



...at St. John Church

November 14, 2021
25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Centering Scripture

*“Stop worrying, then, over questions such as,
‘What are we to eat,’ or ‘what are we to drink,’ or ‘what are we to wear?’
Those without faith are always running after these things.
God knows everything you need. Seek first God’s reign, and God’s justice,
and all these things will be given to you besides.” -Matthew 6.31-33*

Gathering Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“Blessings” -various composers, arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Greeting

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

Solo

Jennie Malone, soloist

“Glory to His Name” -various composers, arr. Mary McDonald

Statement of Faith (Spoken together)

Robert Moreland

We believe in God

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,

whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,

whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all

and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;

and, in the name of Jesus Christ,

we commit ourselves, in the service of others,

to seek justice and to live in peace,

to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness,

to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,

and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God.

Amen.

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

“Quietude” -*Lani Smith*

Generosity Moment

Stephanie Dalsfoist

“All In” Generosity Campaign 2021

Luke 15.8-10 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Robert Moreland

“Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she’ll call her friends and neighbors: ‘Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!’ Count on it—that’s the kind of party God’s angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God.”

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“ALL IN!” – PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Jennie Malone, soloist

“A Woman and a Coin” -*Jaroslav J. Valda & Fred Kimball Graham*

Call for the Offering

Robert Moreland

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 have.

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.

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

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” -*Unknown, arr. Teresa Wilhelm*

Welcome to St. John Church!

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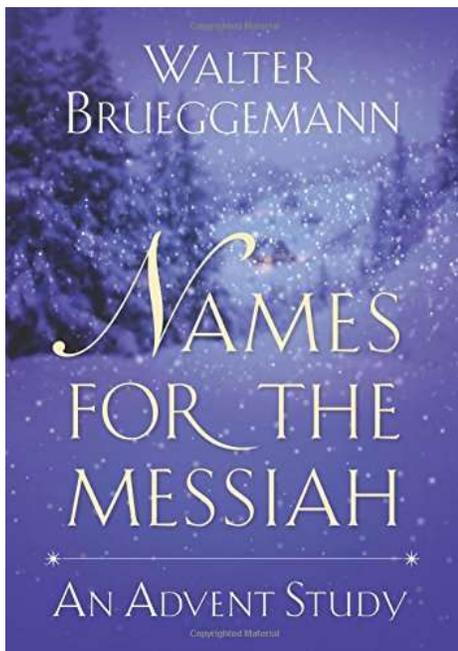
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2021 Advent Study

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.

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?