



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, December 20th, 2014



Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

Prepare for Worship! Your pastors and elders encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts and praying for the worship of our God. Please remember the importance of prayer for our worship services, and especially the need for the Spirit's work in preaching. Pray that we would come with expectant hearts to hear what the LORD would say to us! (Hab. 2:1-3).

No Sunday School classes for December.

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Stacy Halley for more information.

KCPC Booktable Sale! Take advantage of the wonderful books on the KCPC Booktable and reduce the price of the books you would like to purchase by 20% for a limited time. Consider getting some of your holiday gifts in this way—these books are hand-picked and recommended highly by your pastors!

"The Awe and Joy of Christmas": Our sermon series for Advent and Christmas will continue this week from Matthew's Gospel with **"The Significance of Jesus"** from Matthew 2:1-12. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit in the preaching! ***Invite your friends to experience this special series!***

Christmas Fellowship Meal: Join us after the morning service this Sunday for a potluck fellowship meal.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourn in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Saran's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave

O come, thou Day-spring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

"Let all moral flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand."

*From Your Pastors
Meditations on the Incarnation:
The Gift of Gifts*

O SOURCE OF ALL GOOD,

*What shall I render to thee for the gift of gifts,
thine own dear Son, begotten, not created,
my redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute,
his self-emptying incomprehensible,
his infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.*

Herein is wonder of wonders:

*he came below to raise me above,
was born like me that I might become like him.*

Herein is love;

*when I cannot rise to him he draws near on wings of grace,
to raise me to himself.*

Herein is power;

*when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart
he united them in indissoluble unity, the uncreated and the created.*

Herein is wisdom;

*when I was undone, with no will to return to him,
and no intellect to devise recovery,
he came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost,
as man to die my death,
to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,
to work out a perfect righteousness for me.*

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and enlarge my mind:

*let me hear good tidings of great joy,
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore,
my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose,
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;*

*place me with ox, ass, camel, goat,
to look with them upon my redeemer's face
and in him account myself delivered from sin;
let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart.
embrace him with undying faith,
exulting that he is mine and I am his.*

In him thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more.

In Christ's Love,
Pastors Biggs and Halley

*“Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the
Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of
hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.”*

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: “*The Significance of Jesus Christ*”

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 60

Scripture Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Theme of Worship Service: God’s light shining in the darkness brings the Magi to adoringly behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ!

Questions to Discuss with Family and in Fellowship:

- * **Children: Read Matthew 2:1-12. What Old Testament scriptures foretell the coming of the Magi? Were there three? Were they kings as in ‘We Three Kings’, the Christmas hymn? What does the Bible teach about these intriguing souls?**
- * **How does this passage of Scripture teach us that we can have great Biblical knowledge, yet be far from God? How does this passage of Scripture reveal that not all of Israel is true Israel (cf. Rom. 2:25-29; 9-11; Phil. 3:2-3).**
- * **What signs has God given us that Jesus Christ is the Shepherd-Leader-Savior who will lead us into peace? (Micah 5:2, 4-5a).**

“At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!””