to be!

It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer,
than that I really desire what I pray for.

Amen and Amen

Song: *Angus Dei* by Michael W. Smith

Sermon Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: KeyShauwn Bell – Toledo, OH

Mission of the Month: Pioneers- Jamie & Susan Ramge

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

***Praise**

***Benediction**

*— Those who are able, please stand

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Matthew 6:5-15:

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.



Sermon Notes
21 January 2024

Scripture: **Matthew 6:5-15**

Sermon: **Lord, Hear Our Prayer**

1. How is your prayer life? Do you take everything to the Lord in prayer when you shut yourself in your room (**Matthew 6:6**)? Do you make yourself vulnerable to God in prayer? How?
2. How do you see your prayers bringing God's kingdom to bear upon this world (**Matthew 6:10**)?
3. Do you see how prayer shapes you to be more forgiving and gracious as the Father and Christ are (**Matthew 6:15**)? How else does prayer shape you?
4. How can you encourage others to pray? What support do you need so that you may commit yourself to prayer?

Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory of God alone)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Keyshawn Bell missing from Toledo, OH.

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 28, 11 am, after the worship service. The following people are running for Elder: Hal Elsasser, Jerry Pfister & Janie Risner. Anyone who is interested in running for an Elder position on the board, please let one of the council members know.

Christianity in China: The Underground Church: On February 11, we will have guest speakers during the worship service. After worship, we will have a luncheon in the fellowship hall and a more detailed presentation on the Underground Church will be at Noon. The presentation at noon will not be live streamed to protect those involved and their families. All are welcome to attend to learn more.

Ash Wednesday Service: February 14 at 7 pm led by Payne Chapel

Community Movie Night - Do You Believe?: February 24 at 6 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm) in the Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Missions and Evangelism Committee. Snacks & Drinks available, donations appreciated. A dozen different souls all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ even if they don't believe it. Yet. When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. This stirring new film from the creators of God's Not Dead. More than a movie, it's a question we all must answer in our lifetimes: DO YOU BELIEVE?

Entering Church using South or East Entrance: During the wintry and potentially icy months, entrance will be available through the east and south doors. Thank you!

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

Office Hours: 8:30-10:30 am & 12:30-2:30 pm, Monday – Friday unless there is a delay/cancellation. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Christianity in China

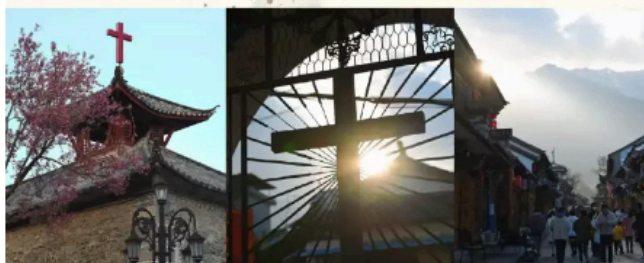
The Underground Church

What does normal life look like for Chinese Christians?

How does the Chinese underground church operate under persecution?

How do missionaries reach out to the Chinese people and bring the good news to them?

How do Chinese Christians cope with strict policies in their Christian daily life?



FEBRUARY 11

10 am - Join us for Worship

11 am - Luncheon

12 pm - Learn more about The Underground Church in China

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Week at a Glance

Today, 1/21:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Monday, 1/22:	6:30 PM Girl Scouts - Chapel
Tuesday, 1/23:	11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends – Moose (Kenton) Was moved due to the weather 6:00 PM Women's Ministry 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 1/24:	5-7 PM Wednesday Night Kids 7:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, 1/25:	6:30 Cub Scouts - Chapel
Friday, 1/26:	12:00 PM Prayer
Saturday, 1/27:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel 9-10:30 AM The Chosen Bible Study – FH

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (1/14): 46
Envelopes: 1/7: \$6140 1/14: \$1510
Loose Ones: 1/14: 0
Mission (Pioneers): \$345 to date
Ushers:
1/21: Cinda Shea & Lynda Zaring
1/27: Janie Risner & Jane Donnelly

