



...at St. John Church

October 31, 2021

Reformation Day & All Saints Sunday

You are invited to grow in generosity, faith, and in relationship with God.

Centering Scripture

*“Trust Our God with all your heart,
and don’t rely on your own understanding;
acknowledge God in everything you do,
and God will direct your paths.” -Proverbs 2.5-6*

Gathering Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” -Martin Luther, arr. Lloyd Larson

Greeting

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

Solo

Jennie Malone, soloist

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” -Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman, arr. Larson

Credo (Spoken in unison)

Bill Machuga

**I believe in the One whose image and likeness we possess;
the One who loves the world and shares humanity with us;
the One who reveals holiness and love to the human spirit;
the One who remains with us and guides us in righteousness,
reconciliation, and love for others and ourselves.**

Community Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

Passing the Peace (Rise in body or spirit.)

One: May the peace of God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Instrumental

Steve Milloy, piano

“Hymn of Promise” -Natalie Sleeth, arr. Larson

Generosity Moment

Sandy Kerlin

“All In” Generosity Campaign 2021

John 11:32-44 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Bill Machuga

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"IF YOU BELIEVE"

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Jennie Malone, soloist

"Ain't No Grave" -*Claude Ely, Jonathan Helser, Melissa Helser & Molly Skaggs*

Call for the Offering

Bill Machuga

In communion with one another, let us share what we have received, knowing that we are one flesh with all humanity.

There are offering plates available at both the front and back of the Sanctuary. You may place your offering there as you leave. May God continue to bless you as you give generously.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Creative God, free us from our wants – empower us with what we hold.
Give us a taste of the “eternal life” you offer.
When we are surprised by Jesus telling us to give what we hold,
help us to be more generous because we can.
We give to make a difference with joy. Amen.

2021 Necrology

All Saints Sunday is the day that we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died since last All Saints Day; those who moved beyond this life and are now with the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us.

Send Out (Rise in body or spirit.)

Keith M. Haithcock

One: May the living Christ go with you,
before you to light the way,
behind you to encourage you,
beside you to befriend you,
beneath you to sustain you,
above you to watch over you,
and within you to give you peace.
Go and serve God faithfully.

All: Amen!

Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“For All the Saints” -*Ralph Vaughn Williams, arr. Mark Hayes*

Welcome to St. John Church!

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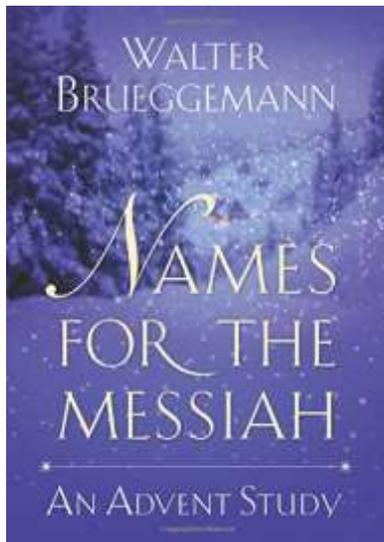
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2021 Advent Study

Names for the Messiah

by Walter Brueggemann

A 4-week Zoom Study on Thursdays at 6:30p

November 18, and December 2, 9, and 16 (For youth and adults)

Facilitated by Dean Griffith

Read chapter 1 by Nov. 18th.

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Registration and Questions: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or 859.261.2066, ext. 202. Register by November 14.

Assistance for the book? Contact Pastor Keith [by Nov. 11.](mailto:Keith@StJohnChurch.net)

In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles – Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. *Names for the Messiah* ponders each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. Christians have claimed that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, best seller author, Walter Brueggemann (United Church of Christ ordained minister and scholar), tackles the questions: What were these expectations? and Did Jesus fulfill them?