

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

July 10, 2022



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

We come here today to worship God. In the Bible, worship describes both a way of life and a specific activity. Praising, adoring, and expressing reverence for God, both publicly and privately are specific acts of worship. In a broader sense, worship refers to an overall lifestyle of serving and glorifying God and reflecting His glory to others. The apostle Paul defined worship as an all-encompassing way of life “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is true and proper worship.” (Romans 12:1)

Believers participate in specific acts of worship whenever they celebrate God's worthiness and greatness by giving honor and glory to His name. Worship can be expressed in words, shouts, singing, bowing down, and many other ways.

The Psalms urge the faithful to enter into acts of worship: “Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.” (Psalm 95:1-2)

The Greek word for worship means to “encounter God and praise Him”. Jesus said, “a time is coming and has now come when true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in the truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in Truth.” (John 4:23-24) True worship takes place on the inside, within our hearts or spirits, which is the dwelling place of God. (Ps. 103:1-2, Eph. 2:22)

Humans were created to worship God. (Ps. 29 1-2, 1 Cor. 10:31, Eph. 1:3-6) The purpose of the church, beyond serving the Lord and spreading the gospel, is to worship God through Jesus Christ. (Eph. 1:4-6, 1 Pet. 2:5, Rev. 5:6-14) God is the object of our worship. He alone is worthy of worship. (1 Chron. 16:25, Ps. 96:4-5) Worshiping God means crediting to Him the absolute worth that He alone deserves.

He is the Creator (Acts 17:28, Jas. 1:17, Rev. 4:11), Redeemer (Col. 1:12-13, 1 Pet. 1:3), and Lord. (Ps. 22:27)

The Father and the Son receive worship. (Mt. 14:33, Mt. 28:17, Lk. 7:16), the Holy angels worship God and refuse to worship themselves. (Rev. 19:10, 22:9)

A biblical concept of worship involves praising God and giving Him glory with our lips and our lives, with our words and our deeds, with our physical bodies and our spiritual hearts. Worship that pleases God is authentic, offered with clean hands, and a pure heart. (Ps. 24:3-4, Isa. 66:2)

We can all worship from our hearts in spirit and truth and offer our thanks to God for Jesus' sacrifice, His word and His Spirit, and all good things. If it is good it is from God.

Bless you all as you enter into the week ahead of us. May you be greatly blessed and may you all feel His presence and enjoy the beauty around you as you go through your week.

In Our Prayers

Rick Rodness - Vanessa Marks' father
Fred Johnson
Gingrich family
Destiny Huffman
Marilyn Thornburg
Kim Staub
Emersyn Milton
Jerry Kinnamon
Stan Aldrich
John and Jan McKeel and Dixie Hornbaker

Day Camp - Ages 7-9 [July 12] 9:30-4:00
Day Camp - Ages 7-9 [July 13] 9:30-4:00
First Session - Ages 9-13 [July 10-16]
Second Session - Ages 13-18 [July 17-23]
Day Camp - Ages 7-9 [July 26] 9:30-4:00
Day Camp - Ages 7-9 [July 27] 9:30-4:00
Third Session - Ages 9-18 [July 24-30]

Upcoming Events

Plan to be here! [July 10]

Zeb Carter will be preaching Sunday. Join us for lunch (tacos) following services. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Following lunch, plan to stay to get to know Zeb and his family.

Silver Maple Camp [3 Sessions]

Summer youth camps have begun with more sessions to come.

Worship Order

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering Song: #398 - Surely the Presence

Welcome: Tom Turner

Scripture Reading: Chris Ortego (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Prayer: Orrin Feril

Song: #570 - A Beautiful Life

Song: #337 - Hallelujah What A Savior

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #470 - Victory in Jesus

Lesson: Zeb Carter

Song: #903 - Power in the Blood (v1)

Closing Prayer: Terry Sallee