

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

We . . . shall walk
in the name of
Jehovah our God
to time indefinite,
even forever.
(Micah 4:5)



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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2021

Welcome

Prelude

Foundation

Traditional American Melody

*Hymn #249

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

*Call to Worship

L: Leader C: Congregation

Psalm 4:1, 5

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

C: You have given me relief when I was in distress.

L: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**C: I will offer right sacrifices,
and put my trust in the Lord.**

*Gloria Patri

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Kaya Lewis – Mansfield, OH

Mission of the Month: Silent Night Bed Ministry

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

Children's Message

It's Thataway

Matthew 11:7b

(children please remain in your seats)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

Scripture

Micah 4:1-5
Matthew 11:7-15

Sermon

Walk With the Lord Forever

Special Music

Break Thou the Bread of Life

***Hymn #224**

How Firm a Foundation

Postlude

Shower of Blessing

J. McGranhan

***Benediction**

*— Those who are able, please stand



Welcome to St. John's Church!

The Women's Bible Study will meet at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall beginning on Sunday, February 14. All are welcome!

The flowers on the altar are a gift from the Willis Anderson family.

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Micah 4:1-5:

¹It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and it shall be lifted up above the hills;

and peoples shall flow to it,

² and many nations shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,

that He may teach us His ways

and that we may walk in His paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³ He shall judge between many peoples,

and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore;

⁴ but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree,

and no one shall make them afraid,

for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

⁵ For all the peoples walk

each in the name of its god,

but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God

forever and ever.

Matthew 11:7-15:

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send My messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



Sermon Notes
07 February 2021

Scripture: **Micah 4:1-5; Matthew 11:7-15**

Sermon: **Walk With the Lord Forever**

1. Do you have an eye on eternity and “the last days” that are approaching here? How does that motivate you to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others?
2. What is the future reign of God going to be like according to **Micah**? What will be included? What will be absent? For whom is this kingdom?
3. How did John the Baptist pave the way for the kingdom of God? How does Jesus commend him here? What does He call upon us to do to seize the kingdom (v **12**)?
4. If you have, as Jesus says, ears to hear, how will you respond to building the kingdom? How do you pray for renewal and revival? Who do you plan to share the Gospel with and disciple this week?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Child: our prayers today go out to Kaya Lewis missing since January 26, 2021 from Mansfield, OH.

Mission of the Month: Silent Night Bed Ministry

Annual Congregational Meeting: Today at 11 am following the morning worship service pending COVID restrictions.

Slate of nominations for council: Terry Hord – Elder; Jerry Pfister-Trustee, Hal Elsasser – Elder

Ash Wednesday Service: February 17 at 7 pm (communion available)

Christian Ed Committee: February 18 at 6:00 PM.

Virtual Combined Worship Service w/ Payne Chapel for Black History Month: March 21 at 3 pm. Watch for more details

Community Men's Bible Study Saturday mornings at 7:30 am at Our Place Family Restaurant (formerly Basil's).

Women's Bible Study: Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

Care Team: We have a group of people that make calls to members to try to keep in touch with each other and to just check in. If you would like to participate in any way, please let the church office know or contact Carol Wilcox. If you are not receiving a call and would like one periodically or know of someone who would, please let us know.

Wednesday Night Helpers Needed: A few additional people are needed on Wednesday evenings to help with name tags, temperature checks and any additional duties, even if it is not every week.

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



Week at a Glance

Today, 2/7:	9:00 AM Sunday School (PK- Grade 12) 10:00 AM Service 11:00 AM Annual Meeting
Monday, 2/8:	5:30 PM Missions/Evangelism
Tuesday, 2/9:	11:30 AM AA – Chapel 12:00 PM Prayer 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel 7:00 PM Revive Hardin Meeting
Wednesday, 2/10:	5:00 PM Children’s Choir 5:30-7 PM Disciple Me Program 6:15- 7:45 PM Youth Group
Thursday, 2/11:	11:30 AM AA – Chapel 7:00 PM Church Council – Chapel
Saturday, 2/13:	7:30 AM Men’s Bible Study- Our Place

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

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (1/31): 23

Envelopes:

Loose Ones:

Mission: Ramge:

Ushers:

2/7: Mark & Michele Sherman

2/14: Mary Ralston & Jane Donnelly