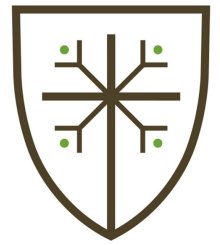


# SERMON NOTES



September 11, 2022

SERMONS ON FIRST JOHN

## Reasons to Stay

All Saints Presbyterian Church

### SERMON INFO

#### TITLE

Reasons to Stay: Because of the Time

#### PREACHER

Rev. Tim Frickenschmidt

#### TEXTS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

1 John 2:15-27

John 14:15-17, 25-27

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does a Christian's view of time manifest itself in the way he or she lives their life?
2. What does it look like for the Church to "cultivate radical hope" in this last hour?

### SERMON IN SUMMARY

This week, Tim talked to us about time, that we can find ourselves in serious spiritual peril by failing to know what time it is and by clinging to and craving after the world that is passing away.

John tells us "do not love the world." This is not a simple liking, but rather, anything we desire inordinately, crave, or lust after (focused urgings of our hearts). How many times do we say to ourselves "if I only have this thing it will be ok." The heart can only have one ultimate love. The Christian is warned not to make that love the things of the world that is passing away.

Christians have a view of time that is distinct from that of the world. Whatever things we've been given, whether they be good or bad, they are temporary. The world is passing away, but we are passing through to God.

Finally, John tells us that "it is the last hour." The first hour, the death of Christ upon the cross, established peace between us and God. He sent the Holy Spirit to us, the Helper, the Paraclete, that we might know that peace. The Spirit stands up for us, defending us even against our very selves that we would truly know peace. The last hour is now, before Christ returns, as many are deceived and dismayed and leave the Church seeking after antichrists.

The task of the Church in this last hour is to cultivate radical hope, to not go out with those who turn away but to stay close and stay near to Jesus. It is the last hour of a passing world, but Jesus has overcome the world.