

St John Church of Christ

January 9, 2022

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. The third point of the Gospel is the "Exaltation of Christ." That is, "Jesus ascended into heaven. What does that mean to me?"

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:

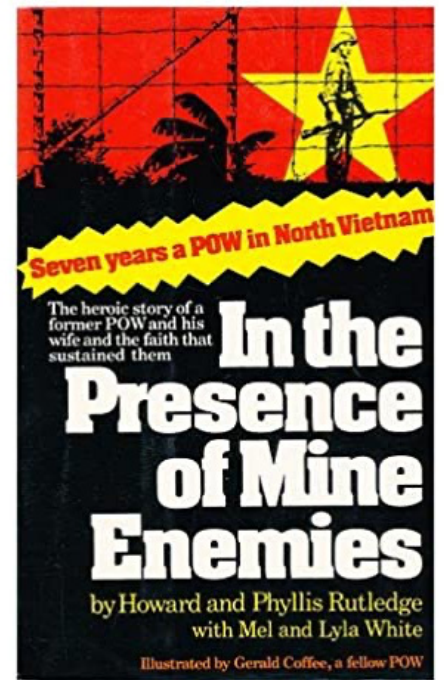
[St. John Church of Christ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

First Things First

Howard Rutledge, a United States Air Force pilot, was shot down over North Vietnam during the early stages of the war. In his book *In the Presence of Mine Enemies* Rutledge describes what he learned about life:

"During those longer periods of enforced reflection it became so much easier to separate the important from the trivial, the worthwhile from the waste. For example, in the past, I usually worked or played hard on Sundays and had no time for church. For years Phyllis [his wife] had encouraged me to join the family at church. She never nagged or scolded - she just kept hoping. But I was too busy, too preoccupied, to spend one or two short hours a week thinking about the really important things.

"Now the sights and sounds and smells of death were all around me. My hunger for spiritual food soon outdid my hunger for a steak.



Now I wanted to know about that part of me that will never die. Now I wanted to talk about God and Christ and the church. But in Heartbreak [the name POWs gave their prison camp] solitary confinement, there was no pastor, no Sunday-School teacher, no Bible, no hymnbook, no community of believers to guide and sustain me. I had completely neglected the spiritual dimension of my life. It took prison to show

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me how empty life is without God.”

We're glad you're here with us this morning and we're thankful it didn't take a prisoner of war camp to bring you to our fellowship. Life is about the choices we make and putting God first should be our highest priority. With that foundation, life becomes LIFE - now and forever.



Prayer Requests

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
George and Shirley Shelton

Please keep Terry in your prayers. He is awaiting the results of tests on his back before he can undergo surgery.

Likewise Nancy, Kay, and Dixie are struggling with chronic pain. Please pray the doctors will find solutions for them quickly!

We just received news from Brenda that Kim Staub has covid in addition to Parkinson's disease. Brenda is unable to see him and has asked that we remember them in our prayers.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 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
- 3/1: Orrin Feril
- 3/1: Dylan Huffman
- 3/5: Destiny Huffman
- 3/11: Orvaley Aldrich
- 3/12: Meagan Feril
- 3/13: Misty Blakeslee Rudy
- 3/13: Gary Hornbaker
- 3/15: Joe Cornwell
- 3/16: Adam Holmes



Those Who Serve This Week

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker
Welcome: Tom Turner
Communion: Chris Mansel
Closing Prayer: Orrin Feril
Sound System: Orrin Feril

Those Who Serve Next Week, January 16

Song Leader: Stan Aldrich
Welcome: Tom Turner
Scripture Reading: Jace Feril
Communion: Jerry Kinnamon
Closing Prayer: Joe Cornwell
Sound System: Orrin Feril

