

Since Christians didn't offer this worship, they threatened not only themselves, but society as a whole. For this and many other reasons, the early church lived under a constant threat.

This threat did not prevent early Christians from finding peace. The reality is that they found the peace of God that surpassed understanding. They saw God as a stronger power than the state or any threat that might be imposed by it.

How did earlier people of faith find the courage to live in their world? The truth is that they believed God had the ability to give them assurance when nothing else did. The Psalms of old reminded them of their responsibility to announce such confidence before others. To live life as his people.

*7 Give to the LORD, you families of the nations.
Give to the LORD glory and power.*

*8 Give to the LORD the glory he deserves.
Bring an offering, and come into his
courtyards.*

*9 Worship the LORD in his holy splendor.
Tremble in his presence, all the earth!*

We will be spending time this year looking at how we give glory and power to God. A worship worthy of our God. He alone gives sanctuary, a refuge from a fearful and dark world.

Grace and peace,

Carl

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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Flying to the Rock

St John Church of Christ January 1, 2017

This has been a year that has seemed to be filled with uncertainty. There are those who would tell you that the economy is about to crash, others are worried about a reviving of the cold war... in fact, if there is a topic that might instill fear, rest assured that someone is trying to capitalize on it.

If we have things to fear, our religious ancestors had far more. Christians of the 1st century worried about being an unsanctioned religion under the Roman system. Early Christians refused to sacrifice to or worship the emperor which amounted to treason. Roman society was very religious, believing that society was protected by the *pax deorum*; the peace or agreement with the gods. If the gods were given worship and sacrifice, they protected the cities, towns and empires.

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR JANUARY 01, 2017

SONG LEADER: Stan Aldrich
GATHERING SONG: No. 66—Doxology
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 3:5-6 (Jayce Feril)
SONGS: No. 524—I Know Whom I Have Believed (vs 1, 3)
No. 523—I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me
No. 538—My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
No. 778—Be With Me, Lord (vs 1, 2, 4)
PRAYER: Orrin Feril
SONG: No. 354—I Gave My Life For Thee
COMMUNION: Richard Brensing
Jerry Kinnamon
Fred Johnson
Joe Cornwell
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 414—Anywhere with Jesus
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 907—Hark the Gentle Voice (vs 1)
PRAYER: Terry Sallee

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship today. Please stay and share a potluck lunch with us.

WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

- Adult Bible Class at 7:30 pm
- Youth Group at 7:30 pm at Carl's house

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ben & Baylee Sizemore are the proud parents of a new baby boy! **Noah James** was born December 30th at 10:07 pm, and weighed 6 lbs, 15 oz. Baylee and Noah were to be released from the hospital yesterday afternoon.

We are still collecting money for a group gift for Ben & Baylee—if you would like to contribute, please contact Janet.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Phillip & Terri Koelsch
January 1

NEW MEMORY WORK FOR 2017

Psalms 96:7-9

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8 Give to the LORD the glory he deserves.
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9 Worship the LORD in his holy splendor.
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(God's Word Translation)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Victor & Cinthya Garcia family who worships with the Eastwood Church of Christ in Hutchinson: their young son Fernando is being treated for possible rejection of his heart transplant
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - more cancer
Landon Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great grandson)
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard & Shelly) - as Cris is treated for her cancer
Jonathan Batten—ongoing cancer treatment
Greg Barlage (Baylee Sizemore's cousin, who lives in Wellesley, MA) diagnosed with Leukemia
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) - improving health
Ty Hewitt (Baylee Sizemore's cousin) - leukemia
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother) and his wife, Kathy
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rugan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Sharon Goode Ames—lung cancer
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – on Hospice Care at Leisure Homestead in Stafford
Myron Brensing (Richard's father) – Leisure Homestead
Laura Wyatt—on Hospice Care at Kenwood Plaza
Vic & Phyllis Staub—Kenwood Plaza
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza

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