

10 March 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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)

Prelude *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* W. Bradbury
Cinda Shea & Linda Zeigler, piano/organ duet

***Hymn #480** *Rescue the Perishing*

***Call to Worship** **Psalm 89:49-52**

L: Lord, where is Your steadfast love of old,

C: which by Your faithfulness You swore to David?

L: Remember, O Lord, how Your servants are mocked,

**C: and how I bear in my heart the insults
of all the many nations,**

L: with which Your enemies mock, O Lord,

C: with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.

L: Blessed be the Lord forever!

C: Amen and Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Haley Matney – Defiance, OH

Mission of the Month: Celebrate Recovery

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

Children's Message **The Price Is Right**

Luke 6:22-23

Special Music *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

L. Edwards
piano duet

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

*Doxology

Scripture

Isaiah 37:21-32

Luke 6:17-26

Sermon

Blessed are the Excluded

*Hymn #385

Take My Life and Let it Be

*Benediction

Postlude

Come Follow Me

S. McBurney, piano duet

Dedication of New Cross

*— Those who are able, please stand



St. John's Eclipse Shirts Available: Custom Torso created a cool eclipse design for St. John's. All shirts are black. The front includes Matthew 24:29-31.

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The back: Cool eclipse design with the church logo and also includes Hardin County, Ohio and April 8, 2024. Orders and Money have a strict deadline of March 17 so orders will be done in time by April 7 for a special sermon that day on the eclipse. Cost: Short sleeves: \$12 (S-XL), \$14 (2X), \$16 (3X)
Long sleeve: \$15 (S-XL), \$17 (2X), \$18 (3X)

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Isaiah 37:21-32:

²¹ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Because you have prayed to Me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria, ²² this is the word that the LORD has spoken concerning him:

““She despises you, she scorns you—
the virgin daughter of Zion;
she wags her head behind you—
the daughter of Jerusalem.

²³ ““Whom have you mocked and reviled?
Against whom have you raised your voice
and lifted your eyes to the heights?
Against the Holy One of Israel!

²⁴ By your servants you have mocked the Lord,
and you have said, With my many chariots
I have gone up the heights of the mountains,
to the far recesses of Lebanon,
to cut down its tallest cedars,
its choicest cypresses,
to come to its remotest height,
its most fruitful forest.

²⁵ I dug wells
and drank waters,
to dry up with the sole of my foot
all the streams of Egypt.

²⁶ ““Have you not heard
that I determined it long ago?
I planned from days of old
what now I bring to pass,
that you should make fortified cities
crash into heaps of ruins,

²⁷ while their inhabitants, shorn of strength,
are dismayed and confounded,
and have become like plants of the field
and like tender grass,
like grass on the housetops,
blighted before it is grown.

²⁸ “‘I know your sitting down
and your going out and coming in,
and your raging against Me.

²⁹ Because you have raged against Me
and your complacency has come to My ears,
I will put My hook in your nose
and My bit in your mouth,
and I will turn you back on the way
by which you came.’

³⁰ “And this shall be the sign for you: this year you shall eat what grows
of itself, and in the second year what springs from that. Then in the third
year sow and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. ³¹ And the
surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward
and bear fruit upward. ³² For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and
out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts
will do this.”

Luke 6:17-26:

¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great
crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea
and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear
Him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled
with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch
Him, for power came out from Him and healed them all.

²⁰ And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you
and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of
Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is
great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers
did to the false prophets.”

Sermon Notes

10 March 2024

Scripture: **Isaiah 37:21-32; Luke 6:17-26**

Sermon: **Blessed are the Excluded**

1. How do Jesus' words to His disciples speak to you? Do you feel like leaping for joy when you are excluded for Christ's sake? Do you remember your reward is in heaven, or do you pursue earthly things like personal vindication or your inclusion?

2. How do you receive Jesus's words in today's beatitude? How does it comfort you, AND how does it challenge you? What types of action/attitude does this call you to enact in your life?

3. In **Isaiah 37**, how does God respond to those who mock Him? How does this comfort you? How does this help you to endure the taunts of those who oppose God and His people now?

4. What actions can you perform to demonstrate that you are part of the remnant? What inward change does this necessitate?

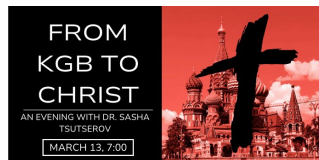
Sola Scriptura (by Scripture Alone)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Haley Matney missing from Defiance, OH.

Church Family Fellowship Luncheon: Today after service in the church fellowship hall. All are invited to attend. Meal is provided.

Christian Ed Meeting: March 12 at 7 pm. This meeting is open to anyone interested in Christian Education in our church for ministries for children, youth, adults and families.



From KGB to Christ: On March 13th at 7:00 pm, Dr. Sasha Tsutserov, president of Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary, will be coming to speak at Walnut Grove Methodist Church. Dr. Tsutserov was a KGB agent keeping surveillance on several Christian missionaries when he found himself compelled by their words and converted to Christianity. All are welcome to attend.

Community Palm Sunday Service w/ KHS Chorale: March 24 at 7 pm.

Maundy Thursday Service (communion): March 28 at 7 pm

Good Friday Prayer Times: March 29 at Noon and 6 pm

Community Easter Sunrise: March 31 at 7 am at Boy Scout Lake's small pavilion. Please bring a lawn chair.

Carl Lotz Scholarship Applications: Purpose: To provide a scholarship to a Hardin County student or church member who plans to further their education and/or training for their career. Application, eligibility requirements, and procedure list is available online at <https://forms.gle/p3Zdp3zHfsJmaqB16>. Deadline to apply is April 30 (Must complete All 3 steps).

Bike Blessing: May 19 at 11:30 am

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!

Coffee Hour News: Coffee Hour is offered as a time of fellowship in our lobby, and we hope you have time to greet one another before worship. If you take beverages into the sanctuary, please advise ushers of any spills. If spills are not cleaned up promptly, it creates stains on the carpet. Thank you for your understanding.



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

Children’s sermon: If you would like to be added to the Children’s sermon list, please contact the church office.

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.

Week at a Glance

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| Today, 3/10: | 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Church Family Luncheon – FH 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel |
| Tuesday, 3/12: | 5:00 PM Missions/Evangelism 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel 7:00 PM Christian Ed Meeting |
| Wednesday, 3/13: | 5-7 PM Kid’s Night 7:00 PM Bible Study |
| Thursday, 3/14: | 6:00 PM Church Council – library 6:30 PM Cub Scouts - Chapel |
| Friday, 3/15: | 11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends – Cracker Barrel (Findlay) |
| Saturday, 3/16: | 7:30 AM Men’s Bible Study – Chapel 9-10:30 The Chosen Bible Study – FH 10 AM – 12 PM Cub Scout Food Drive – parking lot |

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (3/13): 63
Envelopes: 2/25: \$3045 3/3:\$3300
Loose Offering: 2/25: \$70 3/3: \$80
Loose Ones: 3/3: \$1
Mission: Feb: \$200 March \$317

Ushers:

3/10: Shawn & Natasha Dyer
3/17: Peggy Cahill & Barb Roof



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



May 19, 2024

211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH

11:30 - Coffee and Cookies served

12:00 - Blessing of the Bikes

Open invitation to all to attend Worship Service beginning at 10am.

Hosted by:

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

