

St John Church of Christ

November 28, 2021

Worship
Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00



Gemstones of the Bible



Photo by John McKeel

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 we're talking about why we can trust the Bible.

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:

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

Aquamarine gems (Jacinth) on Mt. Antero, Colorado

When people learn I'm a mountaineer, they often ask, "Why? Are you nuts?" Of course, the answer is "Yes," but there are some other reasons why people climb mountains. There are over 50 peaks in Colorado, over 14,000 feet high. One of them, near Buena Vista, where I was a youth minister, is Mt. Antero. Every year different gem companies send young people to the summit of Mt. Antero on a quest to find Aquamarine - the stone the Bible calls "Jacinth" (Revelation 21:20). Jacinth is one of the foundation stones of the walls of the heavenly Jerusalem.

When I reached the summit many years ago, I met a number of these young gemologists. They were excited to put down their shovels and picks and show me their treasures. Their aquamarine crystals were light blue, like the waters of the Mediterranean Ocean. In the ancient world, travelers believed that they had the power to protect their owners against shipwreck because they looked like the ocean.

Another interesting stone from the walls of heaven is amethyst. I think they are beautiful.

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Amethyst is a violet variety of quartz. In Greek, a- means “not,” and methysko means drunken. This refers to the Greek’s belief the stone protected the owner from drunkenness. Archaeologists have found many carved drinking vessels made from amethyst in hopes it would guard the owners against intoxication, but why is it a foundation stone? Perhaps because sobriety is a solid virtue.

The list of stones that make up the foundation of the walls of the heavenly Jerusalem is interesting, but the gates are what amaze me: “And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl” (Revelation 21:21). Just imagine the giant oysters that made them! Put one of those in your Thanksgiving stuffing!



Prayer Requests

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, 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

Key Dates

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 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
- 2/3: Anissa Potter
- 2/6: Garland Mansel
- 2/18: Hannah Sallee
- 2/21: Shirley Shelton

Those Who Serve This Week

- Song Leader: Richard Brensing
- Welcome: Tom Turner
- Communion: Fred Johnson
- Closing Prayer: Teddy Gingrich
- Sound System: Tom Turner

Those Who Serve Next Week, 12/5

- Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker
- Welcome: Tom Turner
- Communion: Richard Brensing
- Closing Prayer: Fred Johnson
- Sound System: Tom Turner
- December’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 next Sunday, **December 5th** after morning worship.

Capernaum

This was the synagogue in village home of Peter, Andrew, James and John.



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