

The words are composed in tattered hearts and disheveled lives by people of God whose eyes look above to where Jesus sits on the throne. Like Stephen gazing above while the stones flew through the air, today God's people look up as hearts are broken and dreams shatter. Still the words come, *I see Jesus, seated at the right hand of God.*

Hurricanes may pound the coasts, children may struggle in the darkness, confusion may threaten to choke out all of the light, but God's people lift their voices to announce that he still reigns. We may not understand all that goes on in this broken and twisted world, but we know who holds us in the hollow of his hand.

Sing the New Song, children of the king. Don't fall for the cheap imitations of glittery foolishness or temporary fixes. God is worthy of glory and honor.

Some world leader makes a rash statement, God reigns. Some supposed friend breaks your heart, God reigns. Age threatens the way things always were, God reigns. Give him honor and glory in the worst of times, when your voice is unique and clearly heard above the din of calamity.

*Grace and peace,
Carl*

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other

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Flying to the Rock

St John Church of Christ

October 8, 2017

*It thrills my soul to sing the songs of
praise, we mortals sing below.*

*They sing in heav'n a new song, of
Moses and the Lamb.*

I love being in large venues where thousands of voices sing that song. The "New Song", the song unlike any other proclaiming to all of creation that God has a plan, has always had a plan, and will always accomplish his plan. The song of faith, proposing to this world and the next that our God is worthy of honor and glory. The song that lifts hearts above the perils of this world, the chaos and clutter of a world in disorder to the splendor of God's renewed creation.

SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)
ELDERS: Richard Brensing, Teddy Gingrich, Terry Sallee,
George Shelton, Tom Turner
DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
TREASURER: Richard Brensing

WORSHIP ORDER FOR OCTOBER 8, 2017

SONG LEADER: Gary Hornbaker
GATHERING SONG: No. 72—Blessed Be the Lord God
WELCOME: Tom Turner
SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 55:1-3 (Zach Marks)
SONGS: No. 238—You Are the Song That I Sing
No. 239—In Moments Like These
No. 359—I Love the Lord
No. 96—I Stand in Awe (*Please Stand*)
No. 63—I Will Call Upon the Lord
PRAYER: Tom Turner
SONG: No. 366—By Christ Redeemed
COMMUNION: Stan Aldrich
Fred Johnson
Orrin Feril
Teddy Gingrich
MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril
SONG: No. 548—The Lily of the Valley
LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)
SONG: No. 947—Jesus is Tenderly Calling (vs 1)
PRAYER: Garland Mansel

AV System: Orrin Feril

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are pleased you have joined us in worship and hope that you will come again!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

A new parenting class began last week and will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at Carl & Janet's home. Childcare is being provided here at the church building. Parents can drop their kids off at church at 7:00 pm and leave the Feril's at 7:45 pm to pick them up. See Carl or Tom for more details.

AREA WIDE SINGING TONIGHT

The Pratt Church of Christ invites you to an area wide singing tonight. Singing will begin at 6:00 pm. A soup/chili supper will begin at 7:30 pm. This is always a great time of singing and fellowship, and you are encouraged to attend. See flyer posted

AREA WIDE WORSHIP

We are invited to an area wide worship on Sunday, October 22, from 5:00—6:30 pm at the Valley Center High School Auditorium. Childcare will be provided. Non-perishable food donations will also be collected that evening for Carpenter Place. See flyer posted.

Happy Birthday!

Paige Mansel—Oct 8

Chris Mansel—Oct 10

Teddy Gingrich—Oct 12

Barbara Austin—Oct 13

Happy Anniversary!

Adam & Cheyenne Holmes—Oct 10

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Kyler Evans—freshman at Macksville; in dirt bike accident last week; now in the hospital in Denver; more possible surgeries in the future, but supposed to have full recovery.
Stan Aldrich—as he continues to manage his respiratory issues
Marilyn Thornburg—outpatient procedure last week
David Ivy (Marilyn's brother, in Washington) - Emphysema, on oxygen and has difficulty breathing
Dena Mansel—not feeling well
Landon Neidig (Teddy & Carol's great-grandson) - recent heart surgery
Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law) brain cancer
Larry Carter (Gary's friend in Missouri)
Micaela Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee) cancer
Rod & Cris Seidel in Pratt (friends of Richard/Shelly) - cancer
Alex Garcia (neighbor of Stan & Orvalee)
Annie Kent (Lupe Hudson's niece) - cancer
Marilyn Sprawka (Don Rugan's sister) - cancer
Jenny Walker (Carol's sister)
Roger Dick—ongoing cancer treatments
Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)
Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])
Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother) – Stafford Leisure Home
June Cornwell—Kenwood Plaza
Glennys Sallabedra (Tom's mother) - Stafford Leisure Homestead

SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Vic Staub**, who passed away last Sunday at his home. His funeral is planned for tomorrow, Monday, Oct 9, at 1:30 pm at Minnis Chapel in St John. A meal will be served for the family at 11:30 am here at the church building; if you can help serve this meal, please talk to Carl.

We also extend our sympathy to Gayle Byers, as the nephew of her good friend, Karla, recently passed away. **Jonathan Stiggins** was 29 yrs old, and had cystic fibrosis.

Word was just received last evening that Teddy's cousin's daughter, **Kathryn Buhner**, passed away yesterday. She was 54 years old and died of juvenile diabetes.