



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, August 29th, 2015



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. **Pray for the power of the Spirit in the preaching and reception of the Word** (1 Thess. 1:5).

No Sunday school classes in month of August: We will give our teachers a break in August from teaching. Coming in September: Lessons to build you up in your faith. More to be announced soon.

The "Book of the Twelve" or the Minor Prophets Summer Sermon Series: This Lord's Day, we will continue our sermon series: *'The Book of the Twelve'* (or the **Minor Prophets**) this week focusing on *Habakkuk's Prophecy*.

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

10th Anniversary Season of Locust Street Film Night: Coming Soon: Spielberg's *'War Horse'* and Hitchcock's *'Strangers on a Train'*.

KCPC Online:

www.sermonaudio.com/kcpc
www.ketocin.org/resources

Deacon's Offering for September: We will have the privilege of taking part in the Deacon's Offering on **Sunday, Sept. 6th** during morning worship. Prayerfully consider how you would like to contribute to meet the needs of others in our community.

New Sermon Series Coming Soon! Our next two sermon series will be from the *Acts of the Apostles* in the morning service, and the *Book of Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon* in the evening service. Please pray that God would speak through His Word in these upcoming series.

"By thy Gift [of the Spirit], O LORD, we are inflamed, and are borne upwards; We wax hot inwardly, and go forwards. We ascend Thy ways that be in our heart, and sing a song of degrees; we glow inwardly with Thy fire, with Thy good fire, and we go, because we go upwards to the peace of Jerusalem."

- Augustine

From Your Pastor

A Study of the Shorter Catechism

WSC Question 23: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?

Answer: Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation (Acts 3:21,22; Heb. 12:25 with 2 Cor. 13:3; Heb. 5:5,6,7; Heb. 7:25; Isa. 9:6,7; Matt. 21:5; Ps. 2:8-11).

An explanation: Jesus Christ was anointed with the Holy Spirit to fulfill His mission of salvation for His elect (Isa. 42:1; cf. 11:1ff; Acts 10:38). The Father ordained Christ Jesus to take upon Himself three important offices (Isa. 9:6-7; Matt. 3:16-17; Heb. 5:1ff), and Christ Jesus took these offices willingly to become for all believers the wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption of God on their behalf in an estate of humiliation (1 Cor. 1:30). This estate of humiliation is summarized in Philippians 2:6-8: *“...Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*

In His estate of humiliation, as God’s Servant-Son (Phil. 2:5-8), the Lord Jesus was anointed by the Spirit to act as a perfect prophet, priest and king. As a prophet, Jesus came preaching God’s Word to His people (Acts 10:38); as priest, He offered Himself up to God as a perfect sacrifice (Heb. 9:14), and was a servant to men (Mark 10:45); as King, He proclaimed that the long-awaited and anticipated Kingdom of God had dawned in Himself (Matt. 12:28; Luke 1:3; John 18:36-37).

Upon completion of His perfect ministry for His own in His life, death, resurrection and ascension, He was exalted by the Father as a sympathizing and powerful Mediator full of the Spirit and grace to equip His people (Matt. 28:18-20; Phil. 2:9-11; Acts 2:33ff; 5:31). In this exalted state, as a prophet, Jesus continues to speak from heaven to His own through the Word of God by His Spirit (Heb. 12:25); as a priest, Jesus lives to ever intercede for His own (Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34); as King He subdues our hearts, and rules and reigns over heaven and earth (Matt. 9:4; Luke 24:32; Phil. 2:9-11). All authority has been given to Jesus Christ, and this will be fully manifested and realized upon His return (1 Cor. 15:24-28).

The Bible teaches that all of God’s promises are “Yes!” and “Amen!” in Christ (2 Cor. 1:20). Puritan forefather John Flavel listed the practical benefits of Christ’s ministry. All of God’s promises of illumination, guidance and direction flow out of Christ’s prophetic office; all of God’s promises of pardon and peace flow out of Christ’s priestly office; all of God’s promises of defense, protection, and deliverances flow out of His kingly office. Let us rejoice in our Great Savior and Prophet, Priest, and King!

Prayer: Thank you, kind King, who bears the world upon your shoulders, and before whom the world will bow in awe and worship! Thank you, Wonderful Counselor who speaks God’s Word to us. Thank you, Prince of Peace for bringing your own back to God in full reconciliation and peace through your blood! Let me live for you in grateful and faithful obedience!

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Biggs

*“A Sanctified imagination will make every creature and created thing
a ladder to heaven.”*

- Richard Sibbes

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: "God's Ways" 

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: God's way can be mysterious to us, and we are invited to dialog with, and to walk by faith patiently before Him as we seek answers and understanding.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 13; Job 42:1-6

Scripture Text: Habakkuk 2-3 (various verses)

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:

- * **Read Prophecy of Habakkuk (and Psalm 73).** Does God welcome our concerns and even complaints in our prayers with Him? How might Habakkuk and Psalm 73 teach us about this?
- * **Children:** Habakkuk "looks out to see what God will say to him" (Hab. 2:1). Do you look out to see how God answers your prayers? How might this encourage you to pray expectantly and more watchfully?
- * What is a "theodicy"? How is Habakkuk a theodicy?
- * How might the pattern found in Habakkuk's prophecy prove to be helpful believers in corporate and personal worship? In what frame of mind and heart does Habakkuk end his prophecy? What does this teach you about your expectations when meeting with God in prayer and worship?
- * **How does Habakkuk point forward to the ministry of Jesus Christ (How is he like/unlike the Lord Jesus Christ)?**

Hymns for this Week

1. 382 - God Himself is With Us
2. 128 - God Moves in a Mysterious Way
3. 421 - Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness

"There be two things that most trouble us in the way to heaven, corruption within us, and the cross without us: that which is within us must be denied, that that which is without us may be endured. Otherwise we cannot follow Him by whom we look to be saved."

- Richard Sibbes