

# St John Church of Christ

January 12, 2020

## Order of Worship

Worship Leader: Richard

Gathering Song: No. 71 As the Deer

Welcome: Tom

Scripture Reading: Hunter  
1 Peter 5:5-6

### Songs

No. 745 Humble Yourself

No. 764 Teach Me Lord to Wait

No. 766 Open Our Eyes, Lord

Prayer: Fred

Song No. 359 I Love the Lord

Communion: Gary

assisted by

Chris, Darrel B., John

Song: No. No. 781 Thank You, Lord

Contribution

Song: No. 470 Victory in Jesus  
(1&3 verses)

Lesson: A Week Frozen in Time

John 1:19-51

Song No. 902 Nothing But the Blood (1st verse)

Prayer: John

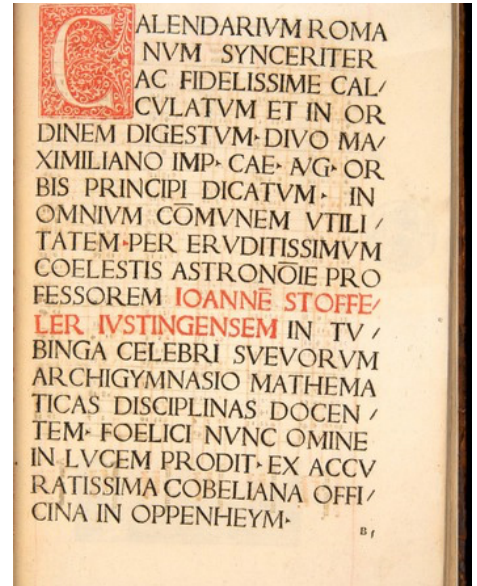
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# The End of the World: 1524

Predictions of the end of the world are perennial headline grabbers. We are fascinated with end-times - both Christians and non-Christians alike. In the year 1524 Europe was gripped with the belief that there would be a second Noah-like flood.

Johannes Stoeffler occupied the first-ever chair of mathematics and astronomy at the University of Tübingen in 1507 and was elected rector in 1522. Several years before, in 1499, Stoeffler predicted that a flood would deluge the world on February 24, 1524. He based his prediction on the fact that Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn would all align themselves in Pisces, the water sign. As the fateful day approached, hundreds of pamphlets were published warning of the impending doom.

The astrologers in London were not to be outdone. They predicted the flood would begin



Johann Stoeffler's *Calendarium Romanum magnum* (1518)

in London (where else?) on February 1, 1524. The Prior of St. Bartholomew's built a fortress in which he stocked enough food and water to last for two months. As February 1st approached, 20,000 people fled their homes. However, when no rain appeared, people simply went home more than a little embarrassed.

Over on the continent, Johannes Stoeffler was adamant regarding his date and the Europeans believed him. In Toulouse, French President Auriac built an ark. Many people in ports throughout Europe took refuge in the boats at anchor. In Germany, Count von Iggleheim built a luxurious, three-story ark. People from the city watched as the

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Count and his friends boarded his boat on that fateful morning. They made fun of him - until it actually began to rain. Then the mob rushed the ark demanding seats. Hundreds were trampled to death in the melee. They pulled the Count from the ark and stoned him to death for not giving them a seat. How different it would have been if only people had studied their Bibles.

Genesis 9:12-15 reads, "And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.'"

Incidentally, the Encyclopedia Britannica says 1524 was "a year, as it turned out, distinguished for drought."



A rare full-double rainbow over Stafford last fall

## News and Notes

### Wednesday Bible Studies

Join us for dinner Wednesday night at 6:30 P.M. After dinner there are classes for all ages. We even have an afternoon Bible study at 2:00 P.M. for the whole community!

### The Life of Jesus Lessons

Between now and April 12<sup>th</sup>, we're telling the story of the life of Jesus. This week, we'll listen the the Apostle John as he recounts the week he'll never forget: the week he met Jesus.

### Some Things to Think About

"A friend is someone who, when you fail, doesn't think it's a permanent condition."

Fred Smith says that a problem is something you can do something about; if you can't do something about it, it's a fact of life.

"God's Word refers to the Christian life often as a walk, seldom as a run, and never as a mad dash." – Steven J. Cole

### For Your Prayers

Let's continue praying for Stan and Orvalee! Stan is scheduled to go to the Mayo Clinic this week for tests as the doctors try to find a cure for his ailments.

Don't forget to pray for our missionaries! St. John helps support several efforts in Mexico: Rick Owens, George and Latisha Serrano, and Ubaldo Cardona Villegas. We also help support Silver Maple Camp and "Know Your Bible."

In April, John will be returning to Singapore for two weeks to teach at the Sunset International Bible Institute which prepares young men and women for ministry across Southeast Asia.

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