

Upcoming Events



TROY METHODIST CHURCH

Summer MUSIC EVENTS

WORSHIP NIGHT - JUNE 1
JAM SESSION - JUNE 15

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Serve
Saturdays

June 15
July 20

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Message Notes

May 26, 2024

ABIDE: *The Love of Christ*

Overview of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John

1st John is considered to be written by an anonymous source and someone called “the Elder” is claimed as the writer for 2nd and 3rd John. However, because of the writing style and the themes that are highlighted in each of the letters, most theologians and biblical scholars agree that the letters were indeed written by the disciple John. John was known as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” He also was brother to James, and they were referred to by Jesus as the “Sons of Thunder.” John also wrote the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John are letters written to specific audiences, but are also sometimes considered to be not just letters but poetic sermons for all the people.

1st John was written to a network of house church communities.
2nd John was written to a specific house church.
3rd John was written to Gaius, a member of a specific house church.

Key Themes

- God’s light and love
- Righteousness by loving our neighbors
- Jesus as truth

Action Step: I encourage you to read the letters of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John each week of this 4-week sermon series. It should only take you 20 minutes if you read them all in one setting. Note each time you read the letters one new observation that became clear to you.