

# St John Church of Christ

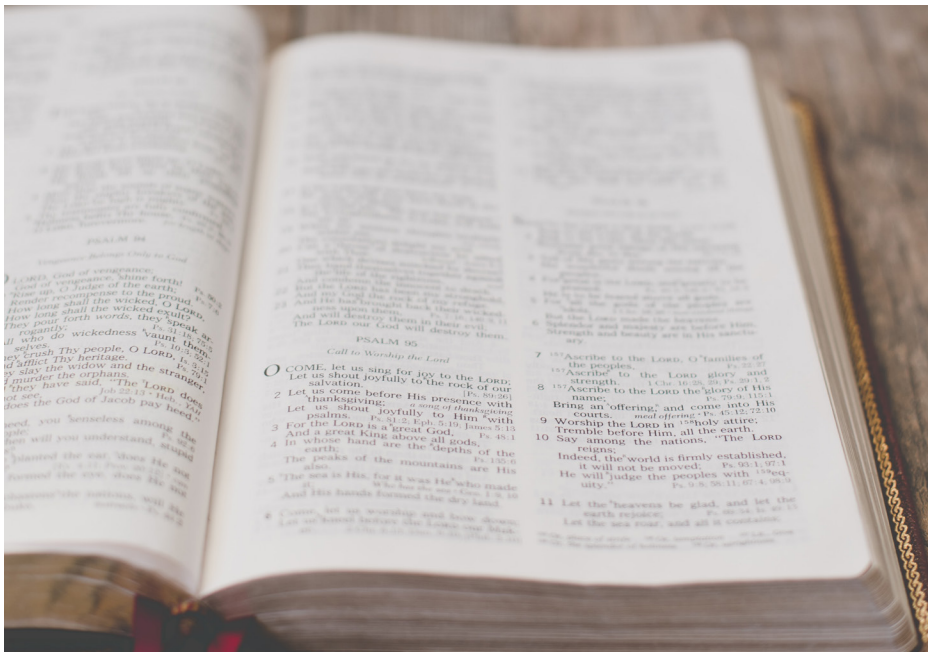
May 30, 2021

Worship Service

Premiers  
Sunday at 11:00



## A Short Sermon



## Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here. Bible classes begin at 10:00. For kids, Pete & Penelope, our children's puppet program, is followed by songs and classes.

How much do you know about the Holy Spirit? For most people, the Spirit seems mysterious and, perhaps, a little frightening, but this is the Age of the Spirit! Join us for Bible Class at 10:00 and learn to appreciate the Spirit of God. Worship follows at 11:00.

If you are unable to be with us in person, our worship is shared through our website:

[www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org](http://www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org)

Simply select "Sermons" from the menubar at the top, or click this link to visit our page on YouTube:

[St. John Church of Christ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

When I graduated, my mom gave me this wonderful advice that I have tried to honor in my preaching ever since. She looked at me and said, "Son, no one ever complained about a short sermon." That must be true, because the greatest sermon ever preached, the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 - 7), only takes about 20 minutes to read!

In his later life, it is said the Apostle John settled in Ephesus. There he ministered with a very, very busy congregation. One day, they asked John to preach. The old man with long white hair and a flowing white beard tottered to the front, turned and said, "Little children, let us love one another."

(You might recall John wrote those very words in his first letter - 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12.) Then he sat down. This was shocking since, in those days, sermons could go on for hour after hour. (Once the Apostle Paul preached all night! Acts 20)

The next week, the preacher invited John to speak again, and the apostle preached the very same sermon! "Little children, let us love one another." The people mumbled a bit, but aged apostle serenely took his seat.

On the third week, they invited John to speak yet again and the very same thing happened. The apostle stood up and said,

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“Little Children, let us love one another.” The hapless preacher didn’t leave it at that this time, but prompted the old apostle. “John, you were there with Jesus. You heard so many great things. You were there at the Last Supper. You stood at the foot of the cross. Don’t you have anything else to tell the congregation?”

With a twinkle in his eye, John looked over the congregation and answered, “If you loved one another, I wouldn’t have to say anything else!”

This story doesn’t come from the Bible. Instead, it is a reported incident from early Church history, but the point is certainly true. Do we truly love one another? How would we know if that was so?

I would like to think, if you are visiting with us, you can feel the love in this place by the warm reception you’ve received. You can see it in our sincere smiles. You might have noticed, we tend to hug each other rather than just shake hands. That’s because we really do care about each other – and, we’d like to share that same love with you.

Now I can’t guarantee the sermon will be as short as my name-sake’s, but the message will be the same: “Little children, let us love one another!”



**St. John Jubilee Parade**

This Saturday is the annual St. John Jubilee Parade. We have a float and we need your help. Can you meet us at the building at 12:15 P.M.?



**Motherhood**

Author Unknown

There are some things that only a mother can teach.

My mother taught me to appreciate a job well done.

*“If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.”*

My mother taught me to pray.

*“You better pray that stain comes out of my carpet.”*

My mother taught me logic.

*“Because I said so, that’s why.”*

My mother taught me about compassion.

*“If you fall out of that tree and break your leg. don’t come running to me!”*

My mother taught me to plan ahead.

*“Make sure you wear clean*

*underwear in case you’re in an accident.”*

My mother taught me to deal with grief.

*“If you don’t stop crying, I’ll give you something to cry about.”*

My mother taught me to be patient.

*“Just wait until your father gets home.”*

My mother taught me how to finish a task.

*“You’ll sit there until all that spinach is gone.”*

**News & Prayer Requests**

Please continue to keep the Cornwells in your prayers following their recent losses..

Gayle is continuing to have health problems.

Pray for the success of our Vacation Bible School!