



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, September 5th, 2015

THE LORD YOUR GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST,
**A MIGHTY ONE
WHO WILL SAVE;**
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS;
HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE;
HE WILL EXULT OVER YOU WITH LOUD SINGING.

-ZEPHANIAH 3:17

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).

Sunday School 2015-16: Sunday school year begins this Lord's Day! **If you are planning to have your children participate in our Youth Sunday School classes, please email Phil and Asriel Greendyk at asriलगreendyk@gmail.com by September 3, 2015 with their 1) Name, 2) Age, and 3) anticipated class so we can ensure sufficient supplies. Adults:** Pastor Biggs will be teaching us of the importance of corporate prayer and the preaching of the Word. Join us at 9:30 am.

KCPC Corporate Prayer Meeting: Please make it a high priority for you and family to come and join us as a congregation for our monthly congregational prayer meeting this Lords Day at 6 pm.

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 *Zephaniah'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'*! www.facebook.com/LSFilmNight.

KCPC Online:

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

Men's and Boy's Breakfast: Next Saturday, September 12th from 8:30-10 am join us for our monthly breakfast, fellowship, study and prayer! **RSVP at rbiggs@comcast.net if you plan to attend.**

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.

"Beloved, get love....Love melts us into the likeness of Christ. It constrains, it has a kind of holy violence in it...We shall glory in sufferings for that we love. Nothing can quench that holy fire that is kindled from heaven. It is a glorious grace."

- Richard Sibbes

From Your Pastor The Holy Spirit in Our Souls

“There is a general omission in the saints of God, in their not giving the Holy Spirit that glory that is due to His Person, and for His great work of salvation in us, insomuch that we have in our hearts almost lost this Third Person [of the Blessed Trinity] ...He is a Person in the Godhead equal with the Father and the Son, and the work He does for us in its kind is as great as those of the Father or the Son” (Thomas Goodwin, Works, Vol. VI, Book 1, chap. 2).

Have you seen your sinful condition? Have you been humbled because of it? This is the work of the Blessed Spirit of Jesus! (John 16:8). Give thanks for His grace and power.

Have you repented because of your sins? Have you turned from sin to God? This is the work of the Blessed Spirit of Jesus! (1 Thess. 1:5; Acts 5:31-32; 11:18). Give thanks for His grace and power.

Do you have faith that unites you to Jesus Christ, and receives Him as a perfect and sufficient Savior? Have you a spiritual sight of Christ and God’s free grace in Him? Has your heart been drawn to Jesus in love? This is the work of the Blessed Spirit of Jesus! (2 Cor. 4:13; Acts 6:5; Gal. 3:1). Give thanks for His grace and power.

Have you been brought close to Jesus for justification and righteousness? Have you come to Christ for the perfect righteousness that the Father provides for ungodly sinners and imputes to needy sinners by faith alone? This is the work of the Blessed Spirit of Jesus! (John 6:37, 44; Rom. 4:5; Eph. 2:18). Give thanks for His grace and power.

Do you recognize God as your Father in Christ Jesus? Can you freely call out to him in prayer or in need “Abba, Father!” This is the work of the Blessed Spirit of Jesus! (Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:15; 8:26). Give thanks for His grace and power.

Do you have communion with the Father and the Son? This is the work of the Blessed Spirit of Jesus! (John 16:14-15; 1 Jo. 1:3; Phil. 2:1; 2 Cor. 13:14). Give thanks for His grace and power.

Do you have joy and peace in believing? Who has brought you that peace with God that passes all understanding and comprehension? This is the work of the Blessed Spirit of Jesus! (Rom. 15:13; Phil. 4:7; Rom. 14:17; Jude 20). Give thanks for His grace and power.

Suggested Hymn: ‘For Your Gift of God the Spirit’ -339

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Biggs

“Whatsoever we do...if it be not stirred by the Spirit, apprehending the love of God in Christ, it is but morality. What are all our performances if they be not out of love to God?!”

- Richard Sibbes

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: “*God’s Rejoicing, Exultation and Loud Singing*”

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: The Day of the LORD is at hand and God’s people can take joy in God their king and realize that the joy of the LORD is their true strength.

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5; Jeremiah 32:37-41

Scripture Text: Zephaniah 1:1-9, 14-18; 3:9-20

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:

* **Read Prophecy of Zephaniah.** How is the Day of the LORD described? What is the primary purpose God makes this Day known so often in the Old Covenant, and especially in the *The Twelve*?

* **Children:** Do you know that God sings over you? Do you often reflect upon God’s love and rejoicing over you? Read Zephaniah 3:17, and meditate upon this until your heart warms within you and you are filled with the joy of the LORD!

* God reveals His passions and feelings toward His own here (Zeph. 3:15-17). What are three specific applications you could encourage yourself with from this passage, especially in times of difficulty and trouble?

* How might God “*quiet us by His love*”? (Zeph. 3:17). Why does God sing over His people? What makes God so inclined to love us faithfully?

* **How does Zephaniah point forward to the ministry of Jesus Christ (How is he like/unlike the Lord Jesus Christ)?**

Hymns for this Week

1. Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty - 376
2. God Is My Strong Salvation - 667
3. Thy Loving-kindness, Lord, Is Good and Free - 607

“Whatsoever we give the supremacy of the inward man to, whatsoever we love most, whatsoever we trust most, whatsoever we fear most, whatsoever we joy and delight most, whatsoever we obey most—that is our god.”

- Richard Sibbes