



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, February 28th, 2015



"For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." - Matthew 7:14

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 (Mark 4).*

Deacon's Offering: This Lord's Day we will be receiving our offering to help those in need in our congregation and in the larger community. Let us give generously as God has given Himself to us!

YMCF this Lord's Day: Please join us at the Weitz Home in Round Hill for Young Married and College Fellowship at 1 pm after worship and fellowship.

New Member! The elders will be receiving **Josiah DeGraaf** into membership at KCPC during our morning worship service this Lord's Day. Let us thank God for continuing to build His congregation here in Purcellville.

Adult Sunday School class on 'Ordinary' continues this week: Our Sunday school class begins at 9:30am. The adults are studying a series based on Michael Horton's book *"Ordinary"*.

Congregational Family Meeting: Join us for an informal congregational family meeting on Lord's Day, **March 8th at 9:30 am** during our Sunday school time.

Covenant Baptism: Covenant Child **Andrew David Vermette** will be on March 15th during the morning worship service. **Genevieve Gerda Nastaran Greendyk's** baptism is planned for April.

Good Friday Service: Friday, March 3rd at 7 pm will be our annual Good Friday worship and celebration here at KCPC in Purcellville with our sister church Potomac Hills PCA. More details coming...

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 Book Table- Featured Books: For the upcoming Easter season, and also books that would complement the present sermon series on Gospel of Mark: *'The Shadow of the Cross: Studies in Self-Denial'* by Walter Chantry; *'The Cross He Bore: Mediations on the Sufferings of the Redeemer'* by Frederick Leahy; *'Jesus on Trial'* by James Boice and Phil Ryken. **New this Week:** Two nice affordable journals for sermon-note-taking, and Keller on Marriage at a deep discounted price.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

- ^{ESV} Luke 12:32

From Your Pastor

A Study of the Shorter Catechism

Question: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

Answer: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Scripture memory: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” (Matthew 28:19); Jesus says: “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30).

*“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” - ^{ESV}
2 Corinthians 13:14*

An explanation: There are three persons in the Godhead (Godhead = the divine essence or being). Christians are monotheists; there is but one God (1 Cor. 8:6; Deut. 6:4; Isa. 44:8), yet at the same time we must affirm that there are three persons in the one Godhead (there are not three divine *essences*, but three “*persons*”). Theologians emphasize that the three persons have the same nature as God, with three ways of subsisting, each person of Godhead having His distinct personal properties: Eph. 1:3-14; *The Father is not the Son; the Son is not the Father; the Spirit is not the Father or the Son, but the Father is God, the Son is God, the Spirit is God.*

The Bible clearly teaches that the **Father is God**: Exo. 3:14, Rom. 7:25, 8:32, 1 Tim. 1:17, and His personal property is *to beget the Son from all eternity* (Heb. 1:5, 8); **The Son is God**: John 1:1, 8:58, Rom. 9:5, Acts 20:28, Titus 2:13, Heb. 1:3, and His personal property is *begotten of the Father* (John 1:14); **The Spirit is God**: Acts 5:3-4, Psalms 95:3, 7-9, 139:7, John 14:17, and His personal property is *to proceed from the Father and the Son* (John 15:26). All three persons of the one Godhead possess the same divine attributes such as eternity, omnipotence, immutability, and immensity; They are “*same in substance*” (One Godhead), “*equal in power and glory*” (although distinct from each other, nevertheless possessing the qualities of Deity).

It is true that the finite cannot comprehend the infinite, yet we receive this teaching about our Triune God from Holy Scripture in humble submission. This doctrine is not unreasonable, or illogical, but rather *supra-reasonable*. It is beyond our ability to fully fathom our Great and Holy God as He has clearly revealed Himself in Scripture, but we can apprehend the truth, and by His grace commune with Him, and glory in Him. This should not puzzle us, but rather humble us before Him, and cause us to worship and adore. Let us take off our shoes in reverence and awe, for the ground on which we stand is HOLY! Let us draw near to the Throne of Grace (Heb. 4:16), and seek to commune with each person of the Godhead, desiring Him, delighting in, and enjoying the relationship of happiness and glory that the three persons of God have graciously included us in through the Covenant of Grace (Psa. 27:4; cf. Luke 10:42). “*One thing I have asked of the LORD...*”

A prayer: Our Father, thank you that you are God, and have chosen me in Christ to be your child. Beloved Son, thank you that you are my Heavenly Bridegroom who has taken upon yourself my nature permanently, and lived in it perfectly for me, and died in it for me, and been raised and exalted in it for me. You have betrothed me to yourself in love, and I am yours. Dear Holy Spirit, thank you for applying the work of Jesus to me, and regenerating me spiritually, uniting me to Jesus, the Lover of my soul, and bringing the truth of God to my mind through Holy Scripture, and the love of God to my heart. Let me serve you, worshipping and adoring you as the one God in three persons.

**In Christ's love,
Pastor Biggs**

*“Of the Father's love begotten/ ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega — / he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,/ and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore..”*

Hallelujah!

THIS LORD'S DAY

**Sermon Title: "The Apocalypse," or
"How to Live Faithfully in Tribulation"**
– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: Jesus reveals to His disciples the coming desolation of God's temple and how to live watchful and dependent upon God in the midst of tribulation.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 21:34-36
Scripture Text: Mark 13:1-13

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Mediation:

- * **Read Mark 13.** What is Jesus' main purpose in teaching His disciples all the interesting things found in Mark 13? Draw from the scriptures to give your answers.
- * **Children:** What is a temple? What is its purpose? What particularly did God's temple in the Old Covenant, and at the time of Jesus teach to God's people?
- * Try to count the number of imperatives that Jesus gives in Mark 13, and see if that reveals to you the Lord Jesus' heart and purpose in His extended teaching in the chapter.
 - * What are the "these things" that the disciples ask about in Mark 13:1-4?
 - * How is Mark 13 a "tale of two temples"? (Hint: John 1:14; 2:19-22; Mark 14:58; 15:29)

Hymns

1. 172 - Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder
2. 360 - When In His Might the Lord
3. 320 - Rejoice, All Ye Believers

*"Jesus [said], "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" **But he was speaking about the temple of his body.** When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken."*

ESV **John 2:19-22**