



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, March 28th, 2015



Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

Prepare for Worship!: Your elders encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts and praying for the worship of our God.

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3rd at 7 pm we will have our annual Good Friday worship and celebration here at KCPC in Purcellville with our sister church Potomac Hills PCA. Invite your neighbors to come!

Adult Sunday School: Your pastor and elders will continue to teach through '*Ordinary*' by Michael Horton this week, and coming soon we will be teaching a 12-15 week class on the **Triune God**.

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

Shorter Catechism Memorization for KCPC in 2015: See pg. 3, '*From Your Pastor*' Section. Let's continue to seek to memorize the Shorter Catechism together as a congregation.

Baptism of Our Covenant Children: By God's grace, we will participate in two baptism services in April. Calvin Lewis Gray on **April 12** and Genevieve Gerda Nastaran Greendyk on **April 19**, both in morning worship services. Hallelujah to God for answered prayers in growing in our church in grace—and in numbers!! God is faithful. We will have a special sermon on baptism on Lord's Day, April 12th.

Locust Street Film Night: We will take a short break in March, and will plan our next film night on **April 17** at 7 pm. We will enjoy viewing and discussing the film noir classic '*Touch of Evil*' with Orson Welles and Charlton Heston.

KCPC Book Table- Featured Books: This week there is a **\$5 sale** on select books: John Owen's 'The Forgiveness of Sins'; David Clark's 'You, Your Family and the Internet'; Kim Riddlebarger's 'Amillennialism'; James Boice's 'Christ of the Empty Tomb'; Frederick Leahy's 'The Cross He Bore'; Piper's 'Fifty Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die'; Kris Lundgaard's 'The Enemy Within'.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

- Revelation 3:20

From Your Pastor

A Study of the Shorter Catechism

Question: What is the work of creation?

Answer: The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Scripture memory: Acts 17:24; Psa. 104:24: *"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth..."* and *"O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures."*

An explanation: Creation is a work of God's power and wisdom whereby He makes all things out of nothing. God did not create using any preexistent matter to bring about His creation, but spoke into nothing by His divine and powerful word and created all things such as the heavens, the earth, the waters, the souls of men--all things were made out of nothing; as Hebrews 11:3 teaches: *"By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible"* (Acts 14:15). God spoke, saying *"Let there be..."* and there was. *"And it was all very good!"* (Gen. 1:31). Man can form matter, but he cannot create matter; man can put matter into another form, but only God can make matter when there is none (Swinnock). After God created all things in the space of six days, He rested from His work, and enjoyed His created things in Sabbath rest, setting a pattern for His people to follow of working six days and resting on one of them (Exo. 20:8-11).

The biblical teaching of creation should remind us that God alone is the Creator, and all other things are His creatures. God is not completely separated from His creatures (utterly transcendent), nor is He confused with and identified in His creatures (utterly immanent). God is distinct from His creatures, but never separated from them; He is both transcendent and immanent: *"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off?"* (Jer. 23:23; also Isa. 57:15). Acts 17:28 teaches us that God's creatures utterly depend upon Him for life and breath and being: *"In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring!"* All power to live comes from God. All creatures rely upon God's power.

God created all things through and for the Lord Jesus Christ, and He in His Sovereign power and majesty upholds all creatures: *"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities- all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together"* (Col. 2:16-17) and *"[Christ Jesus] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power..."* (Heb. 1:3). God created all things for His own glory, for the manifestation of His wonderful character and His power (Psa. 19; Rom. 1:19ff): *"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created"* (Rev. 4:11) and *"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen"* (Rom. 11:36).

God made all creation and man good and upright. But sin has come into the world. *"See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes"* (Ecc. 7:29). Nevertheless, this is God's good world though tainted by sin (1 Tim. 4:4-5), and we look forward to the renewal of all creation, a New Heavens and a New Earth: *"But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells"* (2 Peter 3:13).

A prayer: Thank you, Creator Lord, and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, Transcendent and Holy God, yet Immanent and close to those contrite and lowly in heart; we worship you! You are the Glorious Creator we confess: *"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth..."* who reveals your mercy to sinners through your promises and grace revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for giving us life and all that we need in Jesus Christ. Let us live our lives enjoying you and your good world!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Biggs

"What is required of those that hear the word preached? A. It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the word of God, meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives." - Westminster Larger Catechism 160

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: "Feasting on Christ"
– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: Jesus celebrates the last Passover with His disciples before He fulfills the feast, and inaugurates a new feast to be enjoyed with Him until He comes again.

Scripture Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Scripture Text: Mark 14:12-26

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:

* **Read Mark 14:12-26.** What are the significance of these scriptures? 1) "...The disciples...found it just as He had told them..." (14:16); 2) "For the Son of Man goes as it is written of Him..." (14:21a); 3) "Take; this is my body" (14:22b); 4) "This is my blood of the covenant..." (14:24). Meditate prayerfully upon these scriptures and behold the Lamb of God!

* **Children:** What do the bread and the wine represent? How is Christ present in the Lord's Supper (use the Larger or Shorter Catechisms to answer these questions, this can help you who are younger to prayerfully consider your relationship to Christ and move toward becoming a communicant member of KCPC)?

* What are you taught about the significance of Jesus's love for you when you compare Mark 14:24 and 14:3?

"How do they that worthily communicate in the Lord's Supper feed upon the body and blood of Christ therein?"

A. As the body and blood of Christ are not corporally or carnally present in, with, or under the bread and wine in the Lord's supper, and yet are spiritually present to the faith of the receiver, no less truly and really than the elements themselves are to their outward senses; so they that worthily communicate in the sacrament of the Lord's supper, do therein feed upon the body and blood of Christ, not after a corporal and carnal, but in a spiritual manner, yet truly and really, while by faith they receive and apply unto themselves Christ crucified, and all the benefits of his death. – **Westminster Larger Catechism 170**