

St John Church of Christ

November 21, 2021

Worship Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00



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 in the Fellowship Hall.

"Basic Training" continues in the auditorium this morning. Today's class examines the historical evidence supporting Jesus the Christ.

It all begins at 10:00 A.M. with worship following at 11:00 A.M.

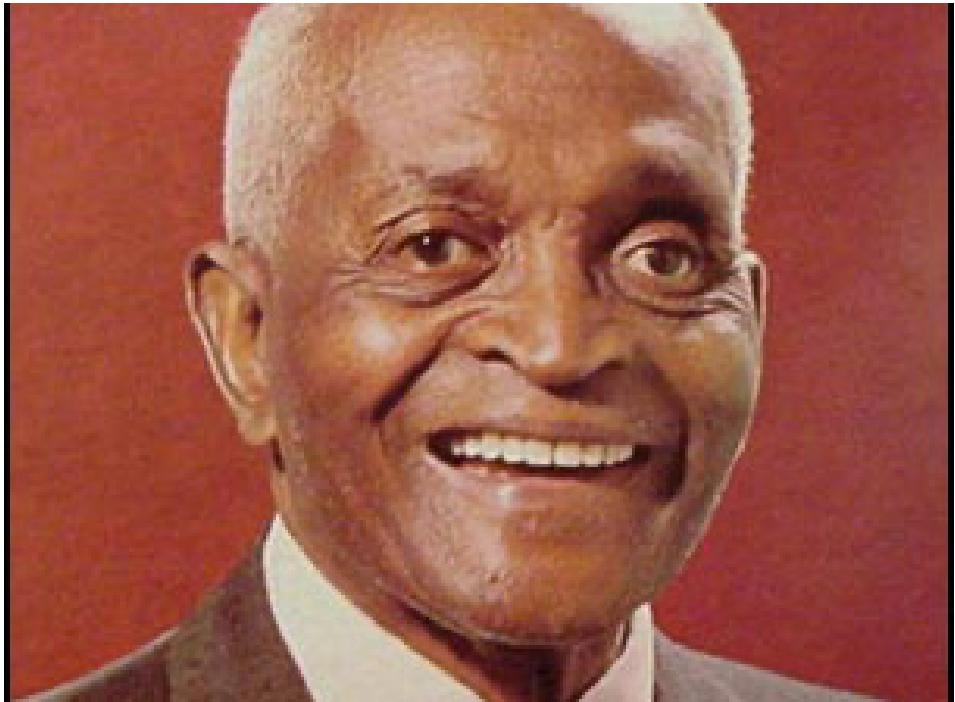
If you are unable to be with us in person, our worship is shared through our website:

www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

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

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The Fruit Inspector



Marshall Keeble

Jesus warned us, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged" (Matthew 7:1), but we are required to make judgments all the time. Based on what Jesus says just a few verses later (Matthew 7:16), the famous Los Angeles preacher, Marshall Keeble, used to quip, "I'm not a judge – I'm a fruit inspector!" So what's the difference?

A judge makes a solemn pronouncement branding someone for all time: "Guilty!" and people who act like judges condemn people and don't give them a chance to grow: "You'll never amount to

anything" or "You are such a disappointment!"

A fruit inspector, on the other hand, makes allowances, "It's not quite ripe yet," or "It's past its prime. This apple is rotten." A fruit inspector knows the difference between a peach and a mango. As Jesus said,

By their fruit, you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad

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tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit, you will recognize them" (Matthew 7:16-20).

Judges are harsh, and their decisions are not easily reversed. A fruit inspector recognizes produce and knows how to care for it. Wouldn't it be great if we were all fruit inspectors?



Prayer Requests

Our hearts were saddened with the passing of Steve and Anissa's son, Jeremy in Texas this past week. Services were Thursday in Pratt.

Covid continues to plague us. There have been a number of funerals in our community, and people are continuing to struggle with this disease. Don't forget to pray, get vaccinated and wear a mask.

We have a number of members who would like to be here with us, but, because of health and age are confined at home. They are not forgotten! Let's remember to pray for:

Gail Byer

Don Hornbaker

Garland and Dena Mansel

Don Rugan



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 11/21: Lupe Hudson
- 11/21: Pam Turner
- 11/24: Lexi Marks
- 11/27: Craig and Kari Anniversary
- 11/28: Joe and Lisa Anniversary
- 12/1: Joy Sallee
- 12/7: George Shelton
- 12/26: Morgan Gunter
- 12/29: George and Shirley Anniversary
- 12/30: Noah Sizemore
- 1/10: Mason Gunter
- 1/12: Kolton Sizemore
- 1/13: Darrell Willinger
- 1/14 Joy and Terry Anniversary
- 1/30: Chet Lyons

Those Who Serve This Week

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Welcome: Tom Turner

Communion: Teddy Gingrich

Closing Prayer: Chris Mansel

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Those Who Serve Next Week

Song Leader: Richard Brening

Welcome: Tom Turner

Communion: Fred Johnson

Closing Prayer: Teddy Gingrich

Sound System: Orrin Feril

November's schedule is posted.

Monthly Potlucks Resume!

We are resuming our meals together after services on the first Sunday of the Month. The next meal will be **December 5th** immediately after morning worship.

Banias

The origin of the Jordan River and the site of Peter's confession.

