



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

"Knowing the love of Christ together with all the saints." - Eph. 3:18-19

Week Ending, October 25th, 2014
497th Anniversary of Reformation!



Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

Prepare for Worship!: We encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts and praying for the worship of our God. For your preachers: *"Pray us full, we will preach you full!"* Our KCPC weekly newsletter *The Shepherd's Voice* can be a helpful guide for your time of prayer. **Remember on Sunday mornings to seek to use prelude time before worship to enter God's presence with honor and respect and great awe!**

Reformation Day Worship this Sunday Evening: A Commemoration and Celebration of the Reformation: October 26th at 7 pm at Bethel OPC in Leesburg, Va. Theme this year: *"Post Tenebras Lux"* ("After the Darkness, Light"- see attached flier).

Sunday School on The Beauty & Glory of Christian Living!: This week Elder Rick Weitz will teach us how God uses affliction to set us free to love Him holily and joyfully!

Sacrament of Baptism of Augusta Mercy Whitmore: Join us for the baptism of covenant child Augusta Mercy on Sunday, Oct. 26th in morning worship service.

Women's Bible Study: Starting in October meetings will be 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Stacy Halley for more information. Also needed for the study is someone available to do childcare.

Pastoral/Elder Care-Visitation in 2015: Your pastors and elders would like very much to visit your home specifically for a spiritual check-up and prayer time in the next few months. Pastor Biggs is making a schedule now for 2015, and if you would like to request a visit for first of year, then please email him at crbiggs@comcast.net. The pastoral/elder visitation is normally in the evenings, intended for the whole family to be present, and it is a time focused on pastoral care. It usually lasts one hour. *"And every day, in the [public worship] and from house to house, [the pastor/elders] did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus Christ"* (Acts 5:42).

Remember to "Fall Back" on Nov. 2 at 2 am: Set your clocks back one hour for Daylight Savings Time.

Deacon's Offering: Please consider giving a special offering to the poor and those in need on November 2nd in the morning service.

Listen online to KCPC sermons you missed and/or would like to hear again. Tune in for our Sunday school series on Reformed Spirituality as well at www.sermonaudio.com/kcpc

"Why do you torment yourself with all these speculations and these high thoughts of your works before God? Look at the wounds of Jesus Christ, to the blood that he has shed for you: it is there that the grace of God will appear to you. Instead of torturing yourself on account of your sins, throw yourself in your Redeemer's arms. Trust in him- - in the righteousness and merits of his life- -in the atonement of his death. Do not shrink back; God is not angry with you, it is you who are angry with God. Listen to the Son of God not your own thoughts; meditate on His Word to you. Jesus became man to give you the assurance of divine favor. He says to you: You are my sheep; you hear my voice; no man shall pluck you out of my strong hand." -John Staupitz to Martin Luther, ca.1509.

"We cannot grasp or exhaust Christ, the Eternal Righteousness, with one sermon or thought; for to learn to appreciate Him is an Everlasting Lesson which we shall not be able to finish in either this or yonder life."

- Martin Luther

From Your Pastors Solas of the Reformation

Sola Scriptura- “Scripture Alone” - The Right Foundation



We at KCPC reaffirm the infallible and inerrant Scripture to be the sole source of written divine revelation, which alone can bind the conscience. The Bible alone teaches all that is necessary for our salvation from sin and is the standard by which all Christian behavior must be measured.

We at KCPC deny that any creed, council or individual may bind a Christian's conscience, that the Holy Spirit speaks independently of or contrary to what is set forth in the Bible, or that personal spiritual experience can ever be a vehicle of revelation.

Sola Fide- “Faith Alone”- The Church Stands or Falls on this “Sola” - The Right Standing before God

We at KCPC reaffirm that justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. In justification Christ's righteousness is imputed to us as the only possible satisfaction of God's perfect justice.

We at KCPC deny that justification rests on any merit to be found in us, or upon the grounds of an infusion of Christ's righteousness in us, or that an institution claiming to be a church that denies or condemns sola fide can be recognized as a legitimate church.

Sola Gratia- “Grace Alone” - The Right Understanding of Man's Sinful Condition

We at KCPC reaffirm that in salvation we are rescued from God's wrath by his grace alone. It is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to spiritual life.

We at KCPC deny that salvation is in any sense a human work. Human methods, techniques or strategies by themselves cannot accomplish this transformation. Faith is not produced by our unregenerated human nature.

Solus Christus- “Christ Alone” - The Right Focus of Our Lives

We at KCPC reaffirm that our salvation is accomplished by the mediatorial work of the historical Christ alone. His sinless life and substitutionary atonement alone are sufficient for our justification and reconciliation to the Father.

We at KCPC deny that the gospel is preached if Christ's substitutionary work is not declared and faith in Christ and his work is not solicited.

Soli Deo Gloria- “To God be the Glory Alone” - The Right Goal of Our Lives

We at KCPC reaffirm that because salvation is of God and has been accomplished by God, it is for God's glory and that we must glorify him always. We must live our entire lives before the face of God, under the authority of God and for his glory alone.

**In Christ's Love,
Pastors Biggs and Halley**

“To say that we are able by our own efforts to think good thoughts or give God spiritual obedience before we are spiritually regenerate is to overthrow the gospel and the faith of the universal (catholic) church in all ages.”

- John Owen

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: *“Let the Children Come to Me...”*

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: John 3:1-8; Luke 2:40

Scripture Text: Mark 10:13-16

Theme of Worship Service: A disciple of Jesus teaches their children about Jesus, but also learns about Jesus from their children.

* **Children:** Read Mark 10:13-16. Why do we see our Lord so angry in this passage? He is “indignant”. What makes Him so?

* What does Jesus want us to learn about children concerning the Kingdom?

Gospel Fruit from the Reformation

“...A man will be justified by faith when, excluded from the righteousness of works, he by faith lays hold of the righteousness of Christ, and clothed in it appears in the sight of God not as a sinner, but as righteous. Thus we simply interpret justification, as the acceptance with which God receives us into his favor as if we were righteous; and we say that this justification consists in the forgiveness of sins and the imputation of the righteousness of Christ.” – John Calvin, Institutes in the Christian Religion, 3.11.2.

“The gospel teaches that what could not be found in us and was to be sought in another, could be found nowhere else than in Christ, the God-man; who taking upon himself the office of surety most fully satisfied the justice of God by his perfect obedience and thus brought an everlasting righteousness by which alone we can be justified before God; in order that covered and clothed with that garment as though it were of our first-born (like Jacob), we may obtain under it the eternal blessing of our heavenly father.” – Francis Turretin, ‘Elenctics of Theology’, 2:647

“Eternal life depends on Christ alone—nothing, but nothing, else. Predestination will not bring it. Providence cannot produce it. It does not rest of divine foreknowledge, divine decrees, or even the atonement itself. Eternal life is Christ dwelling in His righteousness in the soul of the justified person. So eternal life is union with Jesus Christ. And the word for that union with Jesus Christ is faith. The sinner comes to Him, rests in Him, trusts in Him, is one with Him, abides in Him; and this is life because it never, ever, ends.” – John Gerstner

“Faith is not work, nor merit, nor effort; but the cessation from all these, and the acceptance in place of them of what another has done—done completely, and forever.”

- Horatio Bonar