



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, November 28th, 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.

Sunday School 2015-16: Sunday school begins each Lord's Day promptly at 9:30 am. **Coming Soon:** *"Knowing Christ"*.

Congregational Family Meeting: We will have our next congregational family meeting on Sunday, Nov. 29th during our Sunday school hour.

Sunday School Classes for Christmastime: We will give our teachers a break from teaching Sunday school from Nov. 29th through Jan. 3rd.

2015 OPC Thank Offering: Prayerfully plan now how you would like to give this month to our **OPC Thank Offering**. This will be received at Thanksgiving time to support our missionaries and Christian education in the OPC. See inserts in weekly

bulletin for the Thank Offering and articles in the [New Horizons](#).

Happy Thanksgiving! Let us give thanks for all the wonderful things that God has done for us in Christ!

KCPC Hosting Presbytery! We have the privilege of serving our larger church on **Saturday, Dec. 5th**. We need lots of joyful volunteers! Please sign up now for service [here:](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e48aeac2fa02-december)

KCPC Booktable Sale! Take advantage of the wonderful books on the KCPC Book table 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 pastor!

Orthodox Presbyterian Ambassador of Missions Visit on December 6th! Pastor Steve Doe is the OPC Ambassador of Missions and will be coming to share with us news and needs of our missionaries!

KCPC Online:

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

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

2016 Winter-Spring Sunday School Kick-Off on January 10: KCPC will have a special Sunday school kick-off with some of our children and their teachers sharing with us what they are learning.

"The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

- ESV **Psalm 50:23**

From Your Pastor *“Entertaining the Holy Spirit”*

The Beloved Holy Spirit has been given to believers by the Father and the Son to guide us, to comfort us, to teach us, to conform us to Christ. What greater, more glorious gift could God have given to His people?! Though we are evil, we know how to give good gifts to our children. How much more is the loving, Heavenly Father willing to give His Spirit to those who ask Him in humility in Christ (Luke 11:13).

Puritan Richard Sibbes (1577-1635) wrote on the importance of believers entertaining this sweet and glorious Guest, or “Blessed Lodger”, who has come to live within God’s people. There should be no friend nearer or dearer than the Spirit of Christ who lives within us. Sibbes wrote, ***“There is nothing in the world so great and sweet a friend that will do us so much good as the Spirit, if we give Him entertainment.”*** What does giving Him entertainment mean? For Sibbes, entertaining meant to welcome with hospitality and nurture a friendship or relationship with the indwelling Spirit. We can have no fellowship with the Father, except through Christ our Mediator; we can have no fellowship with Christ, except by His Spirit.

Think about this: What does it mean when you have a beloved friend, family member, or important person in your home? You prepare for them, you give your best *for* them, you give your best *to* them, and you desire to make them feel “at home”. In fact, you go to quite the trouble and “fuss” oftentimes to make some feel at home, and to desire them to come back. Entertaining the Spirit, according to Sibbes, is similar. It is nothing less than giving your all, your best, making a divine “fuss” to make Him feel at home within you. Do you treat the Beloved Guest who lives ‘in’ you because of the love of God in Christ in a special, hospitable way?! Do you converse with Him, seek His advice and wisdom, give thanks together with Him, and talk together about the Lord Jesus Christ?

Here are some reasons to cause you to think about this important guest, and seek to entertain Him. He is the cause of all holiness in you. Anything good in you, any good ideas, any good character, any good thoughts, or desires to do good are all because of His work in you. By nature, there is nothing good in you, nothing good that comes from us. But this sweet and beloved Friend has produced good in you. ***Entertain Him with thanksgiving.*** By nature the desire for holiness has been extinguished in man. Do you desire to look like Jesus, to be like Jesus-- this is the work of the Spirit. ***Entertain Him with humble service.*** Do you understand God’s Word, particularly are you a recipient of the Gospel in power and truth? This is the work of the Spirit. ***Entertain Him by seeking His power to live for Jesus with all of your heart according to the Word of God.*** Is your heart tender, and do you mourn over sin, and seek to show compassion to others? This is the work of the Spirit! ***Entertain Him by seeking more of Him;*** seek Him to be more joyful, more full of Christ and His Word! (Eph. 5:18ff; cf. Col. 3:17ff).

Entertaining the Spirit is also importantly being careful not to grieve Him (Eph. 4:30). Believers can grieve the Spirit when they resist his teaching, direction, strengthening, and/or comfort from Him. Let us submit our hearts, thoughts, and behavior to Christ. Whatever we are commanded to do in God’s Word, particularly as we hear from Christ in preaching, let us hear and obey the Spirit, not grieving Him who has sealed us. Let us do all that He teaches us to do cheerfully and obediently as He gives us the grace and power. His goal is to lead us to Christ, and to teach us Christ’s Word, and conform us to the likeness of Christ. Let us keep in step and “walk with Him” (Gal. 5:16, 25). Hear Sibbes’ plea for Christians today

“Oh give him entrance and way to come into his own chamber, as it were to provide a room for himself!”

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Biggs

***“Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking,
which are out of place,
but instead let there be thanksgiving.”***

- ^{ESV} Ephesians 5:4

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: *“Joy to the World, the LORD is Come-ing!”*
- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Theme of Sermon: The Day of the LORD draws near where God will dwell with His people and restore the creation to its former glory. God sends His messenger to prepare the way for Him.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:57-80

Scripture Text: Malachi 3:1-5; 4:1-6

Thoughts for meditation, family worship, and preparation for public worship of God:

***Children:** Read Luke 1:67-80, Zechariah's 'Benedictus', and list five important ways that with the coming of John the Baptist, God's salvation is being fully revealed. How is God's character revealed in this Gospel song?

* Read Malachi 3:1-5 and 4:1-6. What is the good news? What is the bad news? Why must there be bad news for some?

* How will God heal His people? What are the results of God's "turning hearts"?

* Thus ends our series on '*Book of the Twelve*'. What are ten truths you have learned about God and yourself? Stop to give thanks to God's Spirit—"entertain Him!"

Hymns

1. Rejoice, All Ye Believers #320

2. Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies #398

3. Shepherd Of Souls, Refresh and Bless #424

“Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room;

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.” - Isaac Watts